

# THE SOLDIER APPRENTICE TRAINING PROGRAM

AND

## ROYAL CANADIAN DENTAL CORPS/ CANADIAN FORCES DENTAL SERVICES

By CWO (ret'd) Cliff Beauchamp, 2012



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## A FINE FUTURE NOW!



Join the select group of young men whose careers commence this year. Let the Canadian Army teach you a well-paid trade and continue your education. Enjoy the fun, the companionship, the exciting life as you lay the foundations for a truly fine future through the Army's Soldier Apprentice Plan.

*Here's how YOU can qualify!*

You must be 16, and not have reached your 17th birthday on the day you enrol. You must have at least Grade 8 education, and be able to meet Army standards.

Enrolments start in May and go on till September, or until quotas are full. You may apply at any time.

Applications are considered in the order received, so act now... get full details, without obligation from the local Army Recruiting Station listed in your 'phone book, or mail the coupon below.

## A MAN'S WORLD

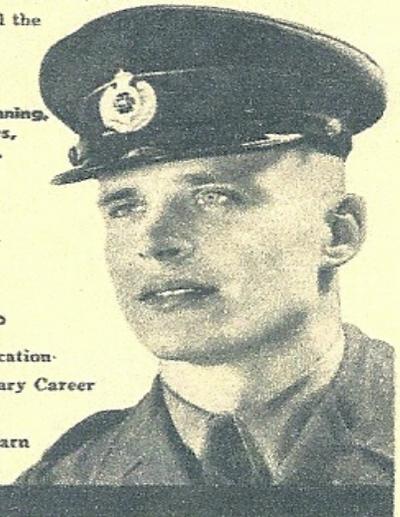
IF YOU ARE 16 and eager to get going in a man's world, there's a fine future awaiting you this next September under the Canadian Army's Soldier Apprentice Plan. You can learn a skilled trade under expert instructors; you have the opportunity to raise your education in selected subjects (including mathematics, science and English); you enjoy comradeship, adventure, sport and recreation. Right from the start you earn good pay while you learn - with 30 days holiday a year and numerous other benefits. Applications are being received now for courses beginning in September. If you are 16 (but not yet 17), physically fit and have at least Grade 8 education, get full details right away without obligation, from the local Army Recruiting Station listed in your phone book, or mail the coupon below to:

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Prepare for a Military Career  
Learn a Trade -  
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- ARMY -

No 11 Personnel Depot  
4201 W. 3rd Avenue  
Vancouver, B.C.

14 Jun 60

Messrs Andrew & Fredrick Lundstrom  
3974 Harris Road W  
MATSQUI BC

Dear Messrs Lundstrom:

Further to your application for enrolment in the Canadian Army,  
under the Soldier Apprentice Plan.

Information now on hand at this office would indicate that you  
are generally suitable for enrolment. However, before a final  
decision can be reached, it will be necessary for you to have an  
aptitude test, medical board and personnel selection interview.

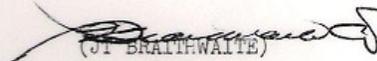
You are therefore requested to take the **10:00 AM Pacific Stage  
bus from Mission City on 26 Jun 60 , arriving in  
Vancouver at 12:25 and** you will be met.

Please verify your time of arrival by letter not later than  
**22 Jun 60.**

You should be prepared for a stay of approximately three days,  
therefore you are requested to bring with you the following, --  
A BATH TOWEL AND SOAP, and a CHANGE OF UNDERCLOTHING.

Meals and quarters will be provided for you.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

  
(J. BRATHWAITE)  
Capt  
Officer Commanding

### Typical Reporting Instructions to Prospective Apprentices

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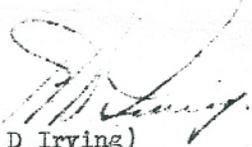
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No 6 Personnel Depot  
 Postal Station K  
 TORONTO 12, Ont,  
 23 Aug 62

SB 185420 Spr/App BEAUCHAMP JNC,  
 2526 Lundigan Dr,  
 CLAR CLARKSON, Ont

Return Transportation to No 6 Personnel Depot  
Soldier Apprentice - 1962

1. Enclosed is Transport Warrant Number B 841524  
~~or Railway/Bus Ticket's Number~~ covering the journey  
 from your home to this Depot upon completion of your leave.
2. As stated on your leave form, you must report back  
 to this Depot at 1159 PM 6 September 1962 for despatch to  
 your Corps School. If you cannot report here by 1159 PM, you  
 will report to Building Number 6, the day before your reporting  
 date.
3. When you return to No 6 Personnel Depot you should  
 have a military type hair cut (short on the sides). Bring  
 little civilian clothing, once your uniforms are issued you  
 cannot wear civilian clothes for several months. You may also  
 bring your radio or steam iron.

  
 (H D Irving)  
 Major  
 Commanding Officer

## ***The Apprentices***

(As written by JD Murray)

### **Background**

In the "good old days," Canadian boy-soldiers were known as barrack rats, stable boys, and many other military epithets but their history is as old as any component of Canadian military service. In 1803, as recorded in the history of the 104th Regiment of Foot (New Brunswick Fencibles), boys were enlisted as buglers, trumpeters, and drummers.

More than 125 years later, according to General Order No. 74 of 1930, "Boys of good character between 14 and 18 years of age may, subject to parent's or guardian's consent, be specifically employed in the Canadian Corps of Signals." Openings in other units of the Non-Permanent Active Militia as signallers, drummers, buglers, and trumpeters are also recorded in this order.

The post-World War II version of "boys" in the military is quite different. Although the apprentices were recruited at sixteen years of age their duties and responsibilities were much more involved than that required of a drummer or a bugler. "The purpose of the Soldier Apprentice Plan is to train selected young men as soldier tradesmen and to

provide them with a background which will enable them to advance to senior non-commissioned rank in the Regular Army.”<sup>1</sup>[1]

Early in the 1950s, it was realized that the army was facing a potential shortfall of qualified senior NCOs. At that time, many of the NCOs in the Canadian Army, lacked an extensive academic background because, in many cases, they had been recruited before their scholastic training was completed and been sent off to fight a war. After hostilities ceased, veterans returning to civilian life were offered attractive “resettlement” packages. One of the options offered to veterans of World War II and Korea was subsidized educational upgrading. Unfortunately, those veterans that remained in the military were not given that same opportunity. Thus, although they achieved excellent credentials as soldiers and tradesmen, many lacked formal academic training. One of the proposals implemented to fill this void was the Apprentice Training Program.

### **Regulations and Orders**

One of the methods used to attract recruits to the program was the wide distribution of a booklet entitled “The Way To A Fine Future.” This brochure, produced sometime after the inception of the program, is a simplified and easily readable summary of CAO 256-8. Three extracts from the booklet follow.

### **Soldier Apprentice Plan**

The Soldier Apprentice Plan leads the way to a fine future for young men of 16, interested in a lifetime army career. The plan provides an opportunity for educational advancement and technical training, combined with the right amount of military training and the finest comradeship a man could have.

This great career opportunity costs neither you nor your parents a cent. In fact, as a Soldier Apprentice you are paid from the day you commence training. In addition, you are supplied with uniforms, comfortable accommodation, a well balanced diet, excellent sports and hobbies facilities, complete health care and ample leave allowances of 30 days a year with special Christmas leave.

At the Corps School to which you are first sent, you receive an ideal combination of academic, trade and military training, especially designed to give the individual a real sense of personal accomplishment.

The primary aim of the academic training – conducted by civilian teachers of high school standing and supervised by the Provincial Departments of Education – is to raise your educational standards in many subjects, including Mathematics, the Sciences and English, two years above your enrolment level. Teaching above the Grade X level is directed towards trade training, with instruction equivalent to existing provincial courses in technical and vocational schools.

The trades training aims to qualify you in a basic Army skill by the time you have completed your two years training. In all there are 22 different trades ranging from radar technicians and artillery surveyors to accounting clerks and transport operators, each offering you a lifetime advantage over non-skilled men.

The military advantage of the training provides you with a sound background for future advancement to non-commissioned and warrant officer rank. This plus further trades training, continues following graduation from Corps School and your acceptance as a Regular Soldier in a Regular Army Unit.

During your training period, you live, study and work with other members of your class in your own school. Your original instructors and teachers remain with you throughout this time, supervising your routine and always ready to advise or aid you with any problems that might arise during the course.

Included in your schedule is a carefully planned athletic program, designed to ensure your physical fitness and mental alertness with emphasis on team sports. Hockey, basketball and volleyball teams compete in league play with neighbouring high schools and local teams within your own age groups.

Opportunities like this cost a lot of money. What does the Army itself hope to gain from all this outlay?

Its gain is an ever-expanding group of keen young soldier tradesmen who will be the skilled technicians – the Sergeants and Sergeant Majors of tomorrow.

## **How to Become a Soldier Apprentice**

General Conditions

### **To be eligible you must:**

- be a Canadian citizen, or meet citizenship requirements
- be 16 years of age, but not have reached your seventeenth birthday on the date you enrol;
- have completed Grade VIII schooling;
- be of good character;
- provide proof of consent by your parent or guardian;
- meet Army test requirements (including physical fitness).

Other Points To Remember

### **Benefits**

As a Soldier Apprentice you receive all the benefits of a Regular career soldier – including pension protection and 30 days paid holiday every year. In addition you get a special Christmas season holiday while you are taking Apprentice training. In certain circumstances, the Army may also help pay travelling costs to your home once a year.

Basic and Group Pay

While you are still 16 years of age, you receive half pay – and come on to full Regular Army pay on reaching your seventeenth birthday. Over and above this basic pay you will normally receive a pay increase when you qualify as a tradesman and are sent to a unit. This is known as “Group Pay.”

### **Period of Service**

You enrol for a period of seven years. The first two are spent in training as a Soldier Apprentice – the last five as a fully-fledged Regular Soldier. At the end of the fifth year – that is, when you are 21 or 22 – you will have the option of release, if you wish. However, if you are like the great majority of Soldier Apprentices you will, by that time, want to stay on and establish a worthwhile career for yourself in the Army on a long-term basis.

## French-Speaking Entrants

Young men who speak only French, or whose knowledge of English is not sufficient to absorb training in that language, will be trained for the first year at the Canadian Army Training School in Camp Valcartier or at the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps School in Montreal. During that period they will receive English language training to the extent that second-year training may be given in English. Academic training and military training to the all-arms recruit standard will also be given.

This brochure certainly painted a rosy picture for sixteen-year-old boys who were indecisive about their vocation or career aspirations. However, as parental consent was a necessity, “the folks” had to be convinced that the program was sound. One of the worries of many mothers concerned their sons being sent off to war. Annex A to CAO 256-8 calmed their fears with the statement, “No soldier apprentice under the age of seventeen shall be: enrolled during an emergency; or subject to overseas service.”

In a similar vein, the same CAO points out that, “A soldier apprentice is subject to the Code of Service Discipline but should not be awarded a sentence which includes the punishment of detention. Where an offence is committed which is sufficiently serious to warrant a punishment of detention, consideration should be given to effecting the release of the individual.”

The following corps participated in the Canadian Army’s Apprentice Training Program:

- Royal Canadian Artillery; (Camp Shilo Manitoba)
- Royal Canadian Engineers ;( RCE, Camp Chiliwack British Columbia)
- Royal Canadian Corps of Signals; (RCCS, Barriefield, Ontario)
- Royal Canadian Army Service Corps; (RCASC, Camp Borden Ontario)
- Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps; (RCAMC, Camp Borden Ontario)
- Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps; (RCOC, Hochalaga Quebec) and
- Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. (RCEME, Barriefield Ontario)

(The RCAMC Apprentice Training Plan was short lived. There were about nine original apprentices in the RCAMC apprentice plan, but for some unknown reason the plan was discontinued).

One of the enrolment requirements stated above was, “be 16 years of age, but not have reached your seventeenth birthday on the date you enrol.” This was a very significant criterion. The following example illustrates the importance of the age difference:

Applicant A was born in June 1939 and enrolled on 1 June 1956, while he was still sixteen. On beginning his training in September 1956, he was seventeen years and three months of age.

Applicant B was born on 1 September 1940 and enrolled on his sixteenth birthday in 1956. When he reported in for training a few days later, he was at the minimum age of sixteen.

With age comes maturity! An age difference of fifteen months, especially at sixteen, brings with it different levels of development in mind and body. This is the primary reason some apprentices appeared to be much more “grown-up” than others recruited in the same year. The older student certainly had an advantage. A question on the enrolment questionnaire was, “Would you rather play with boys or girls?” The answer, of course, depended on the age of maturity.

As the apprentice training course was two years in length and recruiting was conducted on an annual basis, there were both junior and senior students in residence at all times, except for the first and last years of the program. The rivalry between first and second-year apprentices was very similar to that which exists at our high schools and universities. While both are pursuing the same program, the more advanced group tends to assume a “superior” position vis-à-vis their juniors. The official supervision of juniors by selected second-year apprentices will be covered later.

Apprentices were different, there is no doubt. For a fourteen-year period from 1953 to 1967, they were affectionately referred to as “the little green monsters” from the green bands worn on the shoulder to distinguish them from the “more mature” members of the army. The following is reprinted from the Camp Borden Citizen, No 253, dated 26 February 1953.

Apprentice-soldiers, newest and youngest additions to the Canadian Army’s growing forces are being outfitted with regular uniforms and personal equipment but will have distinctive identification insignia. The “student soldiers” will wear a light green silk cord band seven eighths of an inch wide on both shoulder straps of all orders of dress, including greatcoats.

Eventually, all of the corps adopted a single green band for first-year and a double band to identify the second-year apprentices.

“The waist is a terrible thing to mind and the mind is a terrible thing to waste!” The apprentices were not concerned with either portion of this mangled proverb. First, at sixteen and seventeen years of age, they were still growing and because each day was filled with well organized and extensively planned physical activity, an extremely small number suffered from any weight problem. Second, sixteen-year-old boys inherently have a limitless thirst for knowledge and the curriculum in both academic and military subjects coupled with the many extra curricular activities were never enough to satisfy their need. They soaked up all this knowledge like a sponge. “The best two years of my life.” “I would like to do it all over again.” “As a graduate apprentice I would like to go back, as an instructor.” These quotes were common from a cross section of apprentice graduates.

Many graduates made their chosen Corps their life long career while others changed Corps and pursued successful careers. A large number of apprentices obtained promotions well beyond the goals of the initial program. For example Mike Jeffrey from the 1964 Artillery intake rose to be the commander of the Canadian Land Forces in the rank of lieutenant-general. Others left the military and pursued successful civilian careers with equal success.

The RCDC /CFDS is one of the Corps that benefited from the apprentice program with over 40 members choosing the dental Corps to pursue their military career. They came from all the Corps (except RCAMC), and served in all trades obtaining senior positions and rank with many being Commissioned from the Ranks.

The following is a listing of those apprentices; depicting the Corps in which they were trained as apprentices as well as their chosen career path after graduation.

## **THE ROYAL REGIMENT of CANADIAN ARTILLERY**

In keeping with the Canadian Army Soldier Apprentice Program, the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery implemented its program via The Apprentice Training Battery in Shilo Manitoba in 1954. The training consisted of a combination of military training, trades training and schooling. A half day of military training and a half day of scholastic training were involved during most of the two year training period. Upon completion of the training, individuals



normally had increased their educational level by two grades and were also trained to the Group 1 level in Gunnery as well as in his chosen trade (technical Assistant Field, Surveyor RCA, or Operator Radar –Anti-Aircraft).

In 2009, a cairn was dedicated in Artillery Park at CFB Shilo, the Home Station of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and former home of The Apprentice Training Battery, in honour of the contribution made to the Canadian military and to Canada by the Apprentices.

### **LCol Laverne Hatcher**

Dental Assistant/Dental Associate Officer  
2nd Intake



1955-1957

Laverne joined the second intake of the Artillery Apprentices in 1955 and Graduated in 1957. Upon graduation he was posted to 3 RCHA in Debert NS, as technical assistant (plotting fire patterns in the troop and Battery command post. It was a very short posting as after only three months; the Regiment was moved to Gagetown, NB concurrent with the Base official opening. He remained with the RCHA until 1964 when he remustered to dental. He took his Dental Assistant training in the fall of that year and was then posted to the Dental School in Borden. He remained at



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CFDSS as an instructor until 1969. He then obtained his commission as a Lt, DAO and was posted to HQ 13 Dental Unit at CFB Trenton as the unit Administration and Supply Officer. In 1973, in keeping with the CF decision to reduce the number of officer classifications, (the DAO classification was eliminated and all existing DAOs were required to remuster to either the Logistic or Admin Branch) he reclassified to LogO and served in air movements operations until 1976. In June 1976 he returned to the dental services, was posted to Dental Services HQ in Ottawa and served as Section Head Dental Materiel and Financial Management, Career Manager and Director Dental Resources Management until his retirement from the CF in 1987. He then served a further two years as a Class "C" reservist. He is currently enjoying retirement in Chester Basin Nova Scotia.

### **Maj. Roy Todd**

Dental Laboratory Technician/  
Dental Associate Officer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Intake



1956 – 1958

Roy joined Artillery Apprentices on 19 Jul 1956 just six days following his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and graduated in 1958. He was then posted to Picton ON with 1 light Anti-Aircraft Battery as a radar OP and then 1 Surface to Surface Missile Battery in Germany prior to transferring to the RCDC in spring of 1964. Following employment as a Dental Assistant He remustered to D Lab Tech MOC 723 in 1966 and served in Ottawa, Kingston, Borden, Cyprus and Winnipeg attaining the rank of CWO. In 1986 he was



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commissioned as a Captain Dental Associate Officer and served in Trenton and St Hubert and retired from the CF in 1992 as a Major. Roy then spent the next 20 years practicing as a Denturist in Trenton ON. where he is now finally enjoying retirement.

### **CWO Richard Abfalter**

Dental Laboratory Technician  
5<sup>th</sup> Intake



1958-1960

Richard joined the Artillery apprentices in 1958 and graduated in 1960 as a GP 1 Gunner... In 1965 he remustered to the RCDC and took his training as a Dental Assistant in Nov-Dec of that year and was posted to Petawawa. In 1966 He underwent training as a dental laboratory technician and upon successful completion served in Trenton until 1968 when he took his release from the CF to attend university in Nelson BC. In 1971 he rejoined the CF and while rising through the ranks served in



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Edmonton, Ottawa, Halifax, Esquimalt and Cyprus. including a four year tour as Career Manager. In 1989 He retired from the CF as a CWO and is currently living in Nelson BC

### **Sgt Bill Buxton**

Dental Laboratory Technician  
5<sup>th</sup> Intake



1958-1960

Bill joined the Artillery Apprentices in 1958 and graduated in 1960. He then remustered to the RCE 1961 and after three years as an Engineer he transferred to the RCDC. He took his training as a Dental Assistant in 1963 and his Lab training in 1964. He Retired from the CF in 1973 and became a Licensed technician in New Brunswick and was then involved with the Denturist movement in Canada where he held various positions , provincially, nationally and internationally while owning a number of denture



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clinics throughout the province. In 1998 he moved to Maine to help his son establish New England Denture Centres, eventually opening and operating seven centres throughout the state. Bill passed away on 29 Apr 2011.

### **LCol Kjeld Hansen**

Dental Assistant/Dental Officer

5<sup>th</sup> Intake



1958-1960

Kjeld joined the Artillery Apprentices in 1958 and graduated in 1960 after completing his academic training and military training as a Gunner and Surveyor. He was then posted to Picton Ontario, Soest Germany and Winnipeg. In 1964, while in Winnipeg he remustered to Dental, he then attended night school and University of Winnipeg for Pre-Dental Education. Kjeld entered the Faculty of Dentistry in 1968 and graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Degree in Doctor of Dental Medicine in 1972. He then



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served as a Dental Officer at CFB Esquimalt and Royal Roads until 1977 when he proceeded on Post Graduate training in Tacoma Washington, USA. In 1979 he graduated with a General Dentistry Residency with emphasis on Oral Surgery and was posted to CFB Comox. From 1979 he served in Comox and Cold Lake and retired from the CF as a LCol in 1983. For the next 25 years he operated a private practice in the Comox/ Courteney area retiring from dentistry in August 2008. He still resides in the Courteney area as a gentleman farmer running 20 head of cattle and enjoying fishing and hunting.

### **Major Tom Mountain**

Dental Hygienist/Dental Associate Officer

9<sup>th</sup> Intake



1962-1964

Tom hails from Hamilton ON. and joined the Artillery Apprentices just before his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1962. He spent the next two years in Shilo Manitoba undergoing Academic and Military Training. Upon graduation in 1964 he was posted first to Gagetown, then Germany and back to Shilo. In October 1970 he was part of the force that did duty in Montreal during the FLQ crisis. In 1971 Tom remustered to dental and was posted to the Halifax Dockyard dental clinic and took his basic Dental Assistant course in the spring of



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that year. In 1972 he served aboard HMCS Protecteur and enjoyed an arctic cruise. In 1974 he was posted to Gagetown and then took the Hygiene course in 1976-77 and was posted to Moose Jaw where he had the pleasure of flying in a "Snow Bird". In 1980 he was posted to CFDSS Borden and received his commission to Lieutenant in 1981 and served as the Adjutant and OC Support Company. This followed with a posting to Trenton and then in 1988 to NDHQ Ottawa where he served in various staff positions. Tom retired from the CF in 1995 and is currently enjoying retirement in Chatham Ontario, where he is involved in the Last Post Fund, the Legion, The Essex & Kent Scottish Regimental Mess Association, the Genealogical Association and the Charles Dickens Association. In his spare time he enjoys playing cards and conducts weekly bridge classes.

### **Sgt Hedley Habberjam**

Dental Equipment Technician

10<sup>th</sup> Intake



1963-1965

Hedley joined the Artillery Apprentices in 1963 and Graduated in 1965. He transferred to dental in 1970, took his Dental Assistant training in 1971. In 1974 he took his DE Tech Training and was posted to 1 DED Petawawa and CFDSS. Hedley left the CF in 1980 and unfortunately as his location is unknown no additional info is available.



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## Royal Canadian Engineers



The Royal Canadian Engineer (RCE) Apprentice Training Program was in effect from the arrival of the 1<sup>st</sup> Intake in January 1953 until the graduation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Intake in July 1967. During these years 847 sixteen year-old inductees from all across Canada (and one from Germany) were processed through the Sapper Apprentice Training quadron at Camp Chilliwack, Vedder Crossing, British Columbia.

The training took two years to complete; the first year included the normal military training that one would expect in a recruit squadron, and would be conducted for four hours a day. The remainder of the day was spent in school being taught academics under the instruction of a small cadre of civilian teachers. The aim of the training, was to raise the individuals education level to junior matriculation in British Columbia. Once the Apprentices could march and properly wear and maintain their uniforms they were then given basic training such as; Weapons, Field Defenses and Obstacles, Rigging, Rafting and Water-manship, and Mine-Warfare.

The daily training included a rigorous fitness and sports program of Track Field, Cross-Country Running and Tabloid Sports. The recreational program included Rod and Gun Club, Squadron Band, Baseball, Soccer and Football. The second year was a continuation of the academic training and more Corp training such as Bridging, Roads and Airfields, Demolitions and Water Supply.

Upon graduation individuals were awarded the Group I Field Engineer qualification and badge. Part of the second year training included an introduction to Trades Training with a familiarization in the following subjects- Carpentry, Plumbing, Sheet Metal, Painting and Masonry. Graduation was normally in July followed by postings to the various Field Squadrons in Chilliwack, Petawawa, Gagetown or Germany or Trades positions in the Works Companies at the different Bases.

### **CWO Cliff Beauchamp** Dental Equipment Technician 11th Intake



1962-1964

Cliff joined the Royal Canadian Engineer (RCE) apprentices at 6 PD Toronto on 24 May 1962 just four days before the deadline of age 17. He graduated in April 1964 as a group 1 Field Engineer, was then posted to the Trades Training Squadron where he undertook training as a Sheet Metal Worker and on completion of training in Oct 1964 was advised there were no positions for this trade and was posted as a Field Engineer to 2 Field Squadron in Gagetown . He transferred to Dental in Oct 1965 and was



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posted to the Dockyard Clinic in Halifax. He took his Group 1 Dental Assistance Course in the spring of 1966. During the next five years, as a Dental Assistant, he served in Dockyard, Cyprus, HMCS Cape Scott, HMCS Bonneventure and Windsor Park. In Jan 1971 he remustered to Dental Equipment Maintenance Technician (DEMT) and served in Montreal, Germany, Edmonton and Ottawa. He retired from the CF in 1988 as a CWO but remained with the CFDS at Dental Division HQ and Health Services as a civilian until 2005 when after 43 years of combined service, he left the work force. He is currently enjoying retirement in Ottawa.

## Sgt Andy Violette

Dental Equipment Technician

11th Intake



1962-1964

Andy, from Blizard Valley ON joined the Engineer apprentices in 1962 and upon graduation in Apr 1964 was posted to 2 Field Squadron Gaagetown as a Group 1 Field Engineer. He transferred to Dental in Oct 1964 and took his Dental Equipment Repairer (DER) training in 1965. He served in Trenton and CFDSS where he retired in 1976. He relocated to Edmonton Alberta and was employed at the University as a Technician and is now enjoying his retirement in Alberta.



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## Royal Canadian Corps of Signals

The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals (RCCS) Soldier Apprentice Plan started in the Fall of 1952 with the 1<sup>st</sup> intake (E-1 and E-2, 1952-1954) consisting of 42 "16 year old" members. The 2<sup>nd</sup> intake (E-3 to E-8, 1953-1955) consisted of 3 separate intakes, 2<sup>nd</sup>-A, E-3 & E-4, 2<sup>nd</sup>-B, E-5 & E-6, and finally 2<sup>nd</sup>-C, E-7 & E-8. Thereafter the intakes were as follows:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> intake: E-9 & E-10 (1954-1956).
- 4<sup>th</sup> intake: E-11 & E-12 (1955-1957).
- 5<sup>th</sup> intake: E-13 to E-16 (1956-1958) (The first "4 troop" intake).
- 6<sup>th</sup> intake: E-17 to E-20 (1957-1959).
- 7<sup>th</sup> intake: E-21 to E-24 (1958-1960).
- 8<sup>th</sup> intake: E-25 to E-28 (1959-1961).
- 9<sup>th</sup> intake: E-29 to E-32 (1960-1962).
- 10<sup>th</sup> intake: E-33 to E-36 (1961-1963).
- 11<sup>th</sup> intake: E-37 to E-40 (1962-1964).
- 12<sup>th</sup> intake: E-41 to E-44 (1963-1965).
- 13<sup>th</sup> intake: E-45 & E-46 (1964-1966).
- 14<sup>th</sup> intake: E-47 (1965-1967).

The program ended in 1967 with the graduation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Intake.

In all there were approximately 1,144 RCCS Apprentices

The initial engagement was for 7 years, with an option of obtaining a release after 5 years, if one applied 180 days prior to the exact date of release. The initial 6 months was devoted to recruit and general military training in the basic skills required of every soldier. This was followed by two six-month segments of concentrated secondary school education. During this phase of the training the candidates could upgrade themselves by two or more full years of High School credits. During the last 6 months, the RCCS Apprentices received in-depth training as Operators, Lineman or Radio Technicians.

Upon completion of the two year training period, the now ex-apprentices were often sent to operational Army Units to take their place in Canada's fighting force. As a result of their extensive training, they found themselves to be among the most effective members of their respective units.



**WO AM (Willy) Wilson**  
Dental Equipment Technician  
6<sup>th</sup> Intake



1957-1959

Willy joined the RC Sigs Apprentice in 1957 and graduated in 1959 as a Lineman. He was employed as such until 1966 when he transferred to Dental. He was employed as a dental assistant until 1969 at which time he remustered to Dental Equipment Maintenance Technician (DEMT). He served as a technician until his retirement from the CF in 1981. On retiring from the CF he took a position with the Dental Company of Canada (DENCO)



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in London, Ontario. He remained at DENCO until 1985 when took the position of DE Tech in Dentistry at The University of Western Ontario, School of Medicine & Dentistry. This position became available upon the retirement of Arthur Tait, a retired S/Sgt in the RCDC. Art and Willy installed, maintained and repaired the dental equipment for the School for a combined total of approximately 40 years. Due to the large number of retired RCDC personnel employed at Western, the School was known as the 'RCDC Bone Yard'. Willy remained at UWO until 2006 and is presently retired in London, Ontario.

### Royal Canadian Army Service Corps

The RCASC Apprentices program was conducted at the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps School in Camp Borden Ontario through the Apprentice Training Company from 1953 to 1967. The first platoons started training in January 1953 and graduated in May 1955, and the next platoons started in December 1953 and graduated in Jun 1956. All subsequent Apprentice Training Platoons started their two year training programs in September starting in 1953. The two year program provided both military and academic training. All RCASC apprentices were trained either as a Cook, Admin Clerk or Driver.



#### Sgt Wilf Wylie

Administrative Clerk  
2 Platoon



1953-1956

When Wilf joined the RCASC apprentices on 4 Sept 1953 at 6 Personnel Depot in Toronto, he was part of the second group of candidates to join the newly formed program. Wilf was assigned to # 2 Platoon and started his training at the RCASC School in Dec of that year. He graduated in Jun 1956 as a Clerk Admin... For the next few years he served at the RCASC School, VEPE Ottawa, Ft. Churchill and with the Brigade in Germany. He transferred to dental in Sep 1960 and served as a clerk in Trenton, UNEF (64-65) 4 FD Dental



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Germany and Halifax. In 1973, when all clerks were placed in the Admin Branch, he left dental and was posted to Lahr and then back to Ottawa where he retired. Wilf is deceased.

**WO Bob James**

Dental Assistant

6 Platoon



1954-1956

Bob joined the RCASC apprentices in 1954 and graduated in 1956 as a Transport Operator. He then served in Borden, Germany and Gagetown where he transferred to the RCDC in 1964. He took his Dental Assistant training in 1965 and then served in Greenwood, CFDSS Borden, Shape (the highlight of his career), Kingston, Chatham and Gagetown where he retired from the CF as a Warrant Officer. He is currently enjoying retirement with his family in Fredericton N.B.



Ca 1969

**MWO Doug Cormie**

Dental Laboratory Technician

7 Platoon



1954-1956

Doug joined the RCASC apprentices in 1954 and graduated in 1956 as a Group 1 Clerk Admin. During the next 8 years he served in Germany, Gagetown, Washington DC and Winnipeg. On his return from Washington to Winnipeg, he decided that there must be a better life in the military than pounding a typewriter in an orderly room. In the fall of 1964 he transferred to dental. He took his lab training in 1965 and subsequently served in Winnipeg MB, Clinton ON (While posted here he was involved in the Czech program at the University of Western



1983

Ontario in London ON), Bagotville PQ, Trenton ON, Egypt UNEF, Petawawa ON and Halifax NS . H e retired from the CF in 1983 and was then employed in the dental lab at the Dalhousie University Dental School until 1987. Doug was then employed at the Nova Scotia Community College where he taught Dental Technology until 1998 when he retired from the work force and is currently enjoying his retirement in St Malo Manitoba.

**WO George Cliché**

Dental Equipment Technician

9 Platoon



1955-1957

George joined the RCASC apprentices in 1955 and graduated in 1957. He transferred to the RCDC in 1965 and took his training as a dental assistant in the spring of 1966 and later that year he underwent training as a Dental Equipment Maintenance Technician (DEMT) in Petawawa and was then stationed in Valcartier until his retirement from the CF in 1981. Although it is believed that George is living in the province of Quebec, he was not located and no additional info was obtained.



1981

**Sgt Harry Peck**

Dental Laboratory Technician

9 Platoon



1955-1957

Harry joined the RCASC apprentices in 1955 and graduated in 1957 He transferred to dental and took his dental assistant training in 1964, followed by his lab training in 1965. He served in Cold Lake and Winnipeg. Harry passed away in 2004.



Ca 1980

**WO Jim Hutson**

Dental Laboratory Technician  
10 Platoon



1956-1958

Jim joined the RCASC apprentices in 1956 and graduated in 1958 as a group 1, Transport Operator. From 1958 to 1966, Jim served in Whitehorse on the North West highway System(NWHS) which was the Canadian portion of the Alaska Highway,2 Transport Coy Camp Borden,1 Transport Coy Fort Chambly Germany and the Service Battalion in Gagetown N.B. In March of 1966 he transferred to the RCDC and was posted to the Dockyard dental clinic in Halifax. He undertook his dental assistant training in the fall of 1966. In 1969 he attended the Lab course and upon graduation he served in Halifax until



1984

July 1972 , North Bay 1972- 1978 , Cold Lake1978-1980 and then back to Halifax where he retired from the CF in 1984.He is currently enjoying his retirement in Middle Sackville NS.

**WO Norm Hope**

Dental Laboratory Technician  
11 Platoon



1956-1958

Norm joined the RCASC apprentices in 1956 and graduated in 1958 He transferred to the RCDC and took his Dental Assistant training in 1965, and his lab training in 1966.He retired from the CF in 1978.Norm is deceased.



1978

**Sgt Luc Boulianne**

Dental Equipment Technician  
13 Platoon



1957-1959

Luc joined the RCASC apprentices in 1957 and graduated in 1959. He transferred to the RCDC and took his Dental Assistant training in 1963 and his Dental Equipment Repairer (DER) GP 1 training in 1965.He served in Ottawa and Petawawa Luc left the CF in 1972 and currently resides in Knowlton, Quebec.



1972

**WO Al Braslins**

Dental Hygienist  
13 Platoon



Al joined the RCASC apprentices in 1957 and graduated in 1959 He transferred to the RCDC and took his dental assistant training in 1965. He trained as a Hygienist and retired in 1980. He is currently living in Abbotsford B.C.



1980

**Cpl Wally Matrikas**  
Dental Laboratory Technician  
13 Platoon



1957-1959

Wally joined the RCASC apprentices in 1957 and graduated in 1959. He transferred to the RCDC and underwent training as a dental assistant in 1964 and his GP 1 lab training in 1965. He served in Ottawa and CFDSS. Wally passed away on 12 July 1973 while serving at CFDSS.



1968

**Sgt Brian Hannah**  
Dental Laboratory Technician  
14 Platoon



1957-1959

Brian joined the RCASC apprentices in 1957 and graduated in 1959. He transferred to the RCDC in 1962, became a Lab Tech in 1965 and retired from the CF in 1979. Brian is deceased.



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**LCol Jack Shore**  
Dental Associate Officer  
Clerk Administration  
15 Platoon



1957-1959

Jack joined the RCASC apprentices at # 13 Army Personnel Depot in Ottawa ON 26 June 1957 and reported to Camp Borden early September to commence training. Reporting to Camp Borden was somewhat of a home coming as Jack had resided in PMQs at RCAF Station Borden from 1949 to 1953. In 1959 after two years of academic and military training he graduated with the dual trade qualifications of Administrative Clerk and Transport Operator. His first posting was to the Office of the Adjutant General of the



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Canadian Army. He then served in London On and United Nations Organization (ONUC) in the Congo. In 1964 Jack transferred to the RCDC and served as a clerk with the Director General of Dental Services in Ottawa. He then served as Career Manager for RCDC tradesmen, Office Manager for medical /dental career managers and Chief Clerk of 2 Canadian Guards/3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment in Petawawa. In 1972 he was commissioned from the rank of Master Warrant Officer to the rank of Capt. For the next 21 years Jack served in various Administrative and Staff Positions in 13 Dental Unit HQ Trenton, CFB Kingston, Training System HQ Trenton and DGDS in Ottawa. While at DGDS he served in five different positions, cumulating with promotion to LCol. and appointment to Director of Dental resource Management. He retired from the CF in 1993 after 36 years service and is currently enjoying his retirement in Newcastle ON.

**LCdr Brian Vandervaart**  
 Dental Associate Officer/Medical Associate Officer  
 Clerk Administration  
 15 Platoon



1957-1959



1989

Brian joined the RCASC apprentices on 20 Jun 1957 and graduated as GP 1 Clerk Admin in Jun 1959. He was posted to Army Development Establishment in Ottawa until 1961, during this period a couple of overtures were made to him by the Admin Officer at the DGDS to come over to the RCDC as an Admin Clk. He was then posted to Area HQ in London ON where he saw a recruitment message requesting personnel to transfer to the RCDC, remembering the previous overtures; he applied, was accepted and posted to DGDS in Jun 1962. He served as Clk Admin at DGDS, CBUME (UNEF) and CFDSS until 1969 when he received his commission as a LT. DAO. He served as 14 Dental Unit Admin officer until 1973 when in keeping with the CF initiative to reduce the number of officer classifications, (the DAO 18 classification was eliminated and all existing DAOs were required to remuster to either the Logistic or Admin Branch) Brian requested and was granted a transfer to the medical branch where he received training as an MAO and posted to the CFMSS at Borden in 1974. In 1980 the DAO classification was reinstated but by this time Brian had attained the rank of Major and chose to remain with the CFMS. In 1983 Brian was posted to Maritime Command Headquarters to start up the Drug and Alcohol prevention Program (DAPP) and as the first Drug Education Coordinator (RDEC) for the Atlantic Region and Maritime Command. It was at this time that the CF started issuing the various elements their distinctive uniforms again. Although Brian had been army all his career, given his current employment with the navy, he found more beneficial to become one of them so he chose the dark blue uniform and became a LCdr vice Maj. Brian retired from the CF 1989 and is currently living in Dartmouth NS

**Sgt Jacques Parent**  
 Dental Laboratory Technician  
 16 Platoon



1957-1959

Jacques joined the RCASC apprentices in 1958 and underwent training with the RCOG in Longue Pointe Quebec for the first year and Camp Borden at the RCASC School for the second year, graduating as a Cook in 1959. He transferred to the RCDC and completed his DA course in 1967 and remustered to the lab trade in 1971. During his career he served in Montreal, Germany and Egypt. He retired from the in 1978 and is currently living in Breakeyville Que.



1978

**Cpl Bob "Red" Mullins**  
 Dental Laboratory Technician  
 17 Platoon



1958-1960

Bob joined the RCASC apprentices in 1958 and graduated in 1960. He transferred to dental and took his DA training in 1966 and his lab training in Feb- Dec 1969. Retired from the CF in 74. Bob is deceased.



1974

**CWO Tom Taylor**

Dental Laboratory Technician  
17 Platoon



1958-1960

Tom joined the RCASC apprentices in 1958 and graduated in 1960 as a Transport Operator. He was then posted to Gagetown, HQ4CMBG Fort Henry Germany and Halifax where he transferred to dental in 1966. He took his dental assistant training that same year and his Dental Laboratory Technician training in 1967. During his career in the RCDC/CFDS he served in Shearwater, CFDSS, Lahr, Valcartier and Esquimalt. He retired from the CF as a CWO in 1984 and is currently enjoying retirement in Comox BC.



1974

**Sgt Mac Allen**

Dental Laboratory Technician  
17 Platoon



1958-1960

Mac joined the RCASC apprentices in 1958 and graduated in 1960. He transferred to dental in 1965 and took his Lab training in 1966. Gagetown, Cyprus and Germany were some of the locations that he served in. Mac passed away 26 Aug 2003.



1978

**MWO Hans Kalmet**

Dental Hygienist  
17 Platoon



1958-1960

Hans joined the RCASC apprentices in 1958 and graduated in 1960. He transferred to dental and took his DA training in 1965. He retired from the CF in 1982. Unfortunately his whereabouts are unknown and no further info is available.



**Capt Don Langford**

Dental Assistant/Dental Associate Officer  
17 Platoon



1959-1961

Don joined the RCASC apprentices in 1959 and graduated in 1961. He transferred to dental and took his Dental Assistant training in 1968. In 1982, while employed at NDHQ -DGDS he was promoted to MWO and then four days later was commissioned from the ranks as a Captain and served in a staff officer position as a Dental Associate Officer. During his career in dental Don served in Shilo, Edmonton, Ottawa and Winnipeg. Don retired from the CF in 1996 and is currently living in Edmonton and for the past thirteen years has held the position of Executive Director of Métis & Family Services Society



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Edmonton. He is also a member of the Great Edmonton Alberta Health Services Advisory Committee, Board member of the Canadian accreditation Council of Human Services and a member of the CF Aboriginal Forum His other, past and current, activities include ; Board Chairperson of Poundmakers Lodge Treatment Centres, Chairman of the Aboriginal Community Council (AASCF), President of the Edmonton Native Youth Justice Committee, Vice president Aboriginal Veterans of Alberta, was a member of the Board of Directors for the Edmonton Christmas Bureau and sat on the Steering Committee for the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution and a member of the Edmonton Aboriginal Accord Elders Circle.

**WO Dan Hardy**  
Dental Laboratory Technician  
20 Platoon



1959-1961

Dan joined the RCASC apprentices in 1959 and graduated in 1961. He transferred to the RCDC in 1962 and completed his dental assistant training in May 1963. Dan later remustered to the Dental Lab Tech occupation, completing his TQ 6 training in 1966 and retired from the CF in 1975. He relocated in Duncan BC where he set up a Denturist Clinic. In 2005 Dan scaled back his work and sold his practice but still works part time.



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**MWO Russ Black**  
Dental Laboratory Technician  
21 Platoon



1959-1961

Russ joined the RCASC apprentices in 1959 and graduated in 1961. He transferred to dental in 1962 and became a laboratory technician in 1965. During his career he served Ft. Churchill, Cyprus, Toronto, Winnipeg, North Bay, Valcartier, Petawawa, Germany and Victoria where he retired in 1995. Russ passed away on 30 Oct 2010.



1991

**MCpl Wayne McIntosh**  
Dental Assistant  
21 Platoon



1959-1961

Wayne joined the RCASC apprentices in 1959 and graduated in 1961. In 1965, while serving in Gagetown, he transferred to dental and took his DA training in Mar 1966. He was then posted in Borden and subsequently to North Bay ON. where he took his release from the CF in 1973. Wayne passed away 1 Feb 1979.



1973

**Sgt T.R.J. Kukurudziack**  
Dental Assistant  
21 Platoon



1959-1961

Tom joined the RCASC apprentices in 1959 and graduated in 1961. He transferred to dental in 1965 and took his DA training in Mar 1966. He left the CF in 1972. As his current whereabouts are unknown, no further information is available.



1972

### **WO Jim Hughes**

Dental Assistant  
22 Platoon



1959-1961

Jim joined the RCASC apprentices in 1959 and was assigned to 22 Platoon and graduated in Aug of 1961 as a Transport Operator. He was then posted to 4 Transport Coy in Winnipeg. As his arrival coincided with the erection of the Berlin Wall and the corresponding increase in the forces in Europe, Jim soon found himself aboard a train to Montreal where he boarded the RMS Ivernia to Rotterdam Holland and then via train to Soest where he joined 1 Transport Coy.



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In 1964, Jim was posted back to Winnipeg, where after two more years with 1 Transport Coy, he remustered to the RCDC, and took his Dental Assistant Training in March -April 1967 at CFDSS. While with RCDC/CFDS Jim served in Winnipeg (Fort Osborne Barracks, Westwin Air Base, CFB Esquimalt (HMCS Naden, HMC Dockyard, HMCS Provider and Royal Roads Military College), CFB Cold Lake, CFB Ottawa (Rockcliff) and finally NDHQ clinic on Gloucester St. Jim retired from the CF as a Warrant Officer in July 1979. He is currently enjoying his retirement in Cranbrook BC.

### **MCpl Geoff Sykes**

Dental Laboratory Technician  
23 Platoon



1960-1962

Geoff joined the RCASC apprentices in 1960 and graduated in 1962. He transferred to dental and took his Dental Assistant training in 1969. Geoff took his laboratory technician training in 1974 and left the CF in 1975. His current whereabouts are unknown so no further information is available.



1975

### **Capt Al Lundstrom**

Dental Associate Officer  
24 Platoon



1960-1962

Al Joined the RCASC apprentices in 1960 and after two years of academic and military training graduated with the dual trade qualifications of Transport Operator and Clerk Admin.in 1962. During his career Al served as a Clerk Admin in Vancouver, Germany, Egypt, Calgary, Cyprus, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Chilliwack and NDHQ/DGDS Ottawa. It was while serving at DGDS that Al's career changed when he was commissioned from the Ranks and became a Dental



1993

Associate Officer (DAO). He then served at CFDSS and 11 Dental Unit HQ, Esquimalt. He retired from the CF in 1993 as a Captain and moved to Abbotsford BC. Al passed away on 8 Nov 1996.

### **MWO Mel Williams**

Dental Hygienist  
25 Platoon



1960-1962

Mel was born in England and immigrated to Canada in May of 1959, a little over a year later at the age of 16 he joined the RCASC apprentices on the 5 Aug 1960 at 6 PD in Toronto. He started his training at the RCASC School in Camp Borden in Sept 1960 and after two years of academic and military training graduated in 1960 as a Transport Operator. Was then posted to 4 Transport Company in Winnipeg and then in Sept 1963 was posted to 1 Transport Coy Ft Chambly Soest Germany where he applied for a transfer to dental.



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He was informed that upon his return to Canada he would be remustered to dental. In 1966, on his return to Canada, he was posted to 1 Coy Oakville where he was advised that his transfer to dental had come through. He took his Dental Assisstant training in 1967, Hygienist training in 1975 and Therapist in 1979. His career in the CFDS took him to Toronto, Petawawa, London, Cold Lake, Baden (2 times), Lahr (2 times), Halifax, Calgary and finally Victoria where, having attained the rank of MWO, he retired from the CF in 1990. Mel lives in Victoria and works three days a week as a Dental Hygienist. (When Mel left Halifax in 1979 his step son Peter Williams remained in Halifax and was accepted into the CFDS at the Faculty of Dentistry Dalhousie University, graduated in 1984 and was posted to Gagetown and is now in private practice in Napanee ON)

### **MWO Paul Mehler**

Dental Assistant  
29 Platoon



1962-1964

Paul joined the RCASC apprentices in 1962 and graduated in 1964. He transferred to the RCDC in 1965 and completed his Dental Assistant Training in 1966. Some of the locations that Paul served in were Montreal and Ottawa. Paul retired from the CF in 1991. His current location is unknown so the available information is limited.



### **CWO Mark Arbour**

Dental Laboratory Technician  
30 Platoon



1962-1964

Mark joined the RCASC apprentices in May 1962 and was assigned to 30 Platoon at the RCASC School in Camp Borden Ontario. He graduated in 1964 with the dual qualifications of Transport Operator and Clerk Administration. Following graduation he was temporarily posted to 2 Transport Coy in Borden ON. and then in September to 6 personnel Depot in Toronto. In Feb 1965 he was posted to 12 Dental Unit Halifax and then in March 1966 to Headquarters Mobile Command in St



1995

Hubert. It was in August of that same year that Marc decided on a career change and transferred to the RCDC and completed his DA training in December. He then remustered to the Laboratory Occupation and completed his initial training in December of 1967. He then served in St Hubert, Fort Chambly Germany, Summerside, CFDSS Borden, St Jean, Edmonton, Trenton, Winnipeg and Halifax. In August of 1986 he was promoted to CWO and while in Winnipeg was appointed as the Unit Warrant Officer and then following his move to 12 Dental Unit Halifax in 1992, he was appointed as the first ever CFDS Branch CWO. Then with the disbandment of the Dental Laboratory Occupation in 1995, Marc retired from the CF with 33 + years of service and is currently living in Dartmouth NS.

**WO Richard "Skip" R Solomon**  
Dental Equipment Technician  
30 Platoon



1962-1964

Skip joined the RCASC apprentices in 1962 and was assigned to 30 Platoon at the RCASC School in Camp Borden Ontario. He graduated as a Transport Operator in 1964 and was posted to 3 Brigade Service Battalion in Camp Gagetown. In April of 1966 Skip remustered to the RCDC and was posted to HMCS Cornwallis. This was followed by posting to Comox, Esquimalt and Cyprus. In 1978 he remustered to Dental Equipment Tech and was posted to



1994

Trenton. He then served in Winnipeg, Ottawa NDHQ-DMOS, back to Trenton and finally to 1CFSD in Toronto. Skip retired from the CF in 1994 and is enjoying his retirement in Belleville Ontario.

**Major Phil Bosch**  
Dental Associate Officer  
31 Platoon



1962-1964

Phil started his military career in Victoria in 1962 as a RCA reservist. After 6 months of service and qualifying as a Gunner he joined the RCASC apprentices and took his academic and military training at the RCASC School at Camp Borden Ontario. He graduated in 1964 with the dual qualifications of Transport Op and Admin Clerk and was posted to Winnipeg MB as an Admin Clerk. In 1965 he qualified as a CF Parachutist and then transferred to the



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RCDC and took his DA training later that same year. For the next 16 years he served as a Dental Clinical Assistant and Clinic Coordinator in the following locations Edmonton, Comox, Esquimalt (Naden/Dockyard/Workpoint Barracks/RRMC), Cyprus, North Bay, Cold Lake and Cornwallis. While in North Bay he furthered his education and graduated from Laurentian University with a BA. In 1982 he was commissioned from the ranks as a Captain and underwent Pers Admin and DAO training as well as attended the CF Staff School. As a DAO he served in Trenton as 13 Dental Unit HQ Adm O (1982), Trenton, CFTSHQ as a staff officer, (1986 to 1990 and again in 1991) Borden CFDSS as Training O (1990), St Hubert as OC Fd Dent Coy Cadre (1992) and then back to CFDSS where between 1994 and 2001 he served as Special Projects O, Commandant (13 months) and DCommandant/Standard O. In 1996, in keeping with the disbandment of the DAO classification he transferred to CFMS as an HCA In 2001 he retired from the Regular Force and briefly worked as a Civilian in the position of standards O and then as a reservist as OC Standards Coy until 2003 when, he became OC Standards Coy of the combined CFMSS/CFDSS school. After a career spanning 44 years, both as a regular force and reserve force member, Phil finally retired and is currently enjoying retirement in Everett Ontario.

**CWO Glen Hildebrandt**  
Dental Laboratory Technician  
34 Platoon



1963-1965

Glen joined the RCASC apprentices in 1963 and graduated as a Clerk Admin in 1965. After a short time in Winnipeg and Regina as a clerk he transferred to the RCDC in 1966. He underwent his laboratory training in 1969. While with the RCDC, Glen served in Halifax, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal, Egypt, and Borden. Glen retired in 1989 as a CWO and is currently living in Hampton New Brunswick.



1989

### **MWO JEL Frechette**

Dental Assistant



Circa 1963

Larry (Laurent) joined the RCASC apprentices in the early 60's and transferred to Dental in 1970. Some of the locations he served in were St Jean and Valcartier. Larry is believed to be living in the Quebec City area, unfortunately he was not located and no further information is available.



1984

## **ROYAL CANADIAN ORDANCE CORPS**



The RCOC Apprentices program was conducted at the Royal Canadian Ordnance School within the Longue Pointe Garrison in Hochelaga Quebec, through the Apprentice Training Company from 1953 to 1967. The school provided academic, military and trades training to all RCOC apprentices, as well as English language training to all French speaking apprentices. Language training was conducted during the first year of the program after which the candidates moved on to their respective Corps for their second year.



### **MCpl Tom Cooper**

Dental Assistant

46 & 47 Platoon



1964-1966

Tom joined the RCOC apprentices in 1964 and graduated as a Storeman in 1966. Upon graduation he was posted to Fort Osborne, Winnipeg and after his first field exercise in Wainwright, he determined that there must be a better way to earn a living. Early in 1967 he transferred to dental and completed his dental assistant training that same year. He served in Moose Jaw Sask, London ON (with the Czech program) and Cornwallis N.S. In 1974, now a Master



1967

Corporal, Tom was ready for another career change, he took leave without pay to go to university and, upon graduation, returned to the supply world as a Logistic Officer in Greenwood NS. In 1977, Lt. Cooper left the CF to pursue a career as a Chiropractor and currently resides in Grand Prairie AB.

### **Cpl CH Forsythe**

Dental Laboratory Technician

46/47 Platoon



1964-1966

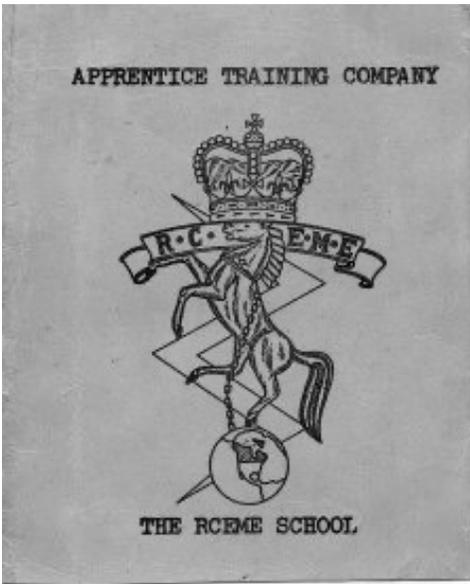
Carl joined the RCASC apprentices in 1964 and graduated in 1966. He transferred to dental in 1967 and took his Dental Assistant training in 1968 and his Laboratory Technician training in 1973/74. Unfortunately no other information is available.



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## **Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers**

The RCEME Apprentices program was conducted at the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers School in Barrifield Ontario through the Apprentice Training Company from 1953 to 1968. The RCEME program lasted one year longer than the others. The first platoons started



training in Jan 1953 and the next platoons started in Sept of the same year with all subsequent platoons starting in Sept. The two year program provided both military and academic training. All RCEME Apprentices were tested to determine their aptitude for trades training and were trained accordingly in the second year.



Three RCEME apprentices chose a new career with RCDC/CFDS. Of these three, one was in the very first intake of RCEME apprentices and one was in the very last intake.

### **Sgt Richard "Dick" O'Mara**

Dental Laboratory Technician

1 Platoon, 1<sup>st</sup> Intake



1952-1955

Dick joined the very first intake of RCEME apprentices at 6 PD in Toronto in the fall of 1952. He was assigned to number 1 Platoon and started training in Barriefield Ontario on 18 Dec 1952. He graduated in January 1955 as a small arms Armourer and was posted to 214 RCEME Workshop in Vancouver. Later that year he was posted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons. In 1957 he was posted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Canadian Guards, then to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. In Dec 1957 he exercised his five year option and took his release from the



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CF. Re-enlisted in May 1958 and then served in Petawawa, Valcartier and Germany. He transferred to the RCDC and took his Dental Assistant Training in 1962 and his Laboratory Technician training in 1963. While with the RCDC/CFDS Dick served in Trenton, London ON, Cyprus, Montreal, Egypt, Calgary and Toronto. Dick retired from the CF in 1980 and is enjoying retirement in Port Dover Ontario.

**Major Bill Fallon**  
RCAF Pilot/Dental Officer  
8 Platoon, 4<sup>th</sup> Intake



1955-1957

Bill joined the RCEME apprentices in 1955 in Edmonton, was assigned to number 8 Platoon and underwent training at the RCEME School in Barriefield Ontario. He graduated in 1957 as a weapons technician and was posted to the School of Artillery in Shilo Manitoba. In 1960 he was posted to 2RCHA in Winnipeg, while there he was assigned on temporary duty for the winters of 1961-62 and 1962-63 to Avalanche Control in Rogers Pass Glacier National Park BC. During this time Bill



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continued to further his education. In 1963 Bill transferred to the RCAF and in Sept of that year commenced his Flight Training in RCAF Centralia Ontario. In 1965 he was posted to Portage La Prairie MB. as a Flight Instructor. In 1970 he temporarily left the CF and rejoined in 1971 with yet another career change when he entered University of Manitoba Dental College under the Dental Officer Training Plan (DOTP) and graduated in 1975. As a Dental Officer Bill then served in Winnipeg, Trenton, Petawawa, Toronto, Egypt as well as a Temporary Duty assignment to Moscow. Bill retired from the CF in 1985 and relocated to Calgary. In 1987 he joined the reserves and served four years as a Dental Officer attached to 14 Service Battalion. Bill is now enjoying retirement in Calgary.

**CWO Brian Rector**  
Dental Assistant  
30 Platoon, 15<sup>th</sup> Intake



1966-1968

Brian joined the 15<sup>th</sup> and final intake of the RCEME apprentices in 1966 and commenced his basic training at Barriefield Barracks, Kingston Ontario at the RCEME School on 1 Sept of that year. In the fall of 1967, following aptitude testing for trades training, Brian was selected to commence training as a vehicle mechanic. He did not agree with the selection and requested and was granted a transfer to the Royal Canadian Artillery. In Nov 1967 he completed Gunnery training at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery in



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Shilo Manitoba and was subsequently posted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg. In the summer of 1970 the Regiment was moved to Shilo, and shortly after, the Corps of Artillery underwent major changes, prompting Brian to apply for a transfer to the CFDS. In October of that year, Brian's troop was dispatched to Montreal Quebec, to perform protection duties during the FLQ crisis. It was at the end of this mission that he was informed of his acceptance into the CFDS. Brian completed his Dental Assistant Training in April 1971. During his career with CFDS he served in Halifax ( all area clinics and HMC Ships Protecteur and Preserver, CFDS Borden, Ottawa, Lahr (twice), Montreal and finally, after being promoted to CWO, to NDHQ as career manager for all Dental and Postal trades. He retired from the CF in July 1993 and is currently enjoying retirement in P.E.I.



By coincidence, the RCDC and CFDS became the chosen career path for one of the very first apprentices and one of the last and both came from RCEME. Dick O'Mara was a member of the first intake in Dec 1952 and Brian Rector was a member of the last intake in 1966. Both have provided a short history (included below) outlining how and why they joined the apprentices and how their careers progressed from there.

### ***Dick O'Mara, 1<sup>st</sup> Intake Number 1 Platoon Dec 1952***

History of what happened.

Fall of 1952, saw an ad in our local newspaper about the army starting a program for soldier apprentices, and you had to apply in writing....so I did

Went to 6 Personal Depot in Toronto for test and interviews.....A couple of weeks later I got a letter saying that I had been accepted into this new program for 16 year old young men (boys). There was also a form my mother had to fill out authorizing me, and giving permission to join this program. My mother agreed, and signed. Also enclosed were train tickets to Toronto. I took along a bag with a change of clothes and other things (didn't shave then)...Over a couple of days period, I was processed, and swore allegiance to the crown....and signed the dotted line for a term of 7 years, with an option to get released after 5 years with a 120 day notice for release

This was Dec 18, 1952

We were given time off, and train tickets to return home, and return Jan. 2, 1953 for transportation to our new schools. I was one of a couple who were sent to the RCEME School at Barriefield (Kingston). Ontario. We were put on the train, and escorted to Kingston, then onto a "stake truck" for the trip to Barriefield.

We were assigned rooms in an old wooden "H" hut, 2 per room. The next morning we assembled in a classroom where the Office Commanding Apprentice Training Company spoke to us, and after that we were marched to the QM stores, and issued kit....this was all placed into a kit box, and duffle bag, and we returned to the barracks for instruction by the company Sgt's, and Cpl's on how to store our gear, and how to wear the uniforms we would start wearing the next day. We also learned how to clean our brass buttons, web belt brass retainer clips..... Our uniforms (battledress) had a green bar on each shoulder epaulet.....hence the term "green monsters) as we were called by the other older soldiers. Most adult recruits then were enlisted as "special force" because of Korea. We (apprentices) enlisted as regular forces (army) Jan 4th was the big day, morning parade....lucky we had some ex- army cadets in our platoon...they knew what to do. For the next week, or two, it was strictly military training, drill, dress and deportment ... learning your right from your left.....schooling and trades started later. I don't think there will ever be a program like this again....very political in-correct...teaching 16 year old boys, how to kill people....can you just hear the do-gooders screaming about child soldiers.

We were #1 Platoon....I am proud of it....it was a great learning experience for me. Memories of shining brass, web belts, pant weights and puttees.

The next intake of Apprentices were brought in to start their training in September 1953, as per the normal school year...they accepted 3 platoons into the second intake, and further intakes, of about 100 per year.

For the first six months, we worked Saturdays until noon. A Saturday morning full inspection of kit and quarters at 8 am, and a company parade at 9 am, and other things to keep us busy until 12 noon. We were allowed 1, 48 hour pass per month after the

second month. Time off base was Saturday 12 noon until midnight, dress uniform, or semi-regt....blue blazer, and grey flannel trousers, white shirt and regimental tie.

Starting in about Jan 54, our daily morning parades on the parade square took a different turn. Each platoon would handle their own platoon parade, for a week, each apprentice would then take turns for a week of being the platoon commander, the platoon Sgt., and platoon Cpl....you rotated through your turns. The morning inspection team, (the company OC, the Company Sgt Major would pick out a platoon to inspect)....and the other acting platoon commander's would inspect their platoons. In autumn of 1954, after the third intake was functioning, The OC designated that seniors from #1 platoon would control the morning parades and inspections. Apprentices from #1 platoon were given the task of being the parade commander, Company Sgt. Major, etc. The OC, would pick out a platoon to inspect with the Company Sgt. Major....the other instruction staff (platoon officer, Sgt, and Cpls.) would be the "inspecting officers" for the other platoons.

Everything was in place, troops pre-inspected before the Officer Commanding and party arrived....very peer dominated...great confidence builder.

Trade course: small arms Armourer....qualified Group 1 Armourer

# 1 Platoon graduated in Jan. 1955, and I was sent to 214 RCEME Workshop in Vancouver BC. In those days you traveled by train, and kept your rifle with you...

Vancouver from Jan 1955, until Dec 1955, qualified Group 2 Armourer, then posted to the RCD's (Royal Canadian Dragoons) Armoured Regiment to the LAD as an Armourer 1955/57....passed my Group 3 Armourer's course March 1957

Posted to 2nd Battalion Canadian Guards, (Infantry) as an Armourer in 1957, posted to 1st Battalion Canadian Guards, (infantry) as an Armourer in summer of 1967

Took my release from the Canadian Army on Dec 18, 1957....Option after 5 years

Re-enlisted May 1958, sent to RCEME School in Barriefield for re-assessment, kept my Group 3 Armourer, and after one month posted to the RCD Recce Sqd.in Petawawa ON as Squadron Armourer.

November 1958, posted to The 2nd battalion The Royal 22nd Regiment, (infantry) as an Armourer, November 1959 posted to 4 Field Workshop in Fort Chambly Germany as an Armourer in the Armourer shop....and in 1959, developed a 30 cal. Machine gun mount for the Ferret Scout Car

Posted to the 8th Hussars, Armoured Regiment, Iserlohn Germany 1961, to retrain as a weapon's technician, received my Jr. NCO course at the Combat Arms Jr. NCO Training Centre

Posted to RCEME Workshop Petawawa 1961 into the Armourer Shop

Spring of 1962 applied for transfer to RCDC....was accepted....and posted to Trenton ON, and did pre DA course training. Got my Basic DA course in RCDC School, Camp Borden fall of 1962

Worked as a DA at the base Dental Clinic in Trenton, and was sent on numerous TD trips to Radar Bases in the north as a DA with a Dental Officer....and worked off and on TD at the Dental Clinic in Downsview.

I was sent on basic Dental Lab Training Course at the RCDC School in Camp Borden 1963...passed and posted to Dental Clinic in London ON which had two Sgt.'s in the lab, within one year, both were posted.

In November 1964, I was posted to Cyprus as a Dent Lab Tech, along with Captain R. (Bob) MacDonald, and Bob Rutledge DA.....they were from Picton ON where the 2nd

Battalion RCR were stationed. Departed Cyprus in April 1965...posted back to London ON.

While at the London Det., I achieved my Senior NCO Course, and my Dent Lab. Pay Level 6 course

Posted to Montreal Sept 1971, worked in Longue-Pointe Clinic, then to St Hubert, with TD trips to St Jean QC..

In Nov 1973, I was part of the Canadian Forces UN Contingent to Egypt as Lab Tech, returned to Canada April 74. Col MacDougal sent me as his personal representative with 4 days notice, and no time off...

In 1976, posted to Currie Barracks CFB Calgary to Dental clinic.

In 1979 posted to CFB Toronto, and took my release in April of 1980

Years of service....27 years, 2 months and 26 days

### ***Brian Rector – 15<sup>th</sup> Intake – Number 30 Platoon Sept 1966***



#### **AN EX-APPRENTICE'S STORY**

My love of the military began by joining by joining the Royal Canadian Navy League with HMCS Star at Hamilton, Ontario in 1962.

During the Fall of 1965, I enlisted in the Canadian Army (Militia), 56 Field Artillery Regiment in Brantford, Ontario and learned the "Gunner" way of life.

Eager to leave school and fly the nest, I went to the local Recruiting Office in an attempt to enroll in the Canadian Army (Regular). I was told that I was not old enough to join the Regular Force, but that I was eligible to apply for entry into the Canadian Army Soldier Apprentice Program.

The Soldier Apprentice Program started in 1952 and was designed to groom future Senior Non-Commissioned Officers and Officers for the Army. It provided two more years of High School academic education and basic trades training so that by the time an individual reached the age of 18 years, they were ready for full employment with Regular Force Components.

I was not aware that the program was coming to an end. The entry requirements were; 16 years of age, Grade X education and, parental consent.

With my parents' reluctant permission and the successful completion of a multitude of pre-entry tests, I was enlisted into the 15th and final intake of Soldier Apprentices with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), 30 Platoon on 1 Sep 1966 and I commenced basic training at Barriefield Barracks, Kingston, ON, RCEME School.

Apprentices were often referred to as Green Monsters, Green Flashes or Green Hornets due to the emerald-green shoulder flashes that we had to wear. First year students wore a single, one inch wide ribbon on both left and right epaulets of our uniforms. Second year, or seniors, wore two of these flashes on their right epaulets only. We were often described as being "the best dressed, best drilled juvenile delinquents in Canada". How true this was!

During Jul, 1967 our Apprentice Company, together with the historic Fort Henry Guard, formed the Guard of Honour for the Queen's visit to Kingston on the occasion of Canada's and Kingston's Centennials. That was one parade that none of us minded at all and considered it an honour to have been part of it.

It was the fall of 1967 when we were tested to determine our aptitude for trades training. It was determined that I was suited to be a vehicle mechanic. I did not agree and elected to transfer to the Royal Canadian Artillery because the powers to be would not agree with my choice of going to an electronic trade.

In Nov 67, I completed Gunnery training at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery in Shilo, Manitoba and was subsequently posted to the 3rd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg.

My time with "The Guns" saw our Regiment exercise in locations from Fort St John, BC to Tromso, Norway and a multitude of places in between.

Our Regiment was moved from Fort Osborne Barracks to Shilo, Manitoba during the summer of 1970 and it was after this move that the Corps of Artillery realized that a dramatic shortage of younger Gunners was occurring because these soldiers were frustrated at the lack of opportunities to progress vertically in their careers. This was due, in large part, by the blockage of a multitude of WW II and Korean veteran Snr NCOs who were still serving.

Thus, Plan "Restore" was developed by the Corps of Artillery. It was meant to provide for the early retirement of these Vets, remuster to another trade or, release from the Army without penalty. The Plan was offered to all non-commissioned Gunners and it may have back-fired. I, as did a multitude of other junior soldiers, elected to be re-assigned to another trade. Not many of the Vets took advantage of this. So, I applied for the Dental Assistant Trade.

I was promoted to Bombardier (Cpl) Oct, 1970 and our Troop was dispatched to Montreal later in that month to protect the wife and family of Pierre Laporte, a politician who was kidnapped and later killed, by individuals of the FLQ. It was the only time during my career that I carried a loaded weapon beyond the boundaries of a rifle range.

We slept, ate and did our laundry in Mme Laporte's garage which adjoined the main residence. It was at the conclusion of this mission that I was informed of my acceptance into the CFDS.

I was posted to 12 Dental Unit Halifax in Jan, 1971 for contact training and completed the basic Dental Assistant Course in Apr of that year and served in all Halifax area clinics, including the mobile clinics aboard HMC Ships Protecteur and Preserver.

I was promoted MCpl May 75 and then posted to CFDSS, Borden during Jul of that year.

While at CFDSS, I was employed as an instructor for Dental Assistant training and provided assistance to various Officer Clinical Courses as well as conducting training for DOTP students. I was promoted Sgt Jun76 and then appointed as Training Coordinator, CFDSS.

A posting to 1 Dent Unit, NDHQ, Ottawa in Jun 79 saw my employment as Clinic Coordinator of the NDHQ Detachment and was promoted WO Aug 79.

During Aug 81, I was posted to 35 Field Dental Unit HQ, Lahr, Germany. My employment was as Unit Administrative Officer. I was promoted to MWO Jan 83 and took over as Clinic Coordinator of the Lahr Detachment.

A posting to 15 Dental Unit, Field Dental Company Cadre, took effect Aug 85 and my position was as Company Sergeant-Major.

I returned to Lahr, Germany with 35 Dental Unit HQ as the Unit Admin Officer. I guess I took good care of the books previously.

In Jan 91, I was promoted to CWO and posted to Director General Personnel & Careers, Other Ranks, NDHQ Ottawa. I was appointed as Career Manager for all Dental and Postal Trades which amounted to approximately 600 personnel.

I retired from the CF in Jul 1993.

## ARTICLE FROM THE BORDEN CITIZEN 21 JUN 1978

(Provided by Jack Shore)

# Borden welcomes former Apprentice Soldiers

## Thanks from Apprentice Soldiers

The Soldier Apprentice Plan offered a great deal to us as boys. Our training was unique in that it was designed so that we could receive a balanced instruction in military, academic and trades training. From that experience we gained more than just the basics. We gained some guidance that guides us for the rest of our lives.

Instruction in all subjects was integrated in a two year training period. The First Year Soldier Apprentice received 12 weeks of military training, followed by 25 weeks of continuing high school education, with 9 weeks of trades training interspersed. This was completed with 30 days annual leave, then back to the books, the parade square, drill hall S-13, and more trades training. The Second Year consisted of 12 weeks of military training, 19 weeks of academics, and 15 weeks of trade qualifications.

Although we were affectionately (or otherwise) referred to as "the little green monsters", many of our instructors were quick to defend the members of Apprentice Training Company. We were their charges.

Many of us began our training and English language training at Longue Pointe at the RCSC School

of staff members who gave of their time to support us - even teaching us how to dance.

The staff of Apprentice Training Company worked to make us what we were then. The music instructor who taught the band, what faith he had! The drill instructor who was able to be proud of the high standing the drill team made in every competition. The PT staff who taught the fine points of volleyball, boxing and gymnastics. The regular staff who taught us how to make beds and keep our rooms dust free. The corporals who were ever keen to send us to "Jack the Tipper" for our second haircut in one day. The RSMs who were admired even if we feared their shadow, they taught us how to be true, honest and dedicated. The D & M Company instructors are remembered for their patience (and courage) in teaching us to drive. The civilian academic instructors who not only taught the basics but inspired us to continue to seek gaining an education even after we ceased to be apprentices. To all the staff, the commanding officers, down to the civilian cleaners, we say a sincere thank you.

All of us have gone on to become better citizens because of our two years as Soldier Apprentices. We owe

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1953 - 1967

## Old soldier apprentice

Although the Soldier Apprentice Plan as we know it started in January of 1953 and ended in July of 1967, history provides us with evidence of other Canadian Boy Soldiers. Young boys were enlisted in the 104th Regiment of Foot (New Brunswick Fencibles) way back in 1803. Other regiments had boys on the roll. Boys were enlisted in the 1800's as buglers,

trumpeters and drummers.

Did you know that the present Base Borden band uses instruments obtained for the RCASC Apprentice band. Some of the music comes from the days of the boy soldiers in 1812. But rainmakers are rainmakers, the music produced by today's band is just as good at working up a storm as any boys did 150 years ago.

## Apprentice character

age were specially employed in the Canadian Corps of Signals.

According to a certain Base Chief Warrant Officer, boys of character aged 16 were susceptiblely employed in the 50's in the RCASC School. Some of the time they were employed cleaning the parade square with small brushes. Some of the time they were employed on fire piquet. Some of the time they were employed

This story illustrates some character. Seems that a certain apprentice was told not to step outside the door of his barrack one night by his businesslike sergeant. A little later that night the sergeant spotted this young apprentice outside the barrack. "I told you not to step outside the door", roared the Sergeant. "I didn't!" replied the quick young apprentice. "I went out the window."

## "A Fine Future"

Apprentice Soldiers were attracted to the plan by a recruiting booklet "The Way To A Fine Future". The following is an extract from that booklet explaining the Soldier Apprentice Plan.

**Soldier Apprentice Plan**  
"The Soldier Apprentice Plan leads the way to a fine future for young men of 16, interested in a lifetime Army Career. The plan provides an opportunity for educational advancement and technical training, combined with the right amount of military training and the finest comradeship a man could have.

In force since 1952, the plan has enrolled young men from every province in Canada. The cream of Canadian youth, they are maturing as skilled craftsmen, headed for leadership in Canada's modern army.

This great career opportunity costs neither you nor your parents a cent. In fact, as a Soldier Apprentice, you are paid from the day you commence training. In addition, you are supplied with uniforms, comfortable accommodation, a well-balanced diet, excellent sports and hobbies facilities, complete health care, and ample leave allowance of 30 days a year with special Christmas leave.

At the Corps School to

towards trade training, with instruction equivalent to existing provincial courses in technical and vocational schools.

The trades training aims to qualify you in a basic Army skill by the time you have completed your two years training. In all, there are 22 different trades ranging from radar technicians and artillery surveyors to accounting clerks and transport operators, each offering you a lifetime advantage over non-skilled men.

The military aspect of the training provides you with a sound background for future advancement to non-commissioned and warrant officer rank. This, plus further trades training, continues following graduation from Corps School and your acceptance as a Regular Soldier in a Regular Army unit.

During your training period, you live, study and work with other members of your class in your own school. Your original instructors and teachers remain with you throughout this time supervising your routine and always ready to advise or aid you with any problems that might arise during the course.

Included in your schedule is a carefully planned athletic programme

and volleyball teams compete in league play with neighbouring high schools and local teams within your own age groups.

Opportunities like this cost a lot of money. What does the Army itself hope to gain from all this outlay?

Its gain is an ever expanding group of keen young soldier-tradesmen who will be the skilled technicians - the Sergeants and Sergeant Majors of tomorrow."



## Photo Gallery



RCE Apprentice Band 1962-1964



Artillery Apprentice Band 1958-1960



THE RCASC (S) APPRENTICE BAND 1963  
Major Monty Venus (Front Centre) & Lt Jenkins left of Monty

1ST APPRENTICE SCHOOL BAND (5TH AND 6TH INTAKES) – 1958



Laverne Hatcher



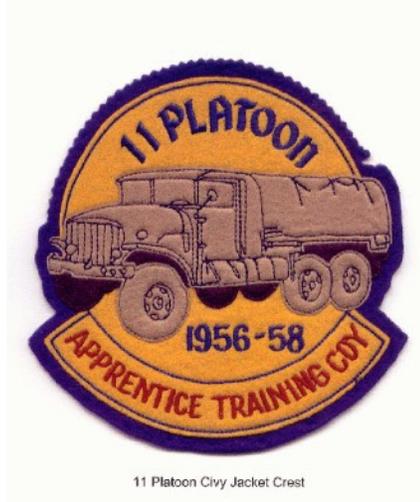
Cliff Beauchamp



Chilliwack 1962



Richard Abfalter



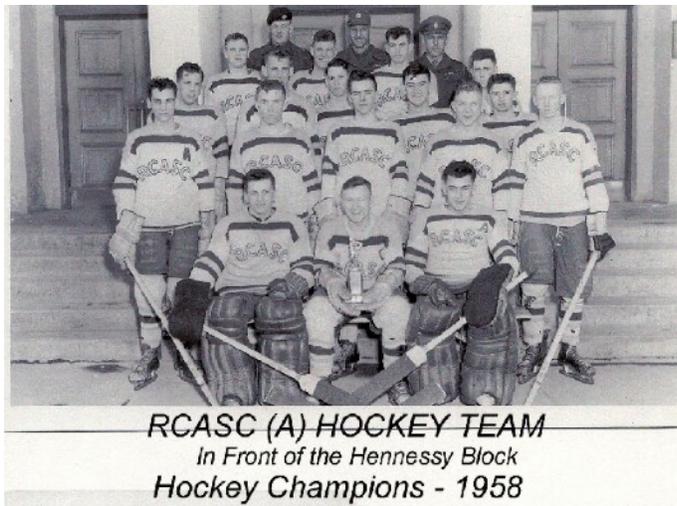
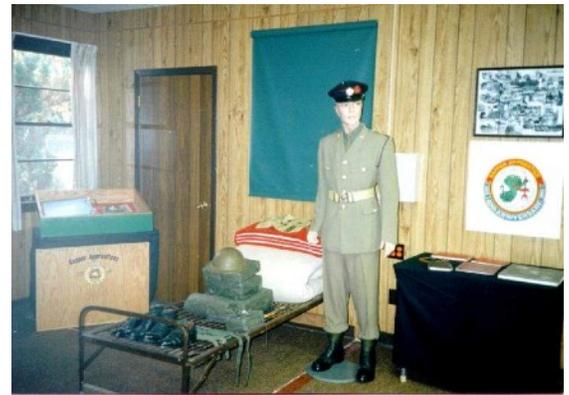
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"Moming Bed Layout" at the Hennessy Block!

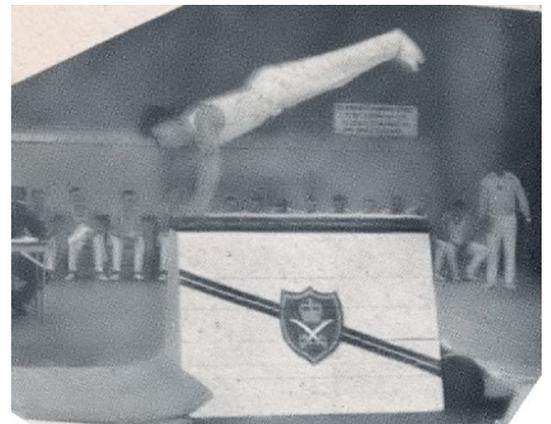


FOURTH ROW — Pte (A) James JR, 2 Lt DA Winnill, Pte (A) Harbo GK.  
 THIRD ROW — Cpl Kuba GW, Cpl Paltter RA, Pte (A) Hofman J, Pte (A) Gallant JPE.  
 SECOND ROW — Pte's (A) Gibson RJ, Wilson TR, Lyan GW, White JK, Leville JMMS, Pavlin RW, Meule JRC, Per-  
 vosh DA.  
 FRONT ROW, left to right — Pte's (A) Kells HM, Bradnors RD, Leper JR, Selmon RL, McCell KW, Thompson RK,  
 Dupuis JGD, Leland GJR.

RCASC Apprentice Hockey Team 1964

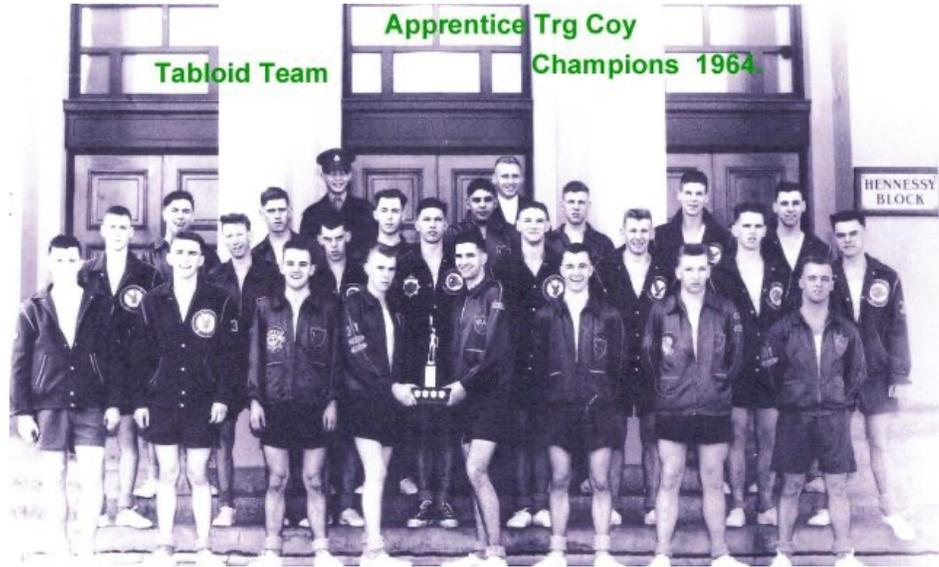


RCASC (A) HOCKEY TEAM  
 In Front of the Hennessy Block  
 Hockey Champions - 1958





Skip Solomon

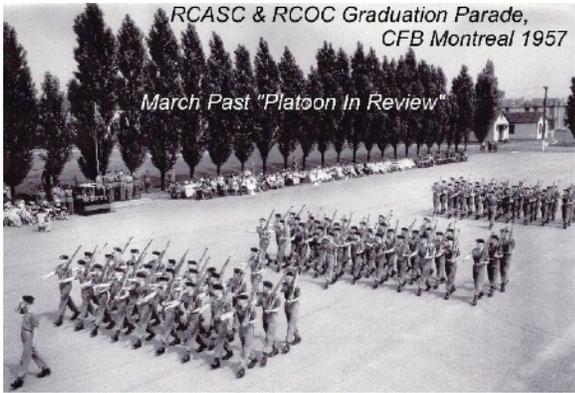


RCASC VOLLEY BALL 1964

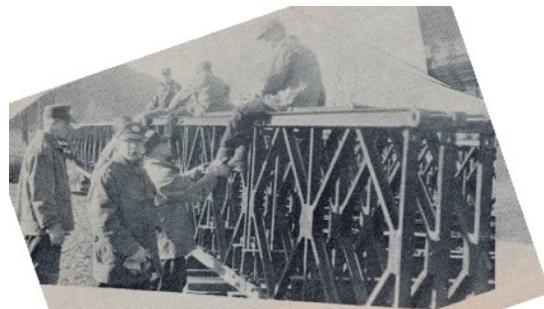
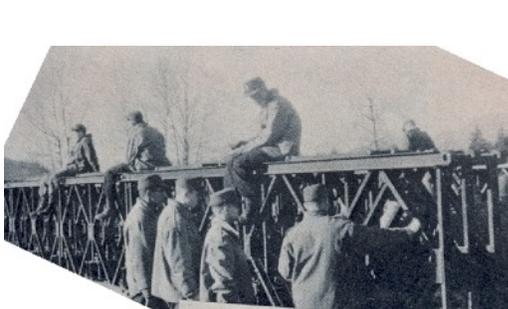
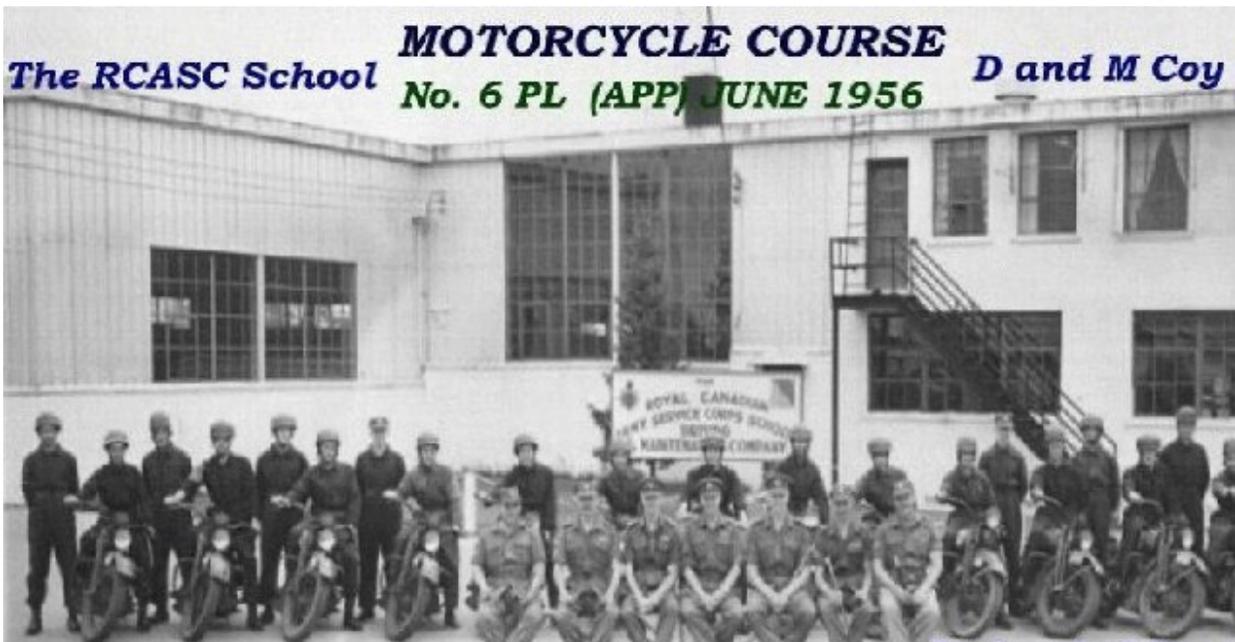


Dick O'Mara





Chilliwick



Chilliwick Bridging



**Bill Buxton**



**Jack Shore**



**Brian Vandervaart**



PELTON - NO 46 - PLATOON

3rd Row: L to R: Soldats/Ptes: LeBlanc DR; Dolinski DJ; Eskritt TG; Forsythe CH; Gatzke EE; LeCompte AE;  
3e Rang: G @ D: Myslicki WIA

2nd Row: L to R: Soldats/Ptes: Thomas AG; Taylor DE; Ogilvie JD; Pellerin JHYGP; Wilson SJ; Horne TF;  
2e Rang: G @ D: Whittaker PE; Savoy RJ.

1st Row: L to R: Soldats/Ptes: Lange A ; Raine RB; Steen BT; SGT JONES P; 2LT RJ HOUSTON; LSGT CARBERRY DF;  
1e Rang: G @ D: Cooper JJM; Brown JR.

Absent: Soldat/Pte: Mruk AJ.

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RCOC 46 Platoon 1964



RCE 11<sup>th</sup> Intake 1962



THIRD ROW — Pte's (A) Roose W R, Beveridge B E S, Dunk M G, Lundstrom A F, Vachon J E F, Brooks E J, Lortie J E J, Roi R, Smyth R S.  
 SECOND ROW — Pte's (A) Bullied T E H, Campbell J D, Baril P A A, Millard J M, Wilson K A, McGowan J H, Kux H E, Maxwell D J C, Evers R L, Benoit S A.  
 SEATED, left to right — Pte's (A) Kahle R G, MacKillop D I, Picard J P, Sgt Dubie J E (Asst Supv & Instr), WO I J Routtenberg (Trg WO), Major A N Kowbel (OC ACT Coy), Capt J G Scott (Class Offr & Coy Trg Offr), Ptes (A) Crowder J M, Gavel J C, Begin M.



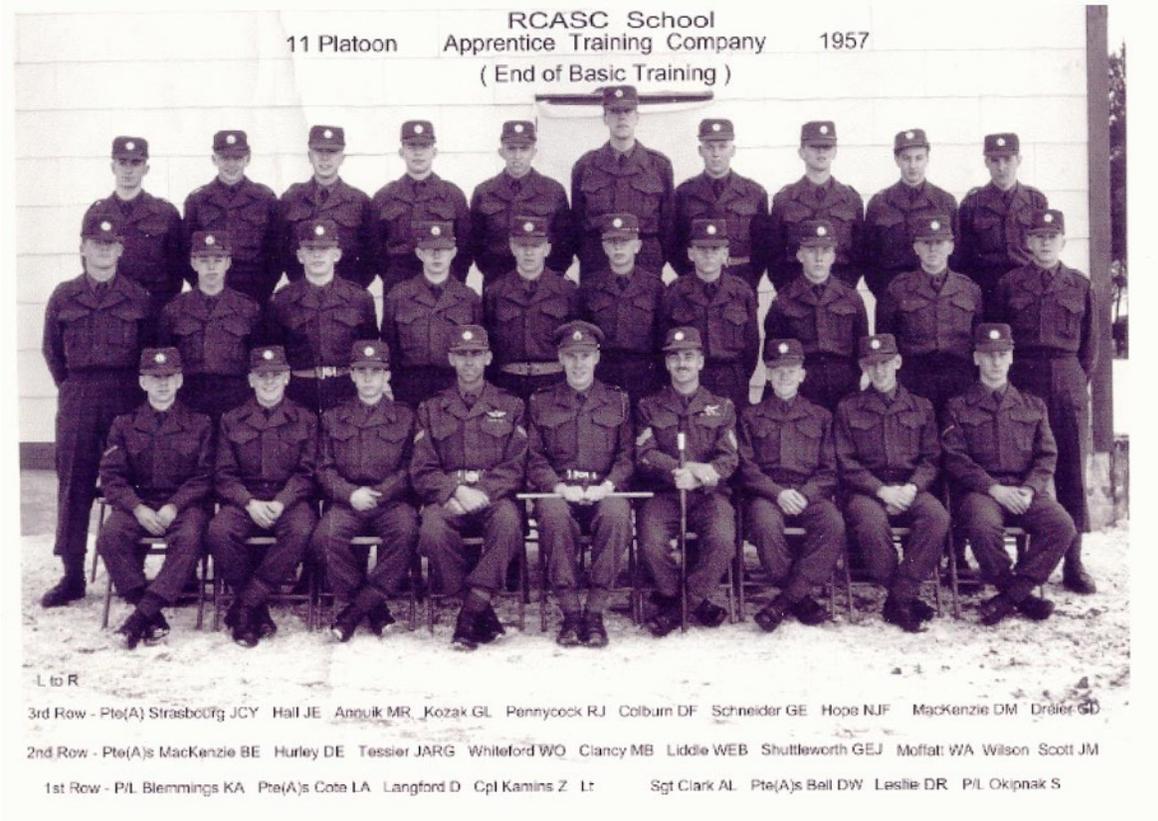
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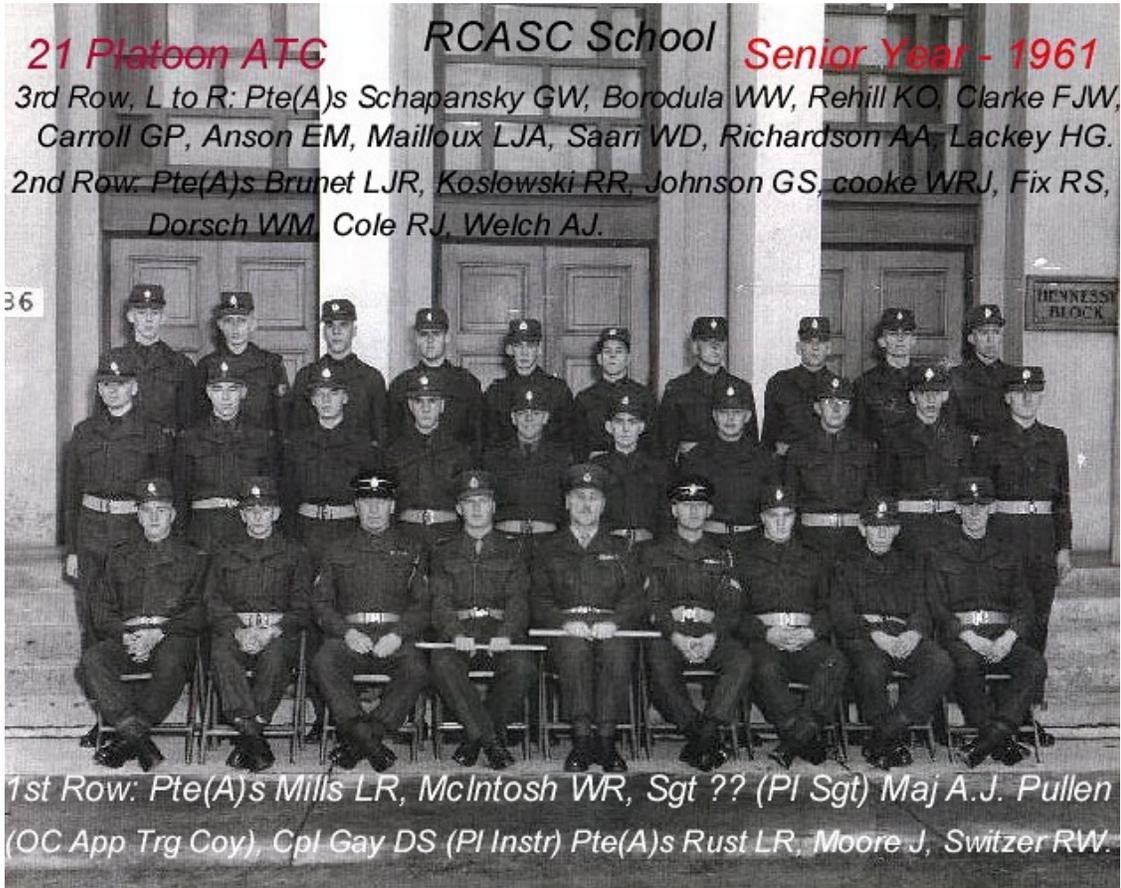
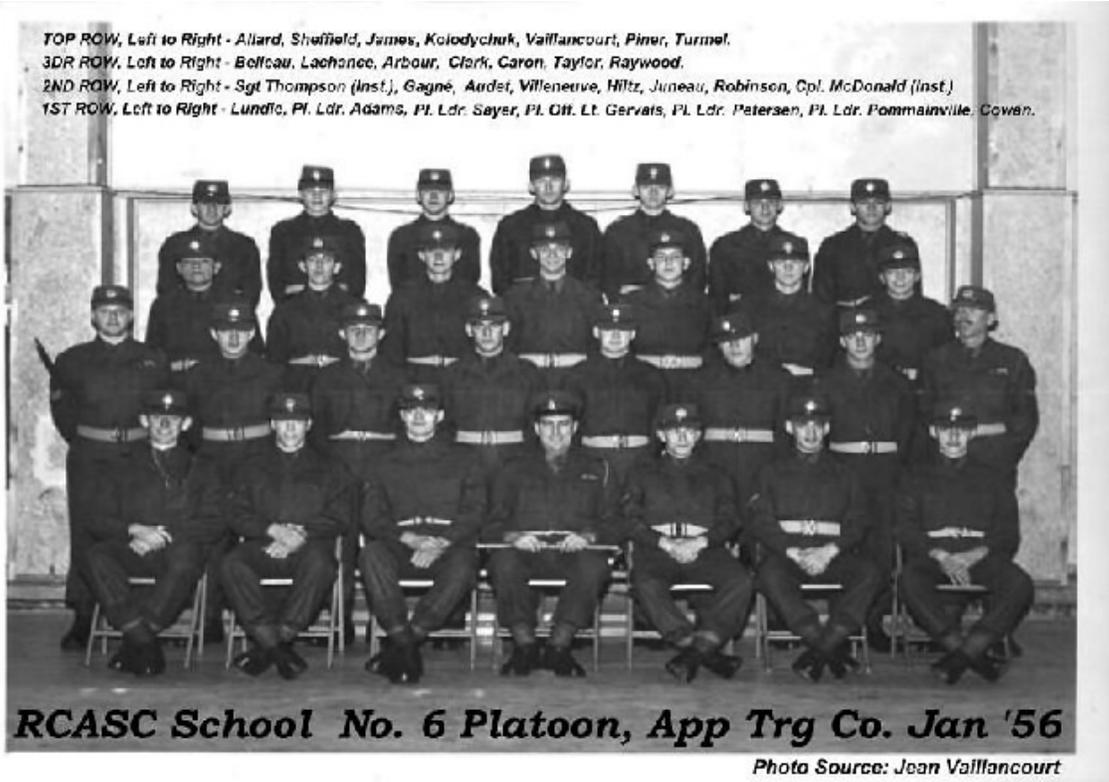
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RCASC 18 Platoon 1958-60

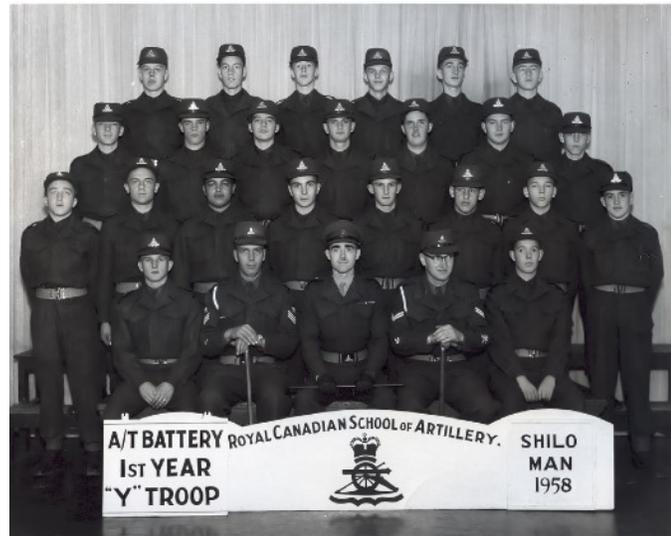






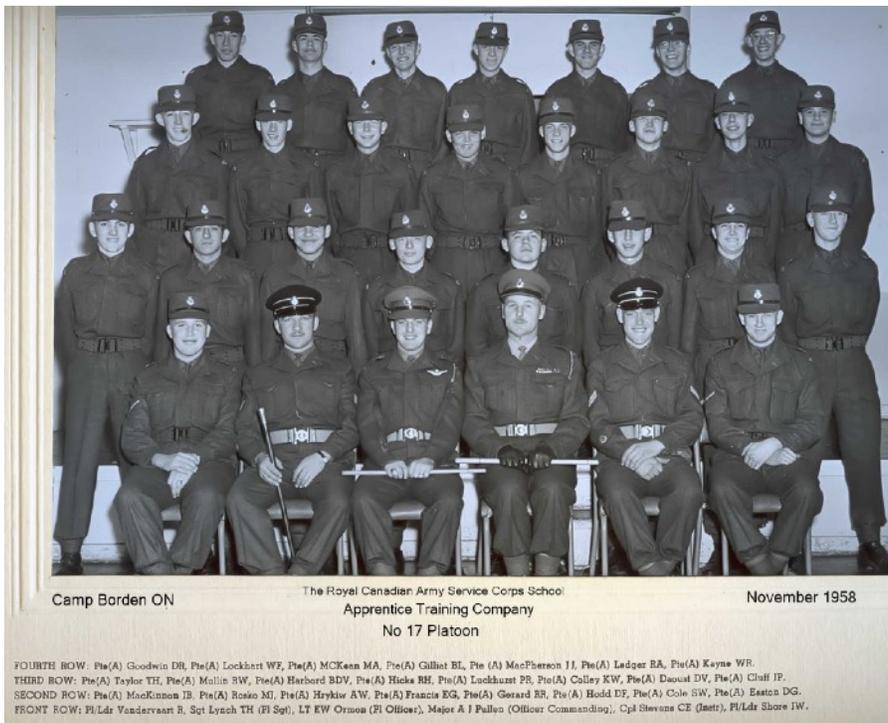
RCEME 1966

E-19 NH 03 SEP 1959



4th Row: Wilson AM; Gauld RL; Buser AR; T/L Costello GA; Harris DJ; Murphy TR.  
 3rd Row: Lewis AT; Berry RS; T/L Cameron DJ; Huff GW; Arseneau RLJ; Koronko P.J.  
 2nd Row: Jones JJ; Johnstone ER; Ford BF; T/L Warren RJ; Lamarche JJPA; Croke DK; Boone GM.  
 1st Row: Sgt Healey GEM; 2Lt CD Spencer; Maj WK Clay; WO2 Clarke KA, CD; Cpl Halal RE.

Missing from Photo: Pollock ML. Photo courtesy of Jim Jones, E-19.



Camp Borden ON

The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps School  
 Apprentice Training Company  
 No 17 Platoon

November 1958

FOURTH ROW: Pte(A) Goodwin DR, Pte(A) Lockhart WF, Pte(A) McKean MA, Pte(A) Gilliat BL, Pte (A) MacPherson JJ, Pte(A) Ledger BA, Pte(A) Kayne WF.  
 THIRD ROW: Pte(A) Taylor TH, Pte(A) Mallin BW, Pte(A) Harbord BDV, Pte(A) Hicks RH, Pte(A) Lockhart PR, Pte(A) Colley KW, Pte(A) Duncal DV, Pte(A) Clark JP.  
 SECOND ROW: Pte(A) MacKinnon JB, Pte(A) Rosko MJ, Pte(A) Hrytkiw AW, Pte(S) Francis EG, Pte(A) Gerard ER, Pte(A) Hodd DF, Pte(A) Cole SW, Pte(A) Easton DG.  
 FRONT ROW: Pl/Ldr Vanderveert B, Sgt Lynch TH (Pl Sgt), LT KW Orms (Pl Officer), Major A J Pullen (Officer Commanding), Cpl Stevens CE (Asst), Pl/Ldr Shore JW.

