

CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL

CFB CORNWALLIS



GRADUATION CEREMONY

COURSE 8316

1. Cornwallis was originally commissioned as HMCS Cornwallis, a Royal Canadian Navy training establishment, in Halifax on 01 May, 1942. The name is in honour of the Honourable Edward Cornwallis, first Governor of Nova Scotia, 1749-1752. On 14 April, 1943, Cornwallis was officially transferred to its present location.

2. The Canadian Forces Recruit School (CFRS) was established as a Unit of the Canadian Armed Forces and located at CFB Cornwallis on 6 May 1968. The CFRS mission is to conduct basic training for all English speaking personnel who enrol in the service.

3. With the establishment of CFRS, 39 Air and Sea element recruits commenced training and on 12 August 1968, Land element recruits started arriving. Since that time, more than 53,000 servicemen and servicewomen have received their basic training at CFRS. The school now graduates approximately 100 Male recruits each week for 50 weeks of the year, and approximately 75 Female recruits every four weeks.

GRADUATION PARADE

1330 hrs Spectators are seated
1358 hrs Arrival of Reviewing Officer

General Salute (Spectators are
requested to stand)

Inspection of Graduating Platoon

Presentation of Awards

Prayer

March Past - Graduating Platoon

General Salute (Spectators are
requested to stand)

Departure of Reviewing Officer

Reviewing Officer:

LCOL B.T.N. McGrath, CD

Commandant, Canadian Forces Recruit School

Music provided by:

Base Band

Parents and friends are invited to meet CFRS Staff and graduates at an informal Coffee Hour in the Green and Gold Lounge immediately following the parade. Buses are provided from the parade to the Lounge.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1245 - CFRS Briefing
- 1320 - Move to Drill Hall/Parade Square
- 1330-1430 - Grad Parade
- 1430-1500 - Tour Barracks
- 1530-1630 - Presentations - Green & Gold
- 1630-1730 - Light Meal
- 1730-1900 - Free Time
- 1900-2230 - Dance

COMMAND ELEMENT

Commandant	-	LCOL B.T.N. McGrath, CD
Chief Training Officer	-	MAJ B.J.T. Doucet, CD
School Chief Warrant Officer	-	CWO L.H. Sutherland, CD
Company Commander	-	CAPT J.W. Gerrow, CD
Company Second-In-Command	-	Nil
Company Senior Instructor	-	MWO D.S. Paquet, CD

COURSE STAFF

Platoon Commander	-	WO D.W. Perry, CD
Instructors	-	SGT R.S. Jewett
	-	SGT C.P. Courtenanche
	-	SGT S.G. Sproul
	-	MCPL J.F. Hunt
	-	MCPL P.W. Langford
	-	MCPL D.J. Simpson

GRADUATES - COURSE 8316

PTE AMUNDSON DK	PTE LAVOY WJRI
PTE AMYOT RJG	PTE LOADER MA
PTE AUBE JR	PTE MANTLE RW
PTE BRENNAN DJ	PTE MCLAUGHLIN DF
PTE BURNS GF	PTE MILLER DW
PTE BUSCH JG	PTE MOORCROFT BA
PTE CASTELLI MVR	PTE MOORE DD
PTE CHAFE RRW	PTE MOORE RD
PTE CISMAS TJ	PTE MOORS CS
PTE CONGRAM AH	PTE PELLETIER CJR
PTE CORNISH GS	PTE PHINNEY JW
PTE DE VRIES STADELAAR CE	PTE PICKERING DA
PTE EISAN BR	PTE POND MW
PTE FUDGE KB	PTE RAYMOND GJ
PTE GIRARD PA	PTE RAYMOND MR
PTE GRAY SA	PTE REES DW
PTE HAYNES J	PTE RYAN AR
PTE HEPBURN RB	PTE SANGER TD
PTE HUBBARD SJ	PTE SEABORNE TR
PTE JOUDREY CP	PTE SMIT EG
PTE KEARLEY LA	PTE SMITH RG
PTE KELLY S	PTE TALBOT J
PTE KENNEDY KB	PTE VATCHER CJ
PTE KILBRIDE RM	PTE WALTER DB
PTE KING PJ	PTE WILLIAMSON GR
PTE KLOPPENBURG PO	PTE WILSON DLW
PTE KUSZMIDA DG	PTE WYNVEEN TC
PTE LACHAINE JRD	PTE YOUNG TM

AWARDS

COMMANDANTS SHIELD - PTE LACHAINE JRD
SKILL AT ARMS TROPHY - PTE PICKERING DA

1. The aim of the Recruit course is to provide basic training that will develop in trainees:

- a. a knowledge of the Canadian Forces, its customs, its procedures, and its military regulations;
- b. fundamental military skills including the defence of person and property; and
- c. self-confidence, self-discipline, loyalty, and pride of service.

A land so vast is best viewed from far off
To catch the wholeness of it,
And see how it compares with all the other places
That the people who live in them, love.
At times, it seems they love our land the most
Who have been most away,
Including those who've served her colors far
In war, as well as peace,
Ensuring that our hallowed battle places
Exist in other lands, on other continents,
Where we have fought our wars, and dreamed of home,
And stood on guard, O Canada, for thee!
Our songs have rung through Europe sixty years!
We've sung them in Korea and Hong Kong, amid the guns;
And then, to keep the peace
(and in the name of order and good government)
We've sung and served from Suez to Kashmir,
From Congo up to Cyprus,
From Vietnam to Sinai's dusty plain,
And in the smoky skies and lush terrain of Germany.
While ships of ours have sailed the seven seas
That we might share our peace, and unity, with all.

How stands our home and native land, Terre de nos aieux?
Is her brow girded with garlands glorious?
Does she command true patriot love in all her sons and daughters?
Or is she troubled much as lands to which we've brought the peace?
It's said that to define our love of land
A minute is too long, a lifetime not enough.
That if we love in happy, joyful way
We'll keep our heritage intact, though time be short
And we are wracked by doubts about our worth.
What good is done if we have served mankind, and failed ourselves?

By kind permission of
Charles Lynch