

7th TORONTO REGIMENT
ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY



CHANGE OF COMMAND
from
Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Gibson, CD, ADC
to
Lieutenant-Colonel B.R. Downs, CD

Moss Park Armoury

2:00 p.m.

13 November 1988

WELCOME

All ranks of the 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA extend a warm welcome to all serving and former gunners and their families, and to all friends of the Regiment in attendance to-day. Your interest and support are appreciated and are necessary ingredients in the identity and function of the Regiment.

INSTRUCTIONS TO GUESTS

Guests are requested to stand:

- 1. On arrival of the Colonel Commandant*
- 2. On arrival of the Inspecting Officer and Guest of Honour*
- 3. During the playing of the General Salutes*
- 4. When the Regiment marches past, and*
- 5. During the playing of the National Anthems.*

REGIMENTAL HERITAGE

The 7th Toronto Regiment is the sole artillery unit in Toronto and the only Canadian artillery unit to have the name of its home city incorporated in its title. Its roots lie with the 1st and 2nd Toronto Artillery Companies, which saw action in the rebellion of 1837. The oldest current component of the Regiment is 9 Battery, formed in 1866. 15 Battery was formed in 1915. 9 and 15 Batteries have served continuously since their formation, both in the active reserve and on active service in both World Wars. 130 Battery (RHQ) formed in 1942 is the junior, but Headquarters, Battery of the Regiment.

GUEST OF HONOUR

Major General A. Bruce Matthews, CBE, DSO, ED, CD was born in 1909 and is a graduate of Upper Canada College. He enlisted in the 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA in 1928 and upon the outbreak of War in 1939 held the appointment of Battery Commander, 9 Battery. His appointments during the Second World War included Commanding Officer, 5th Medium Regiment; Counter Battery Officer, 1st Canadian Corps; C.R.A. First Canadian Division; C.C.R.A., Second Canadian Corps; and Commander, Second Canadian Division. General Matthews served as Colonel Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery from 1964-1969. He has been a Director and Chairman of a number of prominent Canadian corporations and continues to be active in business and a tireless supporter of the 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J.D. GIBSON, CD, ADC

Lieutenant-Colonel Gibson was educated at Trinity College School, the Royal Military College of Canada and the University of Toronto. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant and joined the 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA in 1971. He has held a variety of Regimental appointments, served on the Toronto District Staff from 1974-1975, and is a graduate, of the Command and Staff Colleges of the Canadian Army and the United States Marine Corps. Lieutenant-Colonel Gibson is a Barrister and Solicitor and is a partner in the Toronto firm of Ricketts, Harris, Keachie. He is the Secretary of the Toronto Artillery Foundation, a director of the Royal Canadian Military Institute and a past president of the Toronto branch of the RMC Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Gibson has been an Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario since 1975 and Commanding Officer of the 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA since 1985. He is the Honorary Solicitor of the Ontario Rifle Association, The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, and the Guild of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL B.R. DOWNS, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel Downs enlisted in the ranks of the 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA in January 1966 and was commissioned in December of that year. He has held a variety of Regimental appointments as well as serving with 2, 3 and 4 RCHA and 1 Airborne Battery, Canadian Airborne Regiment. He served on the staff of Toronto Militia District HQ in Logistics and Administration in 1977/78 and at Central Militia Area HQ in Operations and Training in 1979/80. Lieutenant-Colonel Downs was also a competitor on the Competition Internationale Officers Reserve Team (Military Pentathlon) in 1977.

Educated at Agincourt Collegiate, Ryerson Polytechnic, and York University (MBA), he is Manager of Business Development for Royal Insurance. Lieutenant-Colonel Downs is a member of the Royal Canadian Military Institute, the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies, and the Canadian Airborne Forces Association.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. *The Regimental Sergeant-Major falls in the Markers.*
2. *The Regiment marches on parade to "The British Grenadiers".*
3. *The Regimental Sergeant-Major turns over the parade to the Adjutant.*
4. *The Adjutant turns over the parade to the Second in Command.*
5. *The Second in Command falls in the Officers and turns over the parade to the retiring Commanding Officer.*
6. *The retiring Commanding Officer orders a General Salute for the Colonel Commandant, Royal Canadian Artillery, Lieutenant General W.A.B. Anderson, OBE, CD.*
7. *The retiring Commanding Officer orders a General Salute for the Reviewing Officer, Colonel A.W. Jensen, CD, ADC.*
8. *The Inspecting Party inspect the Regiment as the band plays "Royal Artillery Slow March", "Screw Guns", "National Emblem" and "Greensleeves".*
9. *The Regiment, led by the retiring Commanding Officer, marches past to "7th Toronto Regiment, Regimental March".*
10. *The Guest of Honour, Major General A.B. Matthews, CBE, DSO, ED, CD, addresses the Regiment.*
11. *The retiring Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Gibson, CD, ADC, addresses the Regiment.*
12. *The Commander Toronto Militia District, Colonel A.W. Jensen, CD, ADC, addresses the Regiment.*
13. *Colonel Jensen presides over the signing of the Change of Command certificate by Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Gibson, CD, ADC, and the incoming Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel B.R. Downs, CD.*
14. *Lieutenant-Colonel Downs addresses the Regiment and assumes Command.*
15. *The Regiment, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Downs, marches past the retiring Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Gibson to "Voice of the Guns".*
16. *Lieutenant-Colonel Gibson marches off the parade to "Petit Alta".*
17. *Lieutenant-Colonel Downs orders the Regiment to advance in review order.*
18. *The Regiment gives a General Salute to the Reviewing Officer.*
19. *Major General Matthews, the Colonel Commandant and the Reviewing Officer retire.*
20. *The Regiment presents arms as the band plays the National Anthems.*
21. *The Regiment marches off to "The Standard of St. George".*

Guests are requested to be seated after the departure of the Guest of Honour. The band will play a selection of airs. The Guests will be invited by the narrator, to attend a Reception Line in the South Balcony Alcove after an appropriate interval. Guests are invited to join their hosts in the appropriate Messes immediately following their passage of the Reception Line.