

## Spectacular Summer for 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers Royal Canadian Army Cadets Corps

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The summer of 2017 was an exhilarating time of Cadets hailing from the 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC) of Browns Flat, New Brunswick, as these young Canadians travelled far and wide, where they conducting exciting training, made new friends, and forged unforgettable memories. From battlefield tours in France, climbing the Rocky Mountains in Alberta, teaching marksmanship in Ottawa, to varying courses held at Camp Argonaut here at Base Gagetown, these Cadets enjoyed a wide variety of experiences and opportunities. Proudly affiliated with The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School (RCAS), the 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers RCACC is a unit that punches well above its weight, as demonstrated through the outstanding accomplishments and recognition of its Cadets this summer.



Photo 1 Caption: (L to R) C/MBdr Samantha Burgess and C/Sgt Kinsey Rae Harley

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A great diversity of training and experiences was evident throughout all ranks of the 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers RCACC. Cadet Chief Warrant Officer Sarah Hebert spent her summer at the Connaught Cadet Summer Training Centre in Ottawa, Ontario, where she used her shooting expertise and leadership to instruct marksmanship. On another contingent, Cadet Warrant Officer (C/WO) Zandy Allan travelled far and wide in Europe as a member of the Army Cadet Battlefield Tour, where she remembered Canadian fallen in locations deeply engrained into the fabric of our Nation, such as Menin Gate, Beaumont Hamel, Vimy Ridge, Dieppe, and Juno Beach. C/WO Jodie Hatfield experienced the wonder of the Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Training Centre located outside of Banff, Alberta, where she participated within the leadership and challenge course. Closer to home here in Gaagetown, Cadet Gunner (C/Gnr) Jonathon Clark, C/Gnr Keeghan Kierstead, C/Gnr Jayden Brennan and C/Gnr Tanner McCarthy all completed General Training at Camp Argonaut, three of whom receiving much-coveted and well-deserved shadow ranks on parade and throughout the course. A few weeks shortly thereafter, Camp Argonaut proudly hosted Her Honour Jocelyne Roy Vienneau, the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, who was the Reviewing Officer for a stirring graduation parade for hundreds of Cadets, where three members from 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers RCACC were present. Cadet Sergeant (C/Sgt) Kinsey Rae Harley, and Cadet Master Bombardier (C/MBdr) Samantha Burgess completed the Basic Expedition course, both of whom earned prestigious shadow rank positions of Company Second-in-Command and Platoon Commander (respectively), as well as being selected to be part of the Honour Guard for the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. Furthermore, C/Sgt Harley was awarded the Adventure Expedition Award, as the top Cadet on Basic Expedition. The third Cadet from 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers RCACC on parade was C/MBdr Brittney Porter, who completed a demanding 6 week air rifle instructor course, learning skills that will be put to good use back at her unit. C/Bombardier Jacob Logan travelled to Nova Scotia, where he completed the Basic Drill and Ceremonial course at Greenwood Cadet Summer Training Centre, garnering abilities he will be able to put to use on the parade square.

Now that summer courses and travel opportunities have concluded, the Cadets of 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers RCACC have a lot to look forward to in the year to come, and certainly all will benefit with the with the newfound skills and leadership abilities they learned this summer. Under the leadership of Commanding Officer Captain Jessica Paisley and her team of outstanding Cadet Instructional Cadre Officers, these Cadets will experience a training year filled with opportunity. Both the Commandant and Regimental Sergeant Major of the RCAS, Lieutenant-Colonel Nickolas Roby (a former Cadet), and Chief Warrant Officer François Vidal, are extremely proud of the accomplishments of all members of the 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers RCACC. Moreover, they are looking forward to extending all possible support to these young model Canadians, knowing that the Cadets provides an unparalleled opportunity to develop leadership and life skills.

Like all Cadet Corps across our great country, the 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers RCACC provides exciting opportunities for young Canadians, free of charge. Information on the Canadian Cadet Organizations can be found at [www.cadets.ca](http://www.cadets.ca)



(L to R) C/Gnr) Jonathon Clark and WO Dennis Larade, RCAS Cadet Liaison Officer  
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