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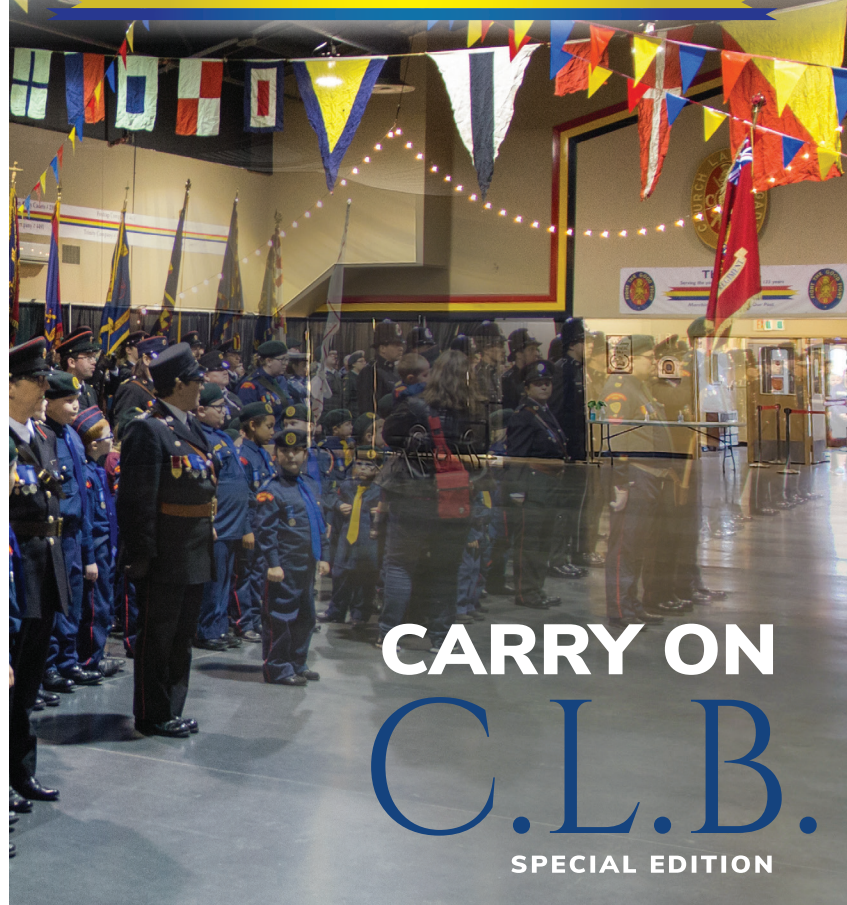
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Our Cover Page

The Concept of the cover photo shows the Brigade at full strength (from our 125th Anniversary Parade), but as we look closer, the photo of our members fades away into an empty armory which is representative of the changes in our world today due to Covid-19. Then we are presented with the bold text “CARRY ON C.L.B.” representing us all moving forward, just as the Brigade has many, many times before.



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From Our Bishop

BISHOP GEOFF PEDDLE

REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN

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I write to you at the end of August following a six-month period of time unlike any other. Since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared in March our world has been turned upside down. It seems that everything we took for granted has had to be thought through again and we have all discovered new ways of doing old and familiar things. The CLB is no exception to this and I know that everyone associated with the CLB has pondered the best way of being the CLB at this time. You have been highly creative in your programs and I also know that you have enhanced your communications among members. All of what you have done over the past half-year is a crucial foundation for what you will do this fall and winter. I have no doubt that you will build upon that foundation in fresh ways so that you will “keep the flag flying.” May God bless everyone as, together, we face this latest challenge for our church and CLB. I, like you, long for the day when we can be together in person again. Carry On CLB 🇺🇸


COLONEL GAIL DICK

GOVERNOR AND COMMANDANT

The 2019 – 2020 training year didn't exactly end the way any of us expected. In March, COVID-19 caused in-person meetings, inspections and banquets to be suspended. When this happened, Company Officers put on their creative thinking hats, and began to think outside the box as to how they could continue connecting with their members. Many Companies held virtual meetings, or dropped off badgework and treats in goodie bags. I loved seeing the smiles on our members faces when their Officers paid them a visit at their homes while practicing social distancing.

Brigade Council knows how much the C.L.B. means to our members, and are aware of the importance of our youth getting back into a regular routine. Brigade Council and Regimental Staff, are currently working diligently on a plan to resume C.L.B. activities as soon as possible. When we are able to meet in person, please know that the safety and health of all Officers and members will be our number one priority

Since March, your Brigade Council, the finance committee as well as our staff have not wavered at all, meeting regularly and setting a great example for all our C.L.B. members to follow. They have kept the armoury in excellent shape, looked for innovative ways to raise funds to maintain our operations, and taking care of our day to day responsibilities. You have heard that leadership comes from the top, well, this is where the C.L.B. top is. It is also their desire to publish this special "Carry On C.L.B" edition of the BUGLE

Even though we haven't seen each other since March, I hope each and every one of you know you've been missed and I look forward to the day when we can come together once again in person. Our Officers and members are resilient, and I am confident the Brigade will weather this storm and come back stronger than ever. Till we meet again, stay strong, stay safe, God Bless and Keep The C.L.B. Flag Flying 

Fight the Good Fight



Adjust the Sails!



LT. COL. GREG READ

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

The CLB has been in the business of shaping young people into good citizens and leaders since 1892. What a remarkable track record of longevity! This is a testament to the exceptional leaders that, in the first place, conceived of the Brigade and sprouted it up in Newfoundland, but also all the leaders who have come afterwards and ensured the continuity of the CLB through every challenge thrown at it. From my vantage point as your Regimental Commander, I see clearly that our current leaders are no exception. We have the best volunteers - officers, civilian instructors and W&NCOs - who

are highly motivated to succeed. I'm certain that we are up to the challenge that is now before us: safely operating during a global pandemic, while keeping Brigade life enticing for our youth. This is indeed a significant challenge, but we are built for it.

John Maxwell, an American pastor and author, said: "The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." So let's head into this wind together. We will weather the storm, and be stronger when we come out the other side!

Fight the Good Fight 🇳🇫



As a Young boy I lived on Freshwater Road in St. John's, not too far from the old C.L.B. Armoury on Harvey Road. So it was not surprising at all that one day I would find myself going there and applying for membership in that wonderful organization called the C.L.B. I first joined Polynia a sea cadet unit adopted by the Brigade and in turn I joined St. Michaels C.L.B. Company # 4512. Today, I am still an active and contributing member of the Brigade's finance committee helping the C.L.B. celebrate 128 years of serving the youth of our province. I have enjoyed success in sports, business, education and politics both within and outside the C.L.B. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that my family and my C.L.B. family are responsible for my successes. Many of my best friends in my life I have met as a direct result of my involvement with this fantastic organization. I have been blessed that the C.L.B. has played a significant role in helping me develop into the person I have become. With the attitude "Carry On C.L.B." I have been able

to overcome defeats and then proudly march myself into the position of Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. So despite Covid 19, let it be said that the Brigade, with the help of all the people in our province tucked their chins in, stuck their heads into the wind and fury and helped flatten the curve and allowed our province to be one of the safest places in the world. So "Carry On C.L.B." members you have helped make Newfoundland & Labrador strong and your continued success is a success for the entire province.

Hon. Bernard Davis
Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

Avalon Battalion #41


CAPTAIN JUSTIN EVANS

AVALON BATTALION, 2IC

Everyone will remember the year 2020. A lot of the unexpected has occurred across the world, and the most life altering for many was the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the C.L.B. in our battalion went from eight companies, meeting weekly (or more) to nothing almost immediately as the pandemic unfolded in March. We went from more than one hundred people meeting each week to zero. While we strive to stay connected, updates through emails and virtual meetings held between companies, is no comparison to our weekly parades. Ultimately, a sad substitute for seeing our members in person, and everything that comes with that, such as seeing the joy and pride in their faces as they grow and develop. However, like always, the C.L.B. will show resilience and while most of this is out of our hands – we will focus on what we can control. When the whole province came to a standstill, everyone handled it differently and there was no proper solution none of this and did something else entirely,

but what matters is we are all moving forward. While we have made progress in living with this pandemic – the future is still uncertain. However, there are a few things we are certain about. We are certain that the C.L.B. family like your biological family will always be there for you and I encourage everyone to reach out when necessary. We are certain that the C.L.B. will persevere and while we may never be the same, we still must move forward. Historically, at this point, companies will normally be starting up with registration and fun nights – seeing familiar faces and telling how they spent their summers. Officers in your company have already met and planned out parts of this training year, to provide you with fun and exciting opportunities. We will be seeing old friends for the first time in months, greeting new faces with warmth and excitement. Our older members would be telling stories from our summer camp – one which sadly did not occur this summer. As an officer (and formally a sergeant and a member) who has not missed a summer camp in over a decade – it was sorely missed.

We still can control how we carry ourselves and live our lives. We can continue to display the values of the Brigade whilst not actively meeting each week. We can continue to develop relationships with one another, our friends, your fellow members, or officers. We can continue to be there for one another, in whatever way possible. We can look to the future, when the C.L.B. meets back up physically and formally – we can be there. Moving forward is a different story. This training year may begin virtually – meeting with all these familiar faces through a computer screen. Eventually we can host outdoor activities – seeing each other in person while maintaining proper social distancing and COVID-19 protocol for the safety of all our members. Eventually, we will get back to our weekly meetings – our parades, our camping programs, our sleepovers, our outings, our activities, our family. But until then – we will continue to be resilient and preserve as we have for what will be **128 years** in Newfoundland on November 18th of this year.

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A Note in Time...

Captain Albertine Bethel
Bandmaster

Hope darkens in miniscule ways, silently absorbed by negative situations that seem endlessly the same.

But, Hope, unlike Elvis, never left a lit building. Strong, tenacious, Hopes' light travels within us. Housed in our soul throughout the many rooms of our hearts, patiently waiting re-generation by even the smallest acts of positivity and creativity.


Creativity sustains us through dark situations.

So, I open my case, the feel of the wood, parts, placement a familiar routine. There is no plan, no paper just me, the clarinet and sound. A note, long, shorter, add a few, linger, string some together, random sentences fill the room. Note following notes as the mood takes them into familiar phrases of musical sound constantly moving forward. Light, joy, openness, fantastically awesome hope.

Tomorrow, another chance, notes will change, re-generate and the new tune will be just as enlightening.

A break in time occurs and becomes a chance to re-generate. "What goes around comes around" and so shall the CLB Regimental Band.

Time, patience, kindness and positivity help to create, generate and sustain us as we continually move forward with hope.

I found my light. May you find yours and may it always travel with you 

Trinity Conception Battalion #201

MAJOR DERRICK TUCKER

TRINITY CONCEPTION BATTALION

Hello again, everyone!

It certainly seems like a long time ago since we all had to shut down our operations in mid-March due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak and we hope everyone and their loved ones have been healthy and safe in the interim.

Our CLB lives and programs have been on hold since then, but we're planning on coming back - soon! At a recent TCB Company Commander's meeting, we discussed the Regiment's plan on moving forward with re-opening our individual Companies in compliance with the latest Government regulations. Those details are being worked on as

we speak and the result for the 2020 - 2021 training year will be - different. Different from what we have done before, different in the way that our programs will be delivered, different in a lot of the aspects of our normal Company, Battalion and Regimental lives, but we will adapt and move on.

If any of you have seen pictures of our old uniforms you have been witness to some of the changes we have made over time. Our Senior Corps members transitioned from pill box hats and puttees, to officer style uniforms and headwear and now, finally, to a standardized uniform with a green beret. I remember when JTC members wore blue and yellow striped ties, YBC lads wore grey trousers and the LTC - well, just didn't exist. COVID-19 has forced us to make

changes in almost every aspect of our daily lives. Whoever thought that proper apparel to go into a bank would now include wearing a mask! But, like other changes that the Brigade has made throughout the years, we will adapt and move on.

The issue now is - how will we face these changes? How will we "adapt and move on?" In the time honoured tradition of the CLB, we will do it together, with respect and kindness and tolerance for all. Yes, we may have some setbacks. Yes, we may make some mistakes. Change does that to us. But let us not change those core values that we have built up over the last 127 years and let's look forward to year 128 and work together! Carry on, CLB! 🇨🇦

From the Old Comrades Association

To C.L.B. members everywhere and on behalf of C.L.B. Old Comrades Lodges 1 to 4:

*Carry on through storm and danger
Carry on through dark despair
Carry on through hurt and failure
Carry on through grief and care*

Covid 19 has changed our world. In spite of this, the Church Lads Brigade is a strong and resilient organization that will survive and thrive.

As I was reflecting and reminiscing upon my years of service, I found a lovely poem by Brigade Major George R. Williams written in 1939 that is still applicable today:

*The CLB God bless her,
May she ever carry on,
To put the manly spirit,
In the youth who march along*

And this verse written by Bert Harvey while watching the November 17, 1961 anniversary parade which is indicative of our strength:

*From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray,
Tread all the powers of darkness
down,
And win the well fought day!*

In the words of our predecessors,
"Semper Floreat C. L. B."
(Always flourish C. L. B.)



Old Comrade
Derrick Barbour

“Put the Child First” Celebrates 30 Years!

COLONEL ALBERT PELLEY

SPECIAL REPORT

In the 1960's and 70's, child abuse was not a topic of much general discussion. People were aware of neglect, physical, emotional and to some extent sexual abuse but didn't really think it was a huge problem in our society. In most cases, they simply did not believe what they were hearing. There was a sense of denial. The general feeling was “he or she would never do that to a child”.

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To make programs offered by youth agencies safer

To make youth leaders more aware of the symptoms and behaviours of abused children

To make youth leaders aware of children are trying to disclose abuse and more comfortable in dealing with it

To make youth leaders aware of their legal responsibility in reporting suspected child abuse and the appropriate actions to take

To help allay any fear and anxiety that exists among youth leaders

To use the “Put the Child First” program as a guide to develop appropriate educational programs on child abuse for youth organizations

In the ensuing months after the conference, I took the liberty of meeting with representatives, Scouts Canada, Girl Guides and Big Brothers-Big Sisters to review any materials, policies that they had

related to child abuse. This proved to be helpful in the development of a of a program suitable for the CLB.

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“Put the Child First”

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Detailed definition of the types of child abuse

The law with respect to child abuse

How to recognize the symptoms and behaviours of abused children

How to recognize and deal with a child who is disclosing abuse
How maintain a child's trust that you as a leader believe them

Practises that promote a safe environment for leaders



Prior to the official launch of phase one of the program, I conducted three sessions to basically introduce the leaders' program and summarize its content. These were offered at the Bi-annual Battalion Conference, Officers Proficiency Course and at a special meeting of the Officers Mess. Over 100 people participated in these workshops through which a copious amount of written information on child abuse was disseminated.

In May of 1990, the first workshop was offered at the armoury for officers, lady leaders, civilian Instructors, Chaplains and members of the W&NCO ranks over the age of 18. There were 24 in attendance. A second workshop was held at Lavrock in December attended by 28 leaders. These seminars were conducted by Constable Browne, Mrs. Patten and myself.

On November 1, 1990. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador officially endorsed the "Put the Child First" program.

The Minister of Social Services at the time, the Honourable John Efford said that our society had become much too reactionary regarding actions to offset child abuse. He said that the key to reducing the incidence of child abuse is prevention through such programs as "Put the Child First". This led to phase two of the program.

Phase two of "Put the Child First" was known as "Putting me First". This program was developed for

youth members and broken down into three age groups; 6-9 yrs, 10-13 yrs and 14-17 yrs. Presentation materials were geared to a specific age group. The objectives of this program were;

- Definition of Abuse
- Who they can tell
- Why it is so important to tell
- Practises that promote personal safety

In July of 1990, Constable Browne, Mrs. Patten and I travelled to Mint Brook to pilot the "Putting Me First" program at the senior and 2nd JTC camps. There were 87 youth participants. The program was well received but required some fine tuning. In September

new challenges, particularly for our older youth members were surfacing in the community. Mr. Wells with his many years of expertise as a school guidance counsellor was able to take the program to the next level to address these concerns. Over the years, there have been many adaptations to this program to ensure the most current information was presented to our youth and leaders.

The CLB version of "Put the Child First" has served the Brigade well. The program not only provided much needed education to our members but also resulted in the development of policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our youth and protect the integrity of our esteemed organization.

In thirty years, it has reached an audience in excess of 16,000 and has proven to be a thoroughly valuable resource.

We are most grateful to the many officers who have delivered this program over the last thirty years including: Capt. Doug Wells, Major Debbie Kennedy, Capt.

Renee Wheeler, Capt. Roberta Dwyer, Capt. Sheila Mercer and Lt. Kassandra Hibbs.

Finally, I would like to dedicate this article to Colonel Adrian Heffernan. As Governor and Commandant of the Day, he understood the need and value of the "Put the Child First" program and made all of the necessary decisions to ensure that it was effectively implemented as an essential part of our training 🇮🇷



of 1990, the CLB implemented this program as part of its regular training. Major Eric Wells, Battalion Commander at that time appointed Mr. Doug Wells to assist me with the new program. Mr. Wells was a Guidance Counsellor at Mount Pearl Junior High with 23 years of Teaching experience. Mr. Wells and I did many presentations together. However, times were changing fast and our program, still relatively new, constantly needed updating as

CLB CAMPING - AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE

MAJOR RON COISH

QUARTERMASTER

The CLB was founded in Newfoundland and Labrador in November 1892. And, no surprise, just a few months later in the summer of 1893 the first CLB Summer Camp was held at Topsail. So began our time-honored tradition which has gone on continuously, except for a few short breaks during WWI and WWII, to this very day. From Topsail to Trinity to Harbour Grace to Mint Brook and now Lavrock, CLB boys and girls have eagerly looked forward to a week under canvas tents, comfortable huts, or latterly first-class cabins at Lavrock. But regardless of the accommodations, the number one drawing card has always been fun and fellowship in the great outdoors, not to mention the best buddies and comrades you can find anywhere. When CLB members gather for weekly training or parades, often the conversation quickly turns to Camp memories or wonderful Camp experiences. And for sure whenever you run into former members along the way their first question will be "How's Camp these days". So what's that magical draw that we call CLB Camping. Maybe its the shy timid boy or girl who blossoms into confident and productive youth because of Camp. Or maybe its that unsure leader who magically develops unknown talents or skills because of Camp. Whatever the reasons...





...our CLB Summer Camping program has been the backbone of CLB training continuously for over 125 years. And next year will be the fortieth anniversary of CLB Challenge Camp – our annual Fall Weekend Expedition unto the trails, waters, and great outdoors throughout our beautiful wonderful province. And in recent years we have even introduced Winter Camping complete with Ice Fishing and Winter Survival skills. A fantastic variety of CLB Camping experiences for one and all. Then, like a ton bricks, came 2020 with its terrible COVID-19 Pandemic that has crippled our Province, our Country, and indeed the entire World, with its deadly virus. Our CLB training was curtailed in March and, for the first time since WWII, our beloved CLB Summer Camp fell victim as well. But just as our new CLB Armoury “rose from the ashes” following the devastating fire in 1992, so will our CLB Camping return with all its splendor and charm. After all, something so good is just too hard to keep down. Carry on CLB Camping 🇨🇦



From the Museum

WO2 DAVID MERCER

BRIGADE ARCHIVIST

Because of Covid-19, the world is facing incredible challenges. But for the CLB, challenges are nothing new. Over the years, the CLB has faced many tests, and from these tests we have always come through stronger. From the very beginning Mr. Blackler faced initial rejection. If he had given up, there may not be CLB as we know it in Newfoundland. Then there was the Great Fire of 1892 that destroyed a large part of the city, the sacrifices of two World Wars, and the Influenza Pandemic of

1918. One of the more devastating blows was the fire that completely destroyed the CLB Armoury in 1992. While it may have destroyed the building, it did not destroy the CLB - it only made us stronger.

When I stand in the museum in our re-built Armoury, I am surrounded by pictures and stories of those people who we all think were something special. Yes, I draw inspiration from what these people have accomplished, but the truth is, it is every single member who makes the CLB the great organization that it is. The strength of our leaders comes from the individual efforts of us

all. The exciting collection of materials in our museum started out as a single newspaper that was added to, piece-by-piece. The smallest of pieces by itself may not seem like much; but when it is combined with all of the other parts, it becomes something that is quite impressive.

Now is your chance to be one of those change makers. When the CLB returns to regular routine after Covid-19 - Be one of the pieces that contributes to something great - Be one of those who makes history 🇮🇪

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Please Submit On-line to derek@theclb.ca (or via regular mail to Mr. Derek White: P.O. Box 28126, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J8), *This program will close on October 20th, 2020.*

From the Blackler Family

MARY BLACKLER - SCOTT

THE BLACKLER FAMILY

In the mist of Corvid-19, we find ourselves being forced to change, to follow a different pattern, to see the world from a different view. Change is scary sometimes but all change is not bad. Holding to our basics of faith, family and friends make us stronger. What can we do to make the world better when we hear and see so much suffering? Be kind. Be kind to each other. Be kind to strangers. Be helpful. Understand that we often don't really know what is going on in someone else's life. But our actions can change how someone else feels. We can bring hope. Hope is powerful. It helps us through the toughest of times. Hope gives us strength to see past the present. So try to remember:

'God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, nor sun without rain. But He did promise strength for the day, Comfort for the tears and Light for the way'. (Author unknown). Wear your mask, wash your hands, and keep your distance from others as much as possible. Better days are coming 🇺🇸



Mary Blackler –Scott & Wilfred Kingsley, grandchildren of our founder Harold Blackler



GIVING BACK TO THE PLACES WE CALL HOME.

Brian Malone, Environmental Coordinator, St. John's

Brian and our employees are making powerful connections to the places we call home. Our employees are the faces you'll see lending a helping hand and supporting our community partners at events that tie the people of our province together and make our communities stronger. We believe that by giving back, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

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