

## ***A Brief History of Canadian Force Ammunition Depot Dundurn***

The history of Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot Dundurn is intermingled with that of the Camp. The Commanding Officer of the Depot up until integration was the Camp Commander. The construction of the Depot was done in conjunction with the Camp. The Camp was first sited and brush-cleared, stumped and burned, in 1927. This was done under the supervision of Captain Blake, RCE, and the Foreman of Works, Sgt E Bailey. The following year land improvements were made but no permanent buildings were constructed. It was first used as a military training area in 1928 by Cavalry and Infantry units such as the 16/22 Saskatoon Light Horse; Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), Regina Rifles and the Prince Albert Volunteers.

In 1933, widespread unrest and rioting in the Regina area led the Federal Government to establish a work program at Camp Dundurn for the civilian populace. Quartered in tents, fed and employed for construction projects, each person was paid the wage of twenty cents per day.

From 1934 to 1938, the camp remained a Work Relief Project and the camp itself increased in size and shape with the appearance of newly constructed stone and wooden buildings that are currently used to this day. During this period of 1934-1938, the storage, maintenance, issuing and receiving of ammunition was visualized and the construction of five explosive magazines (M36-M40) was completed in 1937.

In 1941, ten Temporary Deployment Magazines (TDM's) (TDM 1-10) were constructed.

In 1947, No. 6 Ammunition Depot was established under the command of WO2 T. Harmston. The ammunition storage area consisted of five explosive magazines and ten TDM's.

In 1949, the Depot was renumbered to 36 Ordnance Ammunition Depot (36 OAD).

It was in 1958 that 36 OAD increased dramatically in size. An office building, Explosives Laboratory and transit building plus twenty-five new magazines were constructed. Shortly after integration, Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot Dundurn came into being.

In 1977, a new Ammunition Workshop was built.

In 1981, a lecture training trailer was installed in front of the main office.

1990 saw the construction of the Hardstand area and in 1991, the construction of the first Igloo, Magazine 46.

In 1993, Mag 49 was built and is in use as the Detonator Storage Building. The construction of Mag 50 was completed in 1993. Although situated in the CFAD compound, this mag is used for 2nd line storage and is the responsibility of the Detachment Ammunition Section.

1994 saw the opening of Mags 47 and 48. These two mags were built in the "3 Bar Igloo" style.

In 1995, a brand new Transit facility (Mag 51) and the Ammunition Processing Building (Mag 52) were officially opened as Dundurn continued the process of consolidated repair, disposal and shipping of ammunition. In 1996, a new Non-Explosives Stores magazine (Mag 53) was constructed. The ten Temporary Deployment Magazines constructed in 1941 were demolished.

In May 1997, a new CFAD Headquarters building, with a detached 12-vehicle garage was opened. The Commissionaires remained in the old headquarters building until November, when the new alarm system was connected.

In 1998, the Demolition Ground received an addition to their incinerator/sorting building and a new Command Post Building complete with running water, was opened.

In 2001, the aging Hardstand shelters were replaced with Eleven Pole-barns.

In December 2001, CN Rail commenced work to remove the rail spur line from the Depot.

By the end of March 2002, 270 000 tons of gravel for the road repair project in the magazine area was stockpiled. Detachment Transport began repairs, widening and gravelling main roadways with the depot until October 2002 when the weather conditions worsened. This project continued in the spring of 2003.

In 2002, funding was received for the installation of intrusion alarms in the ammunition pole barns and for upgrades to water lines and services in the magazine area.

Under the successive commands of the following officers, 36 OAD evolved through various changes to be known as No 36 CFAD and finally under its current unit title of CFAD Dundurn:

1956-1958	Major CL Watson
1958-1960	Major JGR Morrin
1960-1962	Major B Lavel
1962-1964	Major LS Tucker
1964-1965	Major W Taylor
1965-1969	Major A Keyes
1969-1971	Major JI Murray
1971-1975	Major JKJ Moroney
1975-1977	Major RS Berube
1977-1979	Major RB Stasiuk
1979-1983	Major TB Morrice
1983-1985	Major LJ Duhault
1985-1989	Major G Gagnon
1989-1993	Major DE Harrison
1993-1996	Major HG Putsey
1996-1999	Major CD McLean
1999-2001	Major SP Brownrigg
2001-2003	Major AR Haines
2003-	Major JJJ Rosso

