



2nd Bn Irish Regiment of Canada

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Key Points

- Why the Irish Regiment and why is it in Sudbury ?
- The Irish Regiments role in the Canadian Forces
- Army Transformation
- Current Regimental Training
- Open House – Welcome Home 07



2nd Battalion

The Irish Regiment of Canada

- LIGHT INFANTRY RESERVE UNIT -PRIMARY RESERVE COMPONENT OF CANADIAN FORCES
- 1 of nearly 40 Reserve units in Ontario
- Total of 15,500 Reservists
- EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 116 personnel
- ANNUAL BUDGET: Avg \$900,000
- RECRUITS: Avg 30 personnel enrolled annually
- AGE: 16-60



Mission

The 2nd Battalion Irish Regiment of Canada will proactively attract and train citizens in order to generate and retain Professional Army Reserve soldiers to support tasks in domestic and international operations.



Vision

*To instill confidence, pride and public awareness
with the City of Greater Sudbury and
surrounding communities as we demonstrate that
we are a distinguished professional Army Reserve Unit
through our actions.*

Regimental Motto

FIOR GO BAS – FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH



Army Reserves in Sudbury

- The Irish Regiment was formed in 1915 in Toronto and was known as the 1st Battalion Irish Regiment.
- The 1st Bn served with distinction through WWI and WWII distinguishing itself with 23 Battle Honours for campaigns through Italy and Northwest Europe.



- After settling into a peacetime routine of training, the Irish Regiment was slated for removal from the Order of Battle in 1965
- Through great efforts by Regimental members and friends, the unit survived by transferring to Sudbury, lending its name to the newly created infantry unit in this city, which adopted the name, ***2nd Battalion, The Irish Regiment of Canada***



Distinctive Uniform

- Kilted Irish Regiment
- Tartan: Saffron
- Head dress: Caubeen & Hackle
- The distinctive head dress has become synonymous with being Sudbury's own regiment.



Affiliated Cadet Corps

- Young Canadians between the ages of 12-18.
- Army, Air & Sea Cadet Corps.
- The 2nd Bn Irish Regiment of Canada has 3 affiliated Army Cadet Corps it supports in the Greater City of Sudbury.
 - 2912 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps - Sudbury
 - 2915 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps - Capreol
 - 2964 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps - Walden



Training Commitment



- 1x Thursday Night Week (min 1x weekend/month)
- 10 day Collective Training Exercise every August
(Ex Vigilant Guardian)



Battle Rhythm



Sept to Dec – Individual
Battle Task Standards /
Winter skills

Jan to May – Collective
training at the
section/platoon level

June to August – Career
courses

Ex VIGILANT GUARDIAN

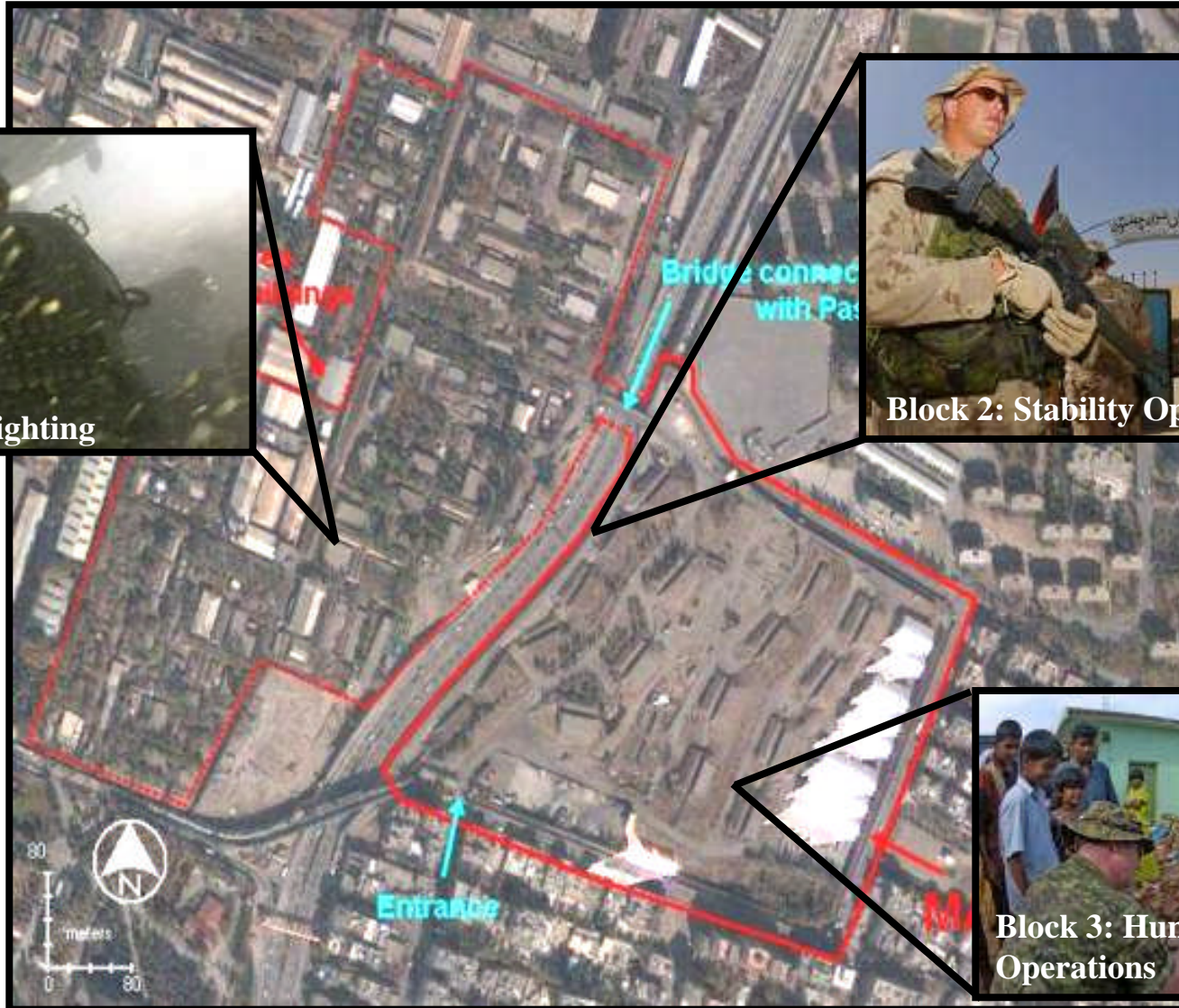


Effective Leadership: Duty with Honour

Direct, motivate, and enable others
to accomplish the mission
professionally and ethically, while
developing or enhancing our
individual and collective capabilities.



Block 1: Warfighting



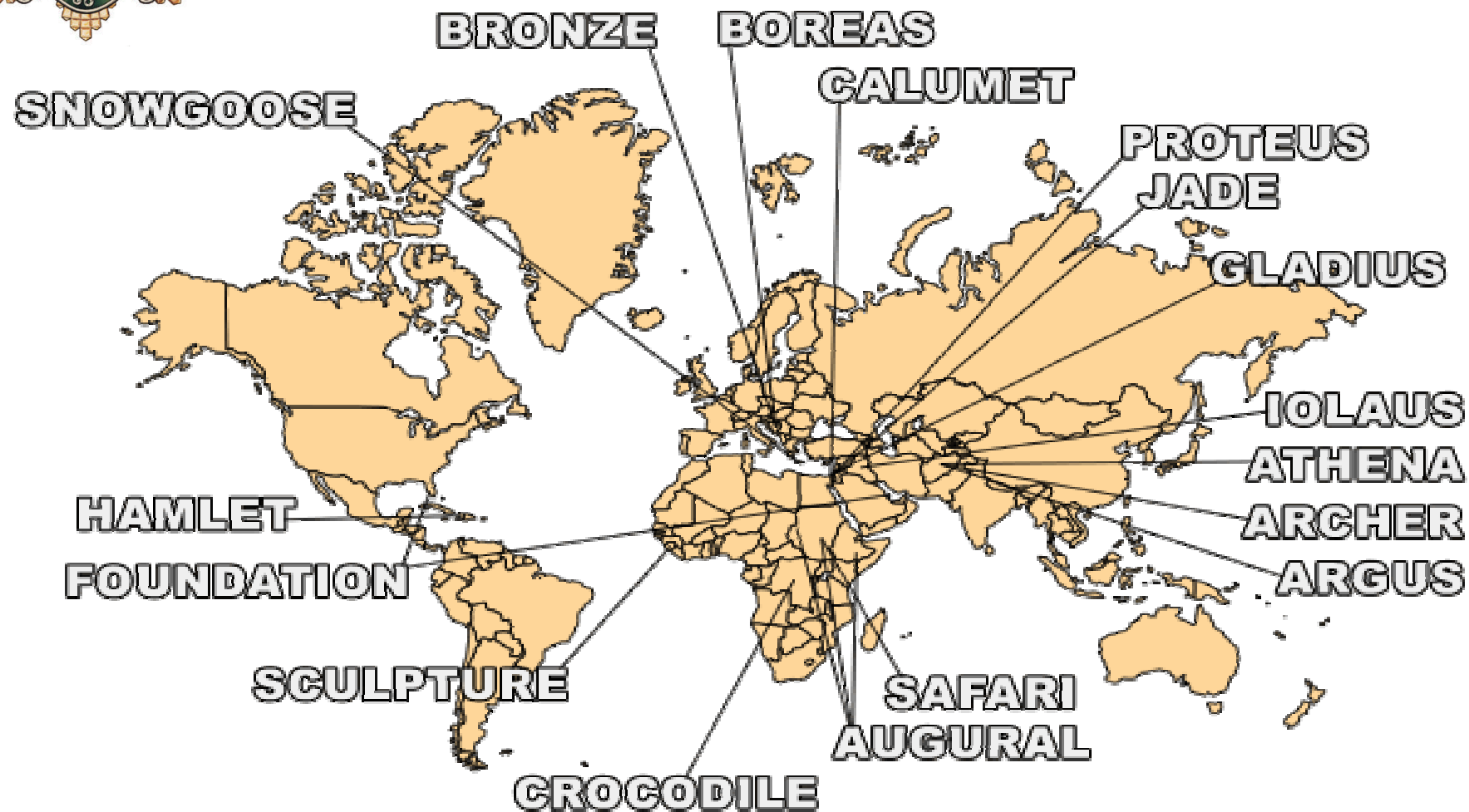
Block 2: Stability Operations



Block 3: Humanitarian Operations



Current CF Operations





The Irish Regiment on Operations

- Cyprus, Golan Heights, Balkans and Afghanistan.
- 6 have recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan.
- In the past decade, over 35 soldiers from the Irish have served in overseas operations.





TASK FORCE 03-08

- 20 soldiers have been identified
- Training Winter/Spring 07
- Deploy Summer 08 to Afghanistan





Domestic Operations

The 2nd Bn Irish Regiment deployed soldiers to
OP ASSISTANCE – ‘97 Winnipeg Floods &
OP ICE STORM – Ottawa Valley in ‘98

Current requirement: 1 x Section of 10 soldiers
prepared to assist in Domestic operations if
called upon.





Territorial Defence Battalions

-offer a standing capacity to *support first and second line responders* with domestically focused land forces with *critical skill sets and capabilities maintained on an elevated level of readiness*
- Regional based - develop “close ties” with provincial and municipal emergency measures organizations



Community Partners

- Easter Seals
- Toy Drive
- MCTV Telethon
- Pull For Kids
- Canadian Blood Services
- Christmas Parade



Open House &

Welcome Home '07

- Saturday, April 14th 2007
- Sudbury Armoury, 333 Riverside Drive, Sudbury
- 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm





Questions ?