



Regional Cadet Instructor School (Pacific)

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PRINCE GEORGE CADET LEADER AND FORMER FT. ST JOHN CADET

AWARDED "SWORD OF HONOUR"

ESQUIMALT, B.C.- Officer Cadet Mathew Jensen, the band officer of 2618 Rocky Mountain Rangers Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC) in Prince George, and formerly a cadet with 2276 RCACC in Fort St. John was presented with the Massey Memorial "Sword of Honour" at the graduation parade of the Basic Officer Qualification Course at Regional Cadet Instruction School (Pacific) Saturday (May. 20). Jensen, a **20-year old pre-medical school science student at the University of Northern B.C.**, was assessed to be the top candidate among the 41 trainees on the course.

He spent seven years as a cadet in Fort St. John and rose to the senior rank of Cadet Master Warrant Officer. Last September he enrolled in the Canadian Forces Reserve "Cadet Instructor Cadre" to give back to the organization as an adult leader with the Prince George Army Cadet Corps where he is the band officer. This summer, he will be employed as a platoon commander and instructor at the Vernon Army Cadet Training Centre.

The basic officer qualification (BOQ) course includes a distance-learning component that must be completed in advance of the ten-day course when the candidates are introduced to the Canadian Forces and take instruction in officer's duties and responsibilities, leadership, instructional techniques, as well as general service knowledge and content specific to instructing and motivating teenagers. The course is the first of a series of cadet instructor qualifications that combines in-house training with extensive on-the-job training. After satisfactory service at a summer training centre, local squadron or corps, the candidates are commissioned as officers in the Canadian Forces.

Reviewing Officer, Lt.-Col. Al Dengis, Commanding Officer of the Vernon Army Cadet Training Centre presented the sword to Officer Cadet Jensen.

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