



CAMP MOSQUITO
EPISODE 4
"PAY & POVERTY"

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FADE IN:

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - DAY

The 40 percenters work on Camp Mosquito which is connected to the town of Pokiok, New Brunswick. The 105th Battery armory is located 45 minutes away in Kitchener, New Brunswick. They work in a large hanger known as building K-13. Inside, there are areas with offices, a recreation room with pool table, couches and a TV. There is a Coke vending machine in the room as well as a snack machine. The remainder of building is the gun park.

Parked side-by-side on one side of the hanger, there are three gun tractors and a one ton pickup truck. On the opposite side, there are three 105mm C2 howitzers with an equipment locker against the wall behind each gun. The guns are also parked side-by-side. At the far end of the hanger, there is a large metal roll-top door used to enter and exit the building by vehicle. There is a normal side door next to the roll-top door used for pedestrian traffic. The gun park lighting is mercury vapor lights. All other lights in the building are florescent.

Second lieutenant Turner is sitting at his desk in his office, speaking on the phone with the battery's head clerk, Master Corporal Stiletto.

2ND LT. TURNER

What do you mean we won't get paid again? Last month, I only received a quarter of my pay.

MCPL. STILETTO

(Incomprehensible chatter
from the phone handset)

2ND LT. TURNER

So, no one will be paid for the foreseeable future? How is that acceptable?

MCPL. STILETTO

(Incomprehensible chatter
from the phone handset)

2ND LT. TURNER

Oh my God! You mean the system is completely broken! I have to hang up or I'll have a heart attack!

He hangs up the phone, walks out of his office into the gun park.

CUT

INT. K-13 GUN PARK. - MOMENTS LATER

The officer calls Master Bombardier Rutherford over to talk to him. Master Bombardier Rutherford walks up to the officer. He is wearing coveralls as is everyone else except the officer. No one is wearing a beret. The enlisted are doing maintenance on the guns and trucks.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
You want to see me sir.

2ND LT. TURNER
Can you call a parade. I need to talk to everyone about pay.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
Yes sir.

He turns around and shouts.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD (CONT'D)
PARADE!

All the soldiers form up in three ranks.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD (CONT'D)
The officer wants to talks to yous
all about pay.

2ND LT. TURNER
(Addressing the formation)
Ok, I just got off the phone with the head clerk at the battery. It seems the pay system has crashed and no one knows when it will be repaired. I know we haven't been paid in over a month but that's all the information I have for you.

CUT

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - MOMENTS LATER

Master Bombardiers Rutherford and Jones are speaking with 2nd Lt. Turner in his office.

2ND LT. TURNER
How are you guys getting to work?

MBDR. JONES
We're walking, sir. I can't afford
to put gas in my Bronco.

2ND LT. TURNER
What year is that Bronco?

MBDR. JONES
It's a 1984 Bronco II.

2ND LT. TURNER
(To Rutherford)
And you drive a mustang, right?

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
Nope. It's a 1982 Mercury Capris.
It looks like a mustang. I can't
afford a real mustang.

He laughs.

2ND LT. TURNER
So everyone's walking to work from
the barracks and then walking to
the mess hall and then walking back
to work and then back to the mess
hall and barracks every day? Oh my
God. How many miles is that?

MBDR. JONES
It's two miles per day. It's not
that bad. It's only a half mile to
work and the mess hall is next to
the shacks.

2ND LT. TURNER
I have to drive ten miles a day
round trip. My car is old and it's
just a gas guzzler.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
A 1973 Lincoln Continental is a gas
guzzler, sir.

He laughs

2ND LT. TURNER
At least it's the two door model.
My grandfather gave it to me when I
graduated basic officer training.
(MORE)

2ND LT. TURNER (CONT'D)
I never imagined it would bankrupt
me in gas money. Then again, I
never imagined the pay system would
just break down and never get
fixed.

MBDR. JONES
(Improvising)
Actually, sir, there are some fuel
saving tips you can enact that may
help you.

2ND LT. TURNER
What kind of tips?

CUT

BLACK SCREEN.

SUPER: "GAS SAVINGS TIP # 1"

CUT

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - SAME TIME

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
(Improvising)
Well...uh...let's see. Hows about
you empty your windshield washer
reservoir. Less weight will
improve your gas mileage.

MBDR. JONES
(Improvising)
That's right sir. It's all about
the weight when it comes to fuel
efficiency. I bet you that if you
try it, you'll see a difference in
a few days.

2ND LT. TURNER
But what if I need to clean my
windshield?

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
Bring a bottle of window cleaner
with you in the car. You can spray
your windshield whenever you need
to clean it.

CUT

INT. K-13 BREAK ROOM. - DAY

Master Bombardiers Rutherford, Jones and Stiletto are sitting in the break room drinking a coke. They are talking.

MBDR. STILETTO

So, since the pay situation is still up in the air, I won't be driving back to Kitchener everyday. I was wondering if you guys had some room in your stable for another horse?

MBDR. JONES

(Annoyed)

What the fuck are you talking about? We don't have a stable.

MBDR. STILETTO

It's figure of speech. You know, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, stable, extra horse. Ha, ha.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

Uh, we're not part of the Royal Canadian HORSE Artillery, so why don't you just come out and say it.

MBDR. STILETTO

Well, I need to room with someone. I thought since we're all master bombardiers, I could stay with you guys in the shacks.

MBDR. JONES

Sorry, no room at the inn. Try talking to the shepherds down the street. They may have a sheep barn for you to sleep in.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

Nope. Jones is right. We don't have room for anyone else. If you want a room, go see the base accommodations office for a room in the shacks.

MBDR. STILETTO

Well, that's the issue. I have to pay for a room in the shacks and uh, we aren't getting paid. I have rent to pay for our apartment in Kitchener.

(MORE)

MBDR. STILETTO (CONT'D)

It's too much to pay both. As you know, my wife is expecting little Abner and the budget is tight. Babies cost money, you know.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

Condoms are cheaper.

MBDR. STILETTO

(To Rutherford, annoyed)

Hush you!

MBDR. JONES

(Sarcastic)

Well, there you go. A sheep barn is ideal for you. When she's ready to calve, move her in and maybe three wisemen from the army pay department will visit you and offer monetary gifts.

CUT

INT. H-23 MILITARY BARRACKS. - EVENING

Master Bombardier Stiletto is carrying his rucksack by one strap over one shoulder. He is walking down the corridor of the barracks with Bombardier Stone. They stop in front of a door and Bombardier Stone opens it and they walk in.

The inside of the room has three beds located in the corners of the room. Also in the corners of the room, are large wooden closets with drawers on the inside. Each bed has a small table affixed to the wall with a chair in front of it. The table doubles as a desk.

The room is decorated with posters of Daisy Duke, Dolly Parton, Pamela Anderson, the General Lee car and a Canadian Forces poster of the Canadian soldier face-off in Oka.



There is a Canadian flag draped sideways between two windows at the far end of the room opposite the door.

On the bed behind the door is Gunner WOLFBOY. He is 20-years-old, average height, brown hair and brown eyes. His complexion is a bit dark but no one knows if it's due to dirt or if it's natural. He has pimples on his face. He has limited facial hair growth just on the chin and upper lip. He is clean shaved. His personal hygiene is not the best. When he speaks, he sounds a bit congested as if he has a cold. He is sitting on his bed playing a video game on a Gameboy.

BDR. STONE

Welcome home master bombardier.
Your rack is the empty one by the
door.

MBDR. STILETTO

Thanks.

He looks around the room in amazement. He drops his rucksack on the floor. He is disgusted. The room smells of dirty feet. He looks over at Gunner Wolfboy sitting on his bed wearing white socks with dirty black soles.

MBDR. STILETTO (CONT'D)

(To Wolfboy)

Have you ever washed those socks?

GNR. WOLFBOY

Oh, hi master bombardier. Yeah, I wash them sometimes. They're my house socks I wear in the shacks.

MBDR. STILETTO

(To Stone)

Is there a reason why it smells like corn chips in here?

BDR. STONE

It smells fine to me. We washed the floor last month. Maybe your smelling the cleaner we used.

MBDR. STILETTO

No. It smells like corn chips. And that dead stuff between your toes and I see a toe nail on the floor. Oh! My! God!

He takes a deep breath, exhales, looks around the room again. His face has the expression of rising anger.

MBDR. STILETTO (CONT'D)
Ok you two. We're gonna clean this
room right now.

CUT

INT. K-13 GUN PARK. - THE NEXT DAY

The soldiers are cleaning the guns. They are all wearing coveralls. Bombardier Stone is talking with the Henzey sisters.

BDR. HENZEY
I hear master bombardier Stiletto
moved into your room.

BDR. STONE
Yeah, he showed up last night and
made me and Wolfboy clean our room.

GNR. HENZEY
It's about time someone made you
clean that hole. It smells like
corn chips every time I walk by.

BDR. STONE
That's what master bombardier said.
I don't get it. We don't eat corn
chips.

GNR. HENZEY
Dirty feet and nasty butt crack
smells like corn chips.

BDR. STONE
It can't be worse than the smell of
your cotex once a month.

BDR. HENZEY
We bathe regularly, so there is no
smell. We clean regularly, so
there is no smell. I remember you
smelled like dirty dick the last
time we were in the field. A dirty
uncircumcised dick.

BDR. STONE
(Surprised)
You looked at my dick?

BDR. HENZEY

(Laughing)

No, I could smell it from three feet away.

BDR. STONE

Ah, fuck off.

(Pause)

How are you girls doing with the no pay stuff?

BDR. HENZEY

We're doing fine. No money problems here.

GNR. HENZEY

Unlike you boys, we work together, not against each other. And we're not girls, we're women.

BDR. STONE

You always have to bring sex into everything when we talk. It's like you have to remind men that you're women and want to be equal.

BDR. HENZEY

We ARE women and we ARE equal. What's your point?

GNR. HENZEY

Yeah, what's your point?

BDR. STONE

Stop ganging up on me. It's like fighting off two tigers at once.

GNR. HENZEY

That's tigresses.

The two sister begin making tiger roaring noises and laugh. Bombardier Stone is flustered and shakes his head.

CUT

INT. CANEX CASHIER CHECK-OUT LINE. - DAY

Master Bombardier Stiletto, wearing his combat uniform, is placing personal hygiene products on the conveyor belt of the check-out at the Canex (military shopping center on base). The CASHIER rings up his items. He gives her a Canex store credit card.

CASHIER
(Disgustingly
condescending throughout)
Can I see your military ID?

MBDR. STILETTO
Oh, certainly.

He takes his ID out of his wallet and hands it to the cashier.

CASHIER
Sorry. Can't accept your credit card.

MBDR. STILETTO
But it's a Canex credit card.
What's the problem.

CASHIER
I have to refuse any credit card from reservists. I guess you guys aren't getting paid. A lot of you haven't paid your Canex credit card bills. I can only accept cash from guys like you.

MBDR. STILETTO
That's outrageous! How am I suppose to buy these personal items. Toothpaste for crying out loud.

CASHIER
Do you have any friends who aren't poor reservists who can lend you some money?

MBDR. STILETTO
No.

CASHIER
I didn't think so. My husband is in the R.C.R., and he said you guys are a bunch of shit pumps. By the way, you're gonna have to put these things back where you got them.

CUT

BEGIN POWER POINT PRESENTATION

A power point slide appears on the screen from the left. The slide features the cap badge of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

(Monotone deep male voice
reading slowly)

The Royal Canadian Regiment, abbreviated as R.C.R., is the oldest regular force infantry regiment in Canada. The abbreviation has also been known to mean Run Chicken Run, the Rubber Chicken Regiment, Retards Carrying Rifles and the Royal Cleaning Regiment. The R.C.R., have also been known as chicken fuckers because of their love for chickens, roasted chicken, roasted chicken skin, chicken drumsticks, chicken breasts, chicken wings, chicken stew, hot chicken sandwiches and other chicken products only available in foreign countries due to Canadian anti-cruelty to animal laws.

The slide moves off the screen toward the right.

END POWER POINT PRESENTATION

CUT

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - DAY

Master Bombardiers Rutherford and Jones are speaking with the officer.

2ND LT. TURNER

I haven't seen any improvement in my gas mileage after draining the washer fluid in my car.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

(Improvising)

Oh, in that case sir, you need to reduce the weight by doing something else.

CUT

BLACK SCREEN.

SUPER: "GAS SAVINGS TIP # 2"

CUT

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - SAME TIME

MBDR. JONES

(Improvising)

Sir, how about you try letting half the air out of your spare tire. You can always travel with a tire pump in case you need to use the spare.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

That's a good idea, sir.

2ND LT. TURNER

I guess I could do that. I don't know how that can work. I wasn't very good at physics.

MBDR. JONES

I read an article in Popular Canadian Mechanics magazine that people living in the far north in Yukon and the Northwest Territories swear by it.

CUT

BLACK SCREEN.

SUPER: "GAS SAVINGS PROGRAM IN ACTION"

CUT

EXT. K-13 COMPOUND AREA OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. - DAY

Rutherford and Jones are adding gas to the officer's car from a green military gerry can. They are both wearing gloves and are keeping a lookout in case someone sees them. The officer's car is a light blue, two-door, 1973 Lincoln Continental.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

That should do it. Seeing is believing.

He stops pouring gas into the tank.

MBDR. JONES
His gas mileage will be amazing.
Let's get out of here.

CUT

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - DAY

The officer is talking with Master Bombardiers Rutherford and Jones. We see 2nd Lt. Turner's mouth close-up while he speaks the first sentence.

2ND LT. TURNER
My gas mileage is amazing.
For the last three days, the needle
on my gas gauge hasn't move at all

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
Here's another tip for you sir.

CUT

BLACK SCREEN.

SUPER: "GAS SAVINGS TIP # 3"

CUT

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - SAME TIME

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

You can remove the jack, fire
extinguisher, and any tools in the
car to get even better mileage.

MBDR. JONES
It's true sir.

2ND LT. TURNER
Wow. I didn't think of that. I
don't have a fire extinguisher but
I know what you mean. Anything
that's extra weight.
(Pause)
Ok, while I have you guys here,
we're going to the field on Monday.
I volunteered us to support whiskey
battery for a week.
(MORE)

2ND LT. TURNER (CONT'D)

I think it will keep everyone busy
and prevent them from spending
money they don't have.

CUT

TELEVISION SCREEN 4:3 STANDARD DEFINITION

Shots of parliament hill from different angles. Writing on
the screen, "CBC NEWS SPECIAL REPORT" and the writing changes
to "OTTAWA BANKRUPT?"

NARRATOR (V.O.)

A CBC News special report. Is
Ottawa out of money? How will
federal departments survive without
funding? What will be cut and what
will not? The answers to these
questions and more on "Ottawa
Bankrupt" a CBC News special
report.

CUT

TELEVISION SCREEN 4:3 STANDARD DEFINITION

Shots of the House of Commons. The speaker identifies the
minister of national defense to speak. Typical CPAC
(Canadian Parliamentary Access Channel) coverage. After the
minister of national defense finishes his statement, we see a
wide shot of members of the house.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The minister for national defense.

MINISTER OF DEFENSE

Mister speaker, the department of
national defense will do all it can
to institute cost saving measures
to reduce spending at all levels.
I will reiterate the government's
position on implementing austerity
measures to curb our spending and
maintain the confidence of the
Canadian people.

Instead of applauding, we hear thunderous pounding on the
tables of the House Commons, which is customary for members
of parliament who agree with a statement.

VARIOUS VOICES
(Shouting out of sync)
Here, here. Here, here.

CUT

EXT. K-13 COMPOUND AREA OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. - NIGHT

Second Lieutenant Turner's car is parked outside K-13 gun park near a door entrance on the end of the building next to a metal roll-top door that is closed.

INT. K-13 GUN PARK. - NIGHT

Second Lieutenant Turner is removing all the fire extinguishers, jacks, tire irons and other tools from all the vehicles. He is hiding the items behind his office (small building inside K-13 warehouse-style gun park). He throws a tarp over the items. He is wearing civilian clothes. A large circular analog clock on the wall shows the time as 11:25.

CUT

BEGIN DAYDREAM SEQUENCE

INT. RIDEAU HALL - DAY

Second Lieutenant Turner is in attendance at an Order of Canada award ceremony. He is sitting in the front row with a crowd of other invited guests seated behind him. He is wearing his tan dress uniform and green beret. He is wearing large pink fuzzy slippers instead of military dress shoes. A narrator is speaking but we do not see him.

NARRATOR (O.C.)
For his outstanding contribution
for saving the department of
national defense money when money
was tight for the government of
Canada, second lieutenant Elmo
Turner, Royal Canadian Artillery,
is hereby awarded the Order of
Canada.

CUT

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

A slide with a photo of the Order of Canada appears on the screen from the left. On it is written, "The Order of Canada"

NARRATOR (V.O.)
(Male monotone deep voice)
The Order of Canada is the second
highest honor in the Canadian order
of merit system which includes
orders, decorations and medals.

The slide moves off the screen toward the right.

END POWER POINT PRESENTATION

CUT

INT. RIDEAU HALL - MOMENTS LATER

Second Lieutenant Turner is kneeling on a small padded rectangular kneeling stool and his head is bowed. A set of old wrinkly hands places the award around his neck. He stands up, lifts his head only to discover that the fairy colonel godmother, Col. Dudleswell, just gave him the award. The fairy colonel godmother is dressed in his tan dress uniform, green beret but he is wearing pajama bottoms and slippers. The fairy colonel godmother emits a hideous laugh and has a toothless smile.

END DAYDREAM SEQUENCE

CUT

TELEVISION SCREEN

SUPER: "5 DAYS LATER"

CUT

EXT. TRAINING AREA MSR. - MORNING

A convoy of gun tractors towing guns and other military vehicles are traveling on the Main Supply Route (MSR) on their way back to the main base. The training exercise is over.

Master Bombardiers Rutherford and Jones' vehicles are ahead of 2nd Lieutenant Turner's vehicle, an Iltis (Canadian Army Jeep of the 1980s). Behind him is Master Bombardier Stiletto's vehicle.

Smoke begins to pour out from under the hood. The vehicle pulls off to the side of the road while the rest of the convoy keeps driving forward. Master Bombardier Stiletto's vehicle pulls up along side of the Iltis. The officer exits the vehicle with his driver, a generic soldier, and he opens the hood to reveal flames all over the engine. The officer reaches inside the vehicle and retrieves a military radio. The military radio is an AN-PRC-125 radio with a ten foot whip antenna. His driver follows him. As they clear the Iltis, there is a small explosion that sets the tarp on Stiletto's truck on fire. We see his soldiers exit the back of the gun tractor and they run away from the vehicle to the other side of the road.

CUT

INT. RANGE CONTROL OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

We see a RANGE CONTROL SERGEANT sitting at a desk near a large window that looks out on the entry and exit road to the training area. He is wearing solid green combat uniform, the sleeves are not rolled, black combat boots, his beret is on the desk. His shoulder slip-ons have "PPCLI" written on them. There is a base station dispatcher-style radio microphone sitting on the desk. There are radios mounted in the wall with large speakers mounted next to them. The sergeant is reading a magazine similar to Women's World. We hear the crackle of the radio from someone calling into range control.

2ND LT. TURNER (O.C.)
(Voice only over the
radio)
Range control this is five eight
mike over.

RANGE CONTROL SGT
(Speaking into the radio
base station microphone
rather monotone)
Range control roger, send over.

2ND LT. TURNER (O.C.)
(Panic voice only over the
radio)
Five eight mike send fire truck
over.

RANGE CONTROL SGT
(Astonishing surprise
speaking into the radio
microphone)
Range control send WHAT Over!

CUT

BEGIN DAYDREAM SEQUENCE

1970s "Emergency" TV show intro.

END DAYDREAM SEQUENCE

CUT

EXT. K-13 COMPOUND AREA OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. - AFTERNOON

Two military flatbed trucks enter the compound. One truck has the burnt remains of the troop commander's vehicle and the other truck has the burnt remains of Master Bombardier Stiletto's gun tractor. Following the flatbed trucks is a two-and-a-half ton troop transport truck carrying the officer and Master Bombardier Stiletto in the cab with a driver. The remaining soldiers are in the back of the truck.

The flatbed trucks stop in the compound behind the K-13 building where there is an open area near the fence. A small crane arrives on the scene and removes the burnt vehicles from the flatbed trucks. All soldiers on the troop transport truck have dismounted and are standing in a semi-circle while watching the crane do its work. The officer and Master Bombardier Stiletto are among them.

Master Bombardier Rutherford walks up to the officer to speak to him.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
Sir, how did the recovery go?

2ND LT. TURNER
It was terrible. We all had to write a statement on our field message pads and give them to the fire inspector who came on the scene with the fire truck.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
So, are you having a bad day sir?

2ND LT. TURNER
Master bombardier, it goes without
saying. YES! I'm having a bad day.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD
I think your day's only gonna get
worse sir. There's two MPs sitting
in your office who want to talk to
you.

2ND LT. TURNER
(Discouraged)
Oh my God! I can't even imagine.

CUT

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - DAY

The officer is sitting behind his desk. The MILITARY
POLICEMEN (MP) are the same height, they are dressed in solid
green combat uniform, red beret, policeman's utility belt,
wearing black combat boots. They each have a pistol in a
holster. They both have a mustache and look eerily similar
as if they could be twins. MP #1 wears the rank of master
corporal and MP #2 wears the rank of corporal.

The MPs are standing in front of the desk. They are very
serious men with no real emotion when they speak. They sound
almost mechanical. All we see is MCPL MP #1's mouth as he
speaks his first lines.

MCPL MP #1
Sir, are you the owner of a light
blue 1973 Lincoln Continental, two
door, license plate number Sierra,
Yankee, Lima, two, one, five?

2ND LT. TURNER
Yes. That's my car.

CPL MP #2
Sir, where do you buy your fuel?

2ND LT. TURNER
At the Petro-Canada station at the
Canex. Why?

MCPL MP #1
In light of the recent pay issues
that reservists are experiencing,
we've been checking the fuel in the
gas tanks of all reservist vehicles
on base.

2ND LT. TURNER
Why on earth would you do that?

CPL MP #2
We're looking for crimes sir. It's what we do.

MCPL MP #1
We want to make sure reservists are not stealing gas from the army.

2ND LT. TURNER
Ok, well, what does this have to do with me?

MCPL MP #1
Sir, we took a gas sample from your fuel tank and it was red.

2ND LT. TURNER
Red? Since when is gas red?

CPL MP #2
Sir, military gas has a red dye in it to identify it as gas. Diesel has a yellow dye.

MCPL MP #1
Your vehicle has military fuel in it. Where did you get it sir?

2ND LT. TURNER
What? I didn't get it from anywhere. I bought my gas at the Canex gas station.

MCPL MP #1
Sir, don't make this harder on yourself than it has to be. We have the evidence.

CPL MP #2
(Very robotic)
Sir, you stole military gas from the government of Canada for use in your personal civilian vehicle. That is a crime sir.

2ND LT. TURNER
(Almost neurotic)
Gentlemen, I have absolutely no clue what you're talking about. I didn't steal anything. A crime? I didn't commit a crime.

MCPL MP #1

Sir, if you won't confess, we'll
have to take you down to the MP's
shack where you will be detained
while we call your commanding
officer and alert him of your
criminal activity.

2ND LT. TURNER

(Neurotic)

Criminal WHAT!

CUT

BLACK SCREEN.

SUPER: "AND THEN THE BOMBS FELL"

CUT

INT. K-13 TROOP COMMANDER'S OFFICE. - SAME TIME

CPL MP #2

Sir, you are under arrest for theft
of government property. You have
the right to retain and instruct
counsel in private without delay.
This means that...

CUT

INT. K-13 GUN PARK. - MOMENTS LATER

Master Bombardiers Rutherford and Jones are cleaning the guns
with their gun detachments. They all witness the MPs walking
out of the troop commander's office with 2nd Lt. Turner in
handcuffs. The three men walk by the guns and exit the
building.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

(To everyone)

I guess Mr. Turner is having a
really bad day.

CUT

BLACK SCREEN.

SUPER: "TWO MONTHS LATER"

CUT

INT. ARMORY CLASSROOM. - EVENING

Master Bombardiers Rutherford, Jones and Stiletto along with 2nd Lt. Turner are seated in a classroom at their parent unit, the 105th Field Battery in Kitchener, New Brunswick. They are in a meeting with the battery commander (BC) Capt. TROOPER. They are all wearing the solid green combat uniform with green beret and black combat boots. The sleeves are not rolled up.

CAPT. TROOPER

(Addressing the group)

Welcome back to your first Monday night admin in two months. Actually, it's your first time back at the unit since you became 40 percenters.

(Annoyed addressing Turner)

What the hell took you so long to figure out you still had training two nights a week?

2ND LT. TURNER

(Nervous)

We've been busy working in the field supporting whiskey battery sir.

CAPT. TROOPER

That was not necessarily the intent of the 60/40 program. It's to support our unit first. I guess we can chalk it up to growing pains.

(Pointing)

From now on, everyone in this room will be here on Monday nights. On Thursday night training, I expect the entire crew to be here. All 25 of you.

2ND LT. TURNER

Yes sir. Understood sir.

CAPT. TROOPER

So, Mr. Turner, how was your week in jail?

2ND LT. TURNER

It was terrible sir. The food was bad and the beds were hard and there was no privacy when using the bathroom or while having a shower.

CAPT. TROOPER

You're very lucky the CO told the MPs to drop the charges. I wanted him to keep you there for a month but my recommendation was shot down. Two burnt vehicles and no fire extinguishers later.

2ND LT. TURNER

(Sheepishly)

Yes sir.

CAPT. TROOPER

All right gents. Enough of my hate and discontent. We need to get to work. I need your help because we have a huge problem.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

What kind of problem sir?

CAPT. TROOPER

While you guys were playing in the mud with our regular force counterparts, we lost ninety percent of our part-time soldiers. The pay fiasco simply drove them away. We are hurting for numbers.

MBDR. STILETTO

What kind of numbers are you talking about sir?

CAPT. TROOPER

Master bombardier, I'm talking about the number of soldiers we have on parade every Thursday night. Those numbers.

(Annoyed)

You know, warm bodies in uniform.

MBDR. JONES

Sir, is the pay problem fixed? I know we got paid all that was owed to us but are the Class A soldiers getting paid now?

CAPT. TROOPER

Yes. The pay is fixed. What is not fixed is our recruiting. Gents, we have to mount a full barrage recruiting effort or they'll shut us down.

2ND LT. TURNER

Shut us down as in what sir?

CAPT. TROOPER

Mr. Turner, shut us down as in turn off the lights, lock the door and put a for sale sign on the building.

MBDR. JONES

Sir, what kind of restrictions do we have on this recruiting drive? You know, left and right arcs of fire?

CAPT. TROOPER

None. Do whatever you think will attract applicants, get them processed and get them in. You have a week to come up with a detailed plan.

CUT

INT. K-13 BREAK ROOM. - THE NEXT DAY

The three master bombardiers, the Henzey sisters, Bombardiers Baker, Stone and Gregory are all in the break room for meeting with the troop commander. They are dressed in their soldi green combat uniforms, black combat boots, sleeves are not rolled up. They are not wearing beret's in the break room. A visitor attending the meeting is Captain ABERNATHY from the recruiting center. He is of average height, red hair and red mustache, he is wearing a variation of the service dress uniform with the green pants, linden green shirt, green wool sweater, dress shoes. He does not participate in the conversation but only watches and listens. The group is brainstorming ideas for recruiting events.

BDR. STONE

We should get some of the dancing girls from Quebec to come to the armory and sell tickets to raise money for the mess and all the guys that show up can sign up.

(MORE)

BDR. STONE (CONT'D)
(Super enthusiastic)
That would be so cool.

BDR. HENZEY
How about we get the chippendales
instead and sign up all the women
who show up.

BDR. BAKER
I like the chippendales idea.
Bulging underwear and muscled up
bods.

She giggles.

BDR. STONE
(Defensive)
Hey, I'm not a fag. I don't want
to watch a bunch of naked guys
dancing.

BDR. HENZEY
(Argumentative)
And I'm not a lesbian and I don't
want to watch a bunch of naked
women dancing. It's a stupid idea,
Bombardier Stone.

2ND LT. TURNER
Ok, ok, I'm sure everyone's ideas
are valid in their own little
universe but we have to come up
with something legitimate. Captain
Trooper made it very clear to me
last night, it has to be
legitimate.

MBDR. STILETTO
I've done recruiting before and we
should establish a common set of
internal qualifications for anyone
to be allowed to apply. Things
like, if they're attending
university and if they're studying
engineering or arts.

2ND LT. TURNER
Why on earth would we want to do
that?

MBDR. STILETTO

It's a way that we can evaluate their intelligence and avoid having dumb people in the unit. We should have more people like myself.

MBDR. JONES

(Sarcastic)

Yes, we need more soldiers just like you. A college drop out and an asshole in uniform.

MBDR. STILETTO

Hush you.

MBDR. JONES

The criteria to join the militia is set out in the Canadian Forces Recruiting Handbook. We don't need to be adding conditions for people to join.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

Jones is right. We need to get as many bodies as we can. There's a huge attrition rate in recruiting. For every 30 people who apply, half of them won't make it through the processing.

BDR. GREGORY

Why don't we host an open house at the armory on a Saturday and advertise in the newspapers and on the radio.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

That's a good idea for a start. At least it gets us going.

MBDR. JONES

We're going to need more than that. We'll have to visit the high schools and the local community college.

MBDR. STILETTO

I can visit the local university here and set up a display at the student union building and talk to the engineering department.

2ND LT. TURNER

Ok, to get us all on the same page, I've invited an officer from the Recruiting Center here on base. I'd like to introduce Captain Abernathy.

(Addressing the Captain)

Sir if you would like to share some wisdom with us.

CAPT. ABERNATHY

Ok people, I've listened to you ideas and they're all legitimate, except for the obvious dumb ones. I have extra recruiting handbooks in my vehicle that I'll give you. You'll need to follow the guidelines starting on page 56. There are two things I must caution you on: first, you cannot refuse an applicant their right to apply for enrollment in any branch of the Canadian Forces. As long as they are a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant or refugee. It doesn't matter if he doesn't meet all the basic requirements. As long as he has all of his paperwork in order to begin processing, you need to forward his file to us. Second, you cannot disqualify an applicant even if he has an obvious physical disability. If he wants to apply, it's his right under Canadian law.

MBDR. RUTHERFORD

Sir, what if the guy has an arm missing?

CAPT. ABERNATHY

Good question. The answer is this: you are not a medical officer and therefore cannot evaluate his physical condition. Additionally, reservist recruiters are not allowed to counsel an applicant out of submitting an application. Only trained recruiters at the recruiting center are allowed to do that.

MBDR. STILETTO

Sir, that sounds rather discriminatory.

(MORE)

MBDR. STILETTO (CONT'D)

We reservists should have the same right to refuse an applicant as you do. After all, it's OUR unit. We should have a say as to who joins.

CAPT. ABERNATHY

Master bombardier, if you shitcan an applicant's file because they don't meet your personal standard, you are opening your unit up to a lawsuit. You will be sued as an individual and your unit will be sued as an entity. The government of Canada will not pay your legal fees.

CUT

TELEVISION SCREEN 4:3 STANDARD DEFINITION

A black screen fades into writing that is centered.

SUPER: "CANADA"

NARRATOR (V.O.)

(Deep male monotone voice)

A message from the government of Canada.

The screen then changes and displays a commercial about joining the Militia, Canada's Army Reserve.

The screen fills with a large zoom-in graphic that says "Militia" It cuts to male and female soldiers gathered together near an Iltis (Canadian military jeep), smoking, drinking coffee and laughing. They are wearing solid green combat uniforms. Their berets are not worn correctly and look like a pizza or flying saucer on their heads. The commercial is low quality, cutting back and forth from one soldier to another with multiple close ups and wide shots. There is no imagery of rifles or weaponry of any kind. The imagery fades to black and the commercial ends with "Canada" written across the screen in large letters.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It's the Militia! Canada's Army Reserve. When you join the Militia, you get a great part-time job, good pay and excitement. Plus, you'll make new friends.

(MORE)

NARRATOR (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Make this the year you serve your
country by serving in the Militia,
Canada's Army Reserve.

FADE OUT.