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When a group of young men in their late teens and early 20s met Dec. 30 to watch a junior hockey game on TV, it wasn't just a case of sports fans gathering at a neighborhood tavern.

The get-together took place at the junior mess hall of the Canadian Forces' famed Maisonneuve Regiment on Cathcart St. and would become a national-security issue.

A subsequent security check by military police revealed the young visitors to be among the leading figures of Quebec's white-supremacist movement.

A Gazette investigation has found that three of the visitors to the regiment that night - Adam **Guerbuez**, Brent Klauser and Adam Harris - are the top representatives in Quebec for the Toronto-based Heritage Front, an extremist group that seeks to set up enclaves in Canada for whites of European descent.

At least three other men visiting the regiment that night were members of the Montreal chapter of the Northern Hammerskins, an international racist skinhead movement based in the United States.

The Northern Hammerskins, the Heritage Front's strongest Quebec ally, have been linked to murders in the U.S. and violent incidents in Quebec.

"Obviously, inviting people of this ilk to one of our regiments is strictly not tolerated," said Major Marc Rouleau, a Canadian Forces official, who confirmed to The Gazette yesterday that white supremacists had visited the regiment.

"One of the members of the regiment approached the president of the junior ranks mess for permission to invite to the mess a group of classmates," Rouleau said. "That request was approved. In fact, he brought in a group of people."

It was only during a later investigation into the reservist's reputed ties to white-supremacist groups that the visitors to the mess hall were linked to racist organizations, Rouleau said.

He confirmed that the reservist in question was one of two men dismissed from the regiment last week.

The military has refused to name the men, identified by sources only as "Malcolm" and "Yannick."

After the two were dismissed, Defence Minister David Collenette said the government and the military remain on the lookout for people holding extremist views.

Since the bombing last month of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City - an incident linked to extreme-right groups - concerns have been expressed about the infiltration by extremist factions into the armed forces, where members of supremacist groups could get paid while receiving valuable military training.

Collenette has rejected the notion that ultra-right-wing organizations are targeting the armed forces.

And Rouleau cautioned that the situation has to be kept in context.

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"Obviously, we try to ensure the people coming in are of . . . quality," he said, adding that it is impossible to keep track of the comings and goings of all reservists and their friends.

Unlike regular soldiers, reserve members are paid to work part time - about one evening a week - at the regiment. There are also a number of extended military-training programs offered by reserve units in the summer that can last several weeks.

The reservists dismissed from the Maisonneuve Regiment had met with the white supremacists at a bar in Ste. Anne de Bellevue a few weeks before the hockey-game get-together.

There, they discussed a wide range of subjects. One of the reservists was a kickboxing fanatic and wanted to get people together to start up a club.

"These guys were hangers-on, they weren't dedicated (white-supremacist) members," said Adam Harris, 20, described by Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege in an interview from Toronto this week as "a close associate of mine."

Two years ago, Harris rented space in the town of Terrasse Vaudreuil and used it to stage a controversial rock concert attended by racist bands and their white-supremacist followers.

The concert marked the Heritage Front's first attempted foray into Quebec. Today, Harris insists he is not a member of the Heritage Front - the group no longer maintains an official membership list - but adds that he has maintained ties with Droege and his followers.

Harris declined to name the reservists who invited him and his friends to the regiment that night, but added that security was not a problem. "We walked in, signed our names on the register," he said.

Brent Klauser, 19, who first registered the Heritage Front's Quebec branch as a business in July 1993, listing his Laval home as the group's headquarters, confirmed in an interview that he was also at the regiment that night.

Klauser, a former member of the White Power Canada group, also refused to name the reservists involved. "I don't want to cause problems for them," he said.

Adam **Guerbuez**, who said he was the Heritage Front's chief media liaison in Quebec, told The Gazette he was at the regiment as well.

Guebuez offered to tell everything about the night in question as long as his full name wasn't used in the story. He arranged an 11:30 meeting one night this week at a bar on Crescent St.

"As long as you're who you say you are, there shouldn't be any problems," Guerbuez told The Gazette by phone. "If we check you out and find that you're a member of the JDL (Jewish Defence League) or something, then the situation could get difficult."

Despite his apparent willingness to talk, Guerbuez never showed up for the meeting and did not return subsequent telephone calls.

Others at the regiment that night included Northern Hammerskins members Brant Smith, Len Langilles and Chris Jewer.

Smith, 20, was sentenced last August to 60 days in prison after he pleaded guilty to pointing a firearm at someone. Langilles and Jewer were involved in a factional dispute within the Northern Hammerskins and are said to have left the group.

One of the people who visited the regiment with the white supremacists said: "Skinheads and military guys go together like peas in a pod."

A shared liking for guns and interest in military tactics, combined with a sense of patriotism, makes the alliance between the two groups a natural one, the source said.

Sacha Clouatre, 20, a Northern Hammerskins member whose application for a firearm permit was denied in 1992, applied to join the Maisonneuve Regiment early last year, police sources said.

"I knew people down there," Clouatre said in a phone interview from his home in Mascouche. "I had old friends down there and I wanted to join, too."

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Clouatre said he decided not to join because he had a nighttime job and couldn't work evenings at the regiment.

On May 21, 1994, shortly after the application was made, Clouatre was shot in the shoulder by a police officer outside Carlos & Pepe's restaurant on Peel St. Moments earlier, during a street altercation with employees of the restaurant, Clouatre had fired several blanks from an imitation 9-millimetre Beretta semi-automatic pistol.

When a police officer arrived at the scene and shouted at Clouatre to drop the weapon, the skinhead pointed it at the police officer and was, in turn, shot.

Clouatre received a suspended sentence after pleading guilty to four counts of assault with a weapon. He refused to comment on the incident.

Alain Dufour, head of the Montreal chapter of the World Anti-Fascist League, said that because guns are so important to extremist groups such as the Northern Hammerskins, their relationship with members of the armed forces is a matter of concern.

"Arms in neo-Nazi groups are a very, very serious problem," Dufour said. "Without physical force, without weapons, their words become meaningless."

The Northern Hammerskins have become the most serious of Quebec's right-wing extremist groups, Dufour said, with several members having gone to train in a compound at Hayden Lake, Idaho.

The training facility is run by the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nations, an organization whose goal is to overthrow the U.S. government and replace it with an all-white regime.

"I don't think they're ready yet," Dufour said of that particular plot.

"They may have the weapons to do something like that, but they're not organized enough."

Dufour theorized that the Oklahoma City blast could boost the morale of right-wing extremist groups and their Canadian counterparts. "These are people who make lots of threats, lots of intimidation," he said. "It's going to reassure them as to their ability to take action."

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