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Wednesday Lunches - Lunches suspended until further notice. Everyone stay safe!!

The 2021 BC Military Gala is CANCELLED. The Sheraton Wall Ctr is booked for Apr 23, 2022

Upcoming events – Mark your calendars (see Poster section at end for details)

Aug 11 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
 Juno Beach Online Historical Tour - Discipline and Martial Justice, 1944–45
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\$7 million Contract Awarded for General Purpose Combat Boots

Julia Lennips Canadian Military Families Magazine 6 Aug 2021



A soldier from the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3PPCLI) laces up his combat boots prior to a training exercise in a make shift village at the Marine Corps Training Area Bellows as part of non-live fire military training activities near Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Base Hawaii during Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) on June 27, 2014.

Photo: Sgt Matthew McGregor, Canadian Forces Combat Camera

This week a contract worth nearly \$7 million was awarded to manufacturer Royer of Lac-Drolet, Quebec. The company will be supplying general-purpose combat boots and nylon laces for the

Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). “The contract was awarded for the acquisition of 40,000 pairs of brown temperate weather combat boots, known as the General Purpose Combat Boots, to help replenish the current stock,” said a Canadian Armed Forces spokesperson. Because a large spectrum of military personnel uses the General Purpose Combat Boots, for this specific procurement process, these boots will primarily be used by recruits of the Regular and Reserve Force and will be issued upon recruitment and replacement as necessary. The General Purpose Combat Boots may also be issued in instances where access to commercial models may be difficult or non-existent. The spokesperson noted that the General Purpose Combat Boots would not replace the CAF temperate combat boot funding assistance program, otherwise known as the BOOTFORGEN.



Members of Joint Task Force Nijmegen participate in the 2017 Four Days Marches Nijmegen on July 19, 2017.

Photo: Master Corporal Charles A. Stephen, Formation Imaging Services Halifax

Harjit Sajjan, minister of national defence noted it is essential that the members of the CAF have the equipment they need to fulfill their duties. “By providing quality combat boots through this contract, we are

ensuring that our members are well equipped to do the important work we ask of them,” he added. The announcement was made on behalf of Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, and Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. “As a result of a competitive procurement process, we are proud to award this contract to Canadian supplier Royer and provide our troops with the best possible made-in-Canada equipment to carry out their work,” Minister Anand stated. Because a large spectrum of military personnel uses the General Purpose Combat Boots, this specific procurement process, these boots will primarily be used by recruits of the Regular and Reserve Force and will be issued upon recruitment and replacement as necessary.

According to a press release, through the contract awarded by Public Services and Procurement Canada, an additional 40,000 pairs of boots and 100,000 pairs of laces will be delivered to CAF supply depots in Edmonton, Alberta, and Montréal, Quebec, by February 2023. “We will not only provide superior quality boots to the members of our Armed Forces, but also create jobs and economic benefits directly in our community,” Minister Bibeau noted. It is also written in the contract that an additional 67,500 pairs of boots over the next five years can be ordered if needed. The design of these general-purpose boots will provide an increase in foot protection and comfort during operations conducted in temperatures ranging from 0°C to 25°C. The boots will be made entirely in Canada at the factories of manufacturer Royer in Lac-Drolet and Sherbrooke, Quebec. The contract for the general-purpose combat boots is expected to maintain 25 Canadian jobs and create five new jobs.

Why the Next Major War is Likely to Start in Taiwan

Jeff Schogol Task & Purpose. Aug 6, 2021



A soldier holds a Taiwan national flag during a military exercise in Hsinchu County, northern Taiwan, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021.

(AP Photo/Chiang Ying-ying)

If the United States and China get into a shooting war, there is a good chance it would start in Taiwan, which the Chinese communists view

as a renegade province. It's no secret that China has long wanted to conquer the island nation, where nationalist forces retreated in 1949 after losing to the communists in China's civil war. The US government provides Taiwan with military equipment, much to China's chagrin. After the State Department announced on Aug. 4 that the US government is selling Taiwan \$750 million worth of weapons, including 40 155mm M109A6 Medium Self-Propelled Howitzer Systems, a spokesman for China's foreign ministry said the weapons sale "severely jeopardizes China-US relations" and sends the wrong message to "Taiwan independence" forces. "China will resolutely take legitimate and necessary counter-measures in light of the development of the situation," the spokesperson said.

Should the United States and China go to war, US troops would face combat on a scale not seen since World War II. "There are three significant challenges the PLA [People's Liberation Army] could pose to US forces seeking to respond to an attack on Taiwan: hypersonic cruise missiles launched both at sea and from shore bases against US warships; cyberattacks against the US command and control networks (including against space-based systems); and offensive strikes against forward US Pacific bases, including Guam," said retired Navy Adm James Stavridis, who served as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander from 2009 to 2013. "Such attacks would significantly raise the stakes for Beijing, and their calculus at the moment leans against such a confrontation," Stavridis continued. "Over time, that deterrent effect may be reduced if the US does not invest in systems to counter."

Indeed, Air Force Gen John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was reportedly so appalled at how badly the US side lost during a war game that looked at a Taiwan scenario that he has ordered the military to rethink its entire joint warfighting concept. It is important to note that while the US military is training and preparing in case it is called upon to defend Taiwan from a Chinese invasion, the United States is not treaty-bound to come to Taiwan's aid if it is attacked. Since 1979, US relations with the island nation have been governed by the Taiwan Relations Act, which somewhat ambiguously states the US government would "consider any

effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including by boycotts or embargoes, a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States." That could give the US government the option of imposing sanctions on China and taking other non-military actions in response to a Chinese invasion of Taiwan, said Bonnie Glaser, director of the Asia Program at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. "In a hypothetical scenario in which a president of Taiwan took an action that was seen by the US as potentially destabilizing, such as holding a referendum on revising the constitution so the language suggested that Taiwan is not part of China, and if the US warned the president not to take that action, but he/she went ahead and did it anyway, the US might decide not to intervene militarily," Glaser said. She also noted that the Taiwan Relations Act requires the president to work with Congress on how to respond to any threat to Taiwan and US interests. If China decided to invade Taiwan, it would likely try to conquer the island before US leaders decided whether to launch a military response, said Scott W. Harold, a senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation. Alternatively, China could take a page from Japan's 1941 playbook and attack the United States first by hitting bases in the Asia-Pacific region – possibly including Okinawa, Guam, Hawaii, Alaska, and even San Diego, Harold said.

In a war over Taiwan, the People's Liberation Army would have the advantage of operating closer to home and they would be able to bring more weapons to bear against Taiwan's military, he said. But the Chinese military has never waged a war in which all military components have fought as a joint force, while the US military has fought many such wars over the past 30 years, Harold said. Additionally, Chinese troops would have to steam for several hours to get across the Taiwan Strait, during which time their invasion vessels would be vulnerable to aircraft, cruise missiles, submarines, and mines. Once the Chinese troops reached Taiwan, they would come in range of the island's defenses, including the self-propelled howitzers that the US government just sold the Taiwanese. Also, the longer a war between China and the United States lasts, the more likely that America's allies in the region and in Europe will get involved, he said. Meanwhile, the United States would face major logistical challenges as it tried to move vast quantities of precision guided munitions, fuel, spare parts, and other vital supplies across the vast distances in the Asia-Pacific region, Harold said. These supply issues would be compounded by the fact that the US military relies on private contractors that are more vulnerable to Chinese cyberattacks than the Defense Department.

Getting to the fight would also be perilous because the Chinese have sophisticated anti-ship and air defense systems with ranges of up to 1,000 nautical miles, he said. In a war over Taiwan, the US military's naval and air forces would be heavily engaged while Taiwan would be expected to provide most of the ground forces, said Dean Cheng, an expert on Chinese military and foreign policy with the Heritage Foundation think tank in Washington, DC. "So, the one area where we have an advantage – combat experience – is the one area where, arguably, we are less needed," Cheng said. Unlike any opponent US troops have faced this century, China has extensive surveillance capabilities including spy satellites, so the Chinese military would be able to track and possibly destroy US warships on their way to the Taiwan Strait, he said, China has a vast arsenal of highly sophisticated weapons that it can use against American forces,

including anti-ship missiles, cruise missiles, and submarines, Cheng said. The resulting number of killed and wounded US troops would be immense, especially if the Chinese attacked an aircraft carrier. “One carrier has 5,000 people on it,” Cheng said. “So, even a mission kill – you don’t sink it, you just screw up the entire topside – you’re probably talking hundreds of casualties, if not more. So, yes, we are talking about lots and lots of casualties.”

But mounting casualties could also affect the morale of China’s civilian population because every member of the People’s Liberation Army killed would likely be an only child, he said. From 1979 until 2015, Chinese families were not allowed to have more than one child. “Every casualty is going to produce at a minimum two parents and four grandparents who just lost their old age care,” Cheng said. “That’s huge; and yes, they will have died to unify the motherland – when it’s your only grandson; when it is your only daughter who is dying, how well does that go over? We don’t know.”

Bizarre ‘Sausage War’: Savvy Finnish vs Hungry Soviets

Jesse War History Online Jun 18, 2021

On the 30th of November 1939, hundreds of thousands of Soviet troops and thousands of tanks and aircraft flooded over the Finnish border. This was the start of the First Soviet-Finnish War, also known as the Winter War. This invasion was started by Joseph Stalin, as land in Finland once belonged to Russia and he wanted it back. His opportunity to attack came when the world was focused on Nazi Germany’s invasion of Poland on September 1st of the same year. Finland and the USSR had actually signed a non-aggression pact in 1932, but the Soviets started making it clear the peace would not last not long after. The Soviet Union received massive amounts of backlash for the invasion, resulting in their removal from the League of Nations.



Finnish anti-aircraft crew inspect the wreckage of a twin-engine Soviet bomber brought to earth in one of Soviet raids on Finland.

(Photo Credit: Hulton-Deutsch Collection/CORBIS/Corbis via Getty Images)

They entered the country with enormous numbers of troops, equipment, tanks, and planes, massively outnumbering the Finns. With over half a million troops and thousands of tanks, it seemed like the Soviets would steamroll through Finland, which is dwarfed by Russia. However, much to Stalin’s embarrassment, this was not the case. The army the Soviets sent in was not in any condition for conquering. Just a few years earlier, Stalin’s purges, which were to secure his position of power, had ravaged the Soviet command structure. Around 30,000 high-ranking officers were either

arrested, imprisoned, killed, or sent to punishing work camps. The purges targeted anyone who was deemed a political obstacle or opponent, peasants, and from selected ethnicities. It is estimated that the purges led to around 1 million deaths.

A Finnish machine-gun crew, wearing white to blend with the background of snow, in action against Russian troops.

(Photo Credit: Hulton-Deutsch Collection/CORBIS/Corbis via Getty Images)



The purges had devastated the Red Army's chain of command, as experienced officers had been replaced with less experienced supporters of Stalin. This resulted in disorganized, poorly trained troops who had inadequate supplies, food, and clothing for tackling a region as cold as Finland. The Finns were well versed in low-temperature operations, and they were well trained, motivated, and equipped. The Soviets' disadvantages were compounded by the Finns' advantages, who were able to school their enemies at the start of the war. At one point though, the Finns gained a useful but unexpected ally: sausage. On the 10th of December 1939, just over 10 miles away from the border, the Soviet 718th Rifle Regiment launched a surprise assault on Finnish troops near the village of Ilomantsi, Finland. Once again, this should have been a walk in the park for the lumbering Red Army. At the start of the attack, the Soviets forced a Finnish retreat, but the now-starving Soviet troops were suddenly overcome by the delicious smell of sausage stew emanating from the Finnish cooking tents. The Finns ate sausage because of its high fat content, vital for keeping the troops energized in the bitterly cold temperatures.



Photo Credit: Hulton Archive/Getty Images

The Soviets had been forced to march for five days and simply couldn't resist the food, something they had received so little of. They paused their attack and began to eat their fill. This pause gave the Finns enough time to regroup, surround the Soviets, and begin their own assault on the feasting enemy. The ensuing battle was a hand-to-hand slaughter. The Finns attached bayonets and made quick work of the unsuspecting Soviet troops, driving them back

and forcing them to call off the assault. Finnish estimates place the death toll at around 100 Soviet troops to 20 Finnish troops. The battle was formally known as the Battle of Varolampi Pond, but amongst troops, it was known as the 'Sausage War.'



Signing of the non-aggression pact between the USSR and Finland.

(Photo Credit: Hulton-Deutsch Collection/CORBIS/Corbis via Getty Images)

Despite the success of the Sausage War, the Soviets would eventually prevail when Finland and the Soviet Union signed the Moscow Peace Treaty, which ended the war in the Soviets' favor. Even though Finland had lost, they fought an incredibly successful war that decimated huge numbers of Soviet troops while keeping their own casualties relatively low. Finland lost about 25,000 troops who were either dead or missing, while the Soviets lost a massive 130,000 to 170,000, dead or missing. The war exposed the Soviet military's flaws and gave Hitler the idea that conquering Russia was possible. Ironically, the lessons the Soviets learned from the Winter War would later play a huge part in defeating the Germans, who made the same mistakes the Soviets did in 1939.

Sword Unearthed in Backyard by Contractors

Family has mystery on its hands. Experts have weighed in, but how 19th century weapon got there is anyone's guess. *Alistair Steele · CBC News · Aug 09, 2021*



Backyard renovation at Ottawa home unearths 19th-century sword

Brad and Renee Sigouin were having a deck built at their Ottawa home when contractors unearthed what turned out to be a 19th century sword. If you've ever undertaken a major home renovation, you know that an unscheduled midday call from your contractor rarely brings good news. Often, it means they've discovered something unexpected and probably expensive. For the Sigouin family of Ottawa, the unexpected discovery turned out to be priceless — at least to them. In April 2020, contractors were digging in the backyard of the family's home in Ottawa's central Glebe neighbourhood while building a new patio. As the excavator prepared to backfill the soil, the workers noticed the unmistakable shape of a sword. They quickly called Brad Sigouin to come take a look. "They said, 'We found a sword.' I go, 'What?' They go, 'Yeah, we

think we know how to pay for your renovation,'" said Sigouin, who moved into the home in 2016 with his wife Renee and their two daughters.



The sword's ornate hand guard is heavily corroded and, according to one expert, bent. Certain details date the sword to no earlier than 1897.

(Alistair Steele/CBC)

The scabbard has rotted away in places, revealing glimpses of the blade underneath. The Sigouins haven't attempted to remove the sheath, and experts say that's wise.

(Alistair Steele/CBC)



The weapon's ornate hand guard was heavily corroded, and any leather that once bound the grip had long since fallen away, leaving a spiral of wire. The scabbard had rotted through in places, revealing glimpses of the steel blade underneath. It appeared so fragile that the Sigouins didn't dare attempt to pull it off. The sword looked as though it had been down there for a century, but it was more or less intact. "The mud kind of preserved it," Sigouin said. The digging didn't stop there. The Sigouins now had a mystery on their hands and soon began delving into the sword's provenance. Because it had already been unearthed when it was spotted, there was no way of knowing precisely how deep the sword was buried. Nor were any other objects found alongside it. "There were no bones, there was nothing else," Renee Sigouin said. "Thank goodness."



Originally, the sword would have looked like this. Note the bugle and crown, identifying this as a rifle regiment weapon. Experts say they can make out the same details in the hand guard of the sword unearthed last year in Ottawa.

(militariahub.com)

With the aid of an archeologist friend and some online research, she initially determined the model to be a 19th-century British infantry sword used during the Crimean War, the Boer War and various colonial conflicts. It was also coveted by Confederate officers during the

American Civil War in the 1860s. But because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Renee Sigouin was unable to show the sword in person to local experts, slowing the search for confirmation. Based on emailed photos, one expert at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Que., narrowed it down to a rifle regiment weapon with a straight thrusting blade introduced in the 1890s and used into the 20th century. Eric Fernberg, a collections specialist with the Canadian War Museum, further pinpointed the sword's age to post-1897, when certain telltale modifications were made to the hand guard. Engravings on the hidden blade could help narrow down the sword's age and even its original owner's regiment — Fernberg believes it may have belonged to an officer with the 43rd Ottawa and Carleton Rifles, later the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa — but confirming that would involve removing the scabbard, a risk Fernberg cautioned against taking. "That thing is so fused together that you don't know what's going to happen," he told CBC News.

Sigouin believes an officer could have passed through the area before the neighbourhood was developed and accidentally left the sword behind. (Alistair Steele/CBC)

None of that explains how the sword came to be buried in the Sigouins' backyard, however. Brad Sigouin thinks it might have been left behind by a British officer passing through what was then the undeveloped outskirts of the capital. "Maybe somebody forgot it or it was lost or something like that," he ventured. But



But Fernberg said he isn't so sure, especially since officers paid for their swords out of their own pockets. "I can't picture an officer losing it. I mean, these things [were] expensive," he said. Fernberg said he believes it's more likely that the sword somehow ended up on the property after the house was built — a forgotten relic that sank into the soil with some decaying outbuilding, perhaps. A search of the home's previous occupants dating back to the first in 1914 provides a few possibilities, including two who worked for the Department of Militia and Defence in the early 20th century.



This photo is believed to show a 17- or 18-year-old Andrew Imlach, who later owned 48 Powell Ave., in the uniform of Ottawa's Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, a cavalry unit, in 1900. If he used a sword, it wasn't anything like the rifle regiment officer's sword found last year. (soldiersofthequeen.com)

Then there was Andrew Imlach, who owned the home at 48 Powell Ave. from 1920 until his death in 1937. Imlach was president of Ottawa's Victoria Foundry, but there's evidence that as a young man he also served in a local militia unit. When Imlach died, his funeral service was held at the home and was attended by many of Ottawa's most prominent citizens. Could the sword have been

buried as part of some funereal rite for a former military man? CBC News reached out to living relatives of several previous owners of the property, but none who responded knew anything about the mystery. The Sigouins know they may never have all the answers, but they do have the sword — and they intend to keep it. An online search revealed that, despite their contractor's initial reaction, such an artifact is worth "a few thousand dollars" at best, even in pristine condition, Renee Sigouin said. Most sell for far less. "It doesn't really have any value. It's got more sentimental value, more significance to the house than it would as an object for sale," she said. With the gradual lifting of pandemic restrictions, the Sigouins are hoping to find a professional who can clean the object, though Fernberg said it's likely too far gone for a complete restoration. "You can't go back, the damage is done. It can be cleaned up a bit ... but yeah, it's rough," he said.

Finders' keepers: The Sigouins stand on the spot where their prized possession was unearthed
(Alistair Steele/CBC)



Eventually, the Sigouins plan to mount the sword behind glass, perhaps on some old boards that were also salvaged during the renovation and display it in their home. At the same time, they're prepared for the faint possibility that someone could come forward and make a claim. "It has meaning to us because it was found at the house as part of our whole experience with the renovation and everything, but obviously if it's someone's great-grandfather's, I'm not going to say no, you can't have that," Renee Sigouin said. "I'd be OK with that, as long as they could prove it," Brad Sigouin agreed.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Yorke Island – The restoration work at Yorke has consumed most of our attention. The Royal Canadian Air Force 192 Construction Engineering Flight have been doing a fantastic job repairing the overhead supports for the gun emplacements. They've also been replacing many of the rusted and missing bolts with period authentic new hardware. In one joint there was only one bolt remaining out of the 18 that were supposed to be there! The 192 gang is also replacing the handrails that were removed when the fort was decommissioned. As a surprise addition, they have constructed a new flagpole for Yorke. It's only fitting that the first flag to be raised would be that of the Royal Canadian Engineers. Chimo! Check out the photos. More to follow in the very near future. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/yorke-192.html>

Yearbook Update 2021 - Sergeant John Swityk - Stu McDonald and Ian Newby brought a 6 pounder and a crew of re-enactors from IMS to help former Royal Regina Rifleman, Sergeant Swityk celebrate his 100th birthday. Sergeant Swityk commanded two 6 pounder anti-tank guns which by the end of the day were the furthest inland of all the Allies that had landed on 6 June

1944. His Company Commander was Stu McDonald's uncle.
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-2021-sergeant-john-swityk>

Yorke Island Gator Project- Captain (Ret'd) Doug Gayton, MMM, CD sweetened our Yorke Island Gator project fund with a substantial donation. Would you like to help out the Yorke Island team? We've got more projects on the books and a Gator sure would be helpful in the future.
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-gator-project8061287>

Collectable Cards - Thanks to Captain (Ret'd) Doug Gayton MMM, CD, we have full funding for the production of the Coast Artillery Collector Cards. We just need one final review to ensure that I have all the details correct and that my grammar is proper. Care to join the team reviewing the file? Download the pdf document and email me at president.vcrgunners@gmail.com with your comments.. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/coast-artillery-collector-cards>

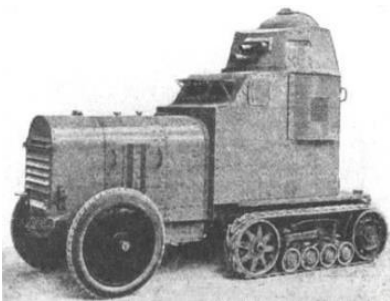
Yearbook Update 1975 - Penny Rubin, the Province fashion writer, crafted an article on army styled fashions with photos by military photographer Gord Croucher. The quality of the scanned newspaper articles leaves a lot to be desired, however we did find some proofs tucked away in the archives. Fashion from 50 years ago in the 70s. Check out the other fashion photos here.
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/fashion-shoot.html>

Save the Date! - 15 August 2021 at 1330hrs, The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada will hold a Virtual Change of Command to welcome Lieutenant-Colonel Wickens, a former Commanding Officer of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment (2011-2014), as the new Seaforth Commanding Officer. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/seaforth-highlanders-of-canada-change-of-command>

VAA Virtual Lunch every Wednesday at Noon PDT - <https://zoom.us/j/710845848> - Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for an hour. Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: The wz.28, also commonly called "CK" (Citroen-Kegresse), was a high, narrow vehicle, with the driving/fighting compartment located at the rear. It had a fully-traversable octagonal turret on top, itself crowned by a small hexagonal ventilation cupola. The turret could accommodate either a wz.25 standard machine-gun (with 2000/4200 rounds) or a Puteaux SA-18 37 mm (1.46 in) L/21 gun with 96 HE and AT rounds. The SA-18 was a low-velocity, short-range gun meant to deal with light vehicles and fortified positions. It was assorted with a telescopic sight with 1.5x zoom. 30 armored cars would be gun-armed and 60 machine-gun armed. The Polish government purchased 135 Citroën-Kegresse B2 10CV chassis in 1924 for conversion at home. Of these, 90 chassis would be taken for conversion into armored cars, loosely based on the AMC M23. Two prototypes were designed by Robert Gabeau (Military Engineers' Research Institute) and Józef Chaciński in 1925



(CWS workshops), and were heavily tested at the Central Cavalry School. One of these, with modifications, was accepted in 1927 as the basis for production by the Centralne Warsztaty Samochodowe (CWS) workshops in the following years. A first 20 unit preseries batch was produced, heavily tested and modified, until the final model, wz.28, was accepted the same year. Armored plates were produced by "Baildon" Steelworks in Katowice.

This Week: The recent discovery of the formidable Caproni-Vespa armoured car in the garage of Gina Lollobrigida's former agent, Vittorio Vasectomi, has led some of our readers to send us photos of other odd and forgotten armoured vehicles. Some are from the distant past, even before the 1980s in some cases, whilst others are of a more recent vintage. Such is the source of the photo of this mighty armoured thing. Its front glacis is certainly designed to deflect A/T rounds, should the enemy gunner ignore the bit where the sole headlamp resides. The side seems potentially less effective ballistically and might have some difficulty stopping .22 cal rounds. Nonetheless, supporting infantry should solve that technical problem.



The camouflage is certainly colourful but might not have been applied with the urban environment in the background in mind. However, it does look nice, and slightly reminiscent of late-war Wehrmacht efforts. However, this is not some secret Nazi weapon, as it dates

from very recent times. Your task, should you be at all interested, is to identify the conflict in which it was used, the organization to which it belonged, and its performance in the 0 to 60 mph range, if you so wish. Send your ideas to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Pray for rain!

From the 'Punitary'

What three things can you give away, but still keep? A smile, your word, and your heart.

Murphy's Other Laws

When you have nothing to say, say nothing.

Quotable Quotes

Silence is the mother of truth. - Benjamin Disraeli

Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

No need to worry about COVID-19 when you go digital. Pop into our video lunch **at noon** on Wednesdays and say hi. All you need is a laptop, tablet or smartphone. These sessions are being hosted by the Vancouver Artillery Association and are **open to all – especially those who attended our Wednesday lunches**. Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies.

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(Seulement en anglais)



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Registration is **FREE** and required for all webinars. Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing a link to the webinar. All webinars begin at 7:00pm Eastern Time (ET) and are approximately 90 minutes in length. The webinar series will only be available in English. We apologize for any disappointment.

If you have any questions about the Maple Leaf Route Webinar Series, please e-mail Eric at eric.story@canadianmilitaryhistory.ca.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our webinars!

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canadiens et britanniques du Commonwealth qui débarquèrent le jour J en juin 1944 et se sont frayés un chemin à l'intérieur des terres lors de la bataille de Normandie.

L'inscription est **GRATUITE** et obligatoire pour tous les webinaires. Une fois inscrit, vous recevrez un e-mail de confirmation contenant un lien vers le webinaire. Tous les webinaires commencent à 19 h 00, heure de l'Est (HE) et durent environ 90 minutes. La série de webinaires ne sera disponible qu'en anglais; nous nous excusons pour toute déception.

Si vous avez des questions sur la série de webinaires « *Maple Leaf Route* », veuillez envoyer un courriel à Eric à eric.story@canadianmilitaryhistory.ca.

Nous avons hâte de vous voir à l'un de nos webinaires!



CANADIAN ARMY OFFICER DISCIPLINE AND MARTIAL JUSTICE, 1944–45

Matthew Barrett, Canadian War Museum

August 11th at 7:00 pm ET (le 11 août à 19 h 00 h HE)

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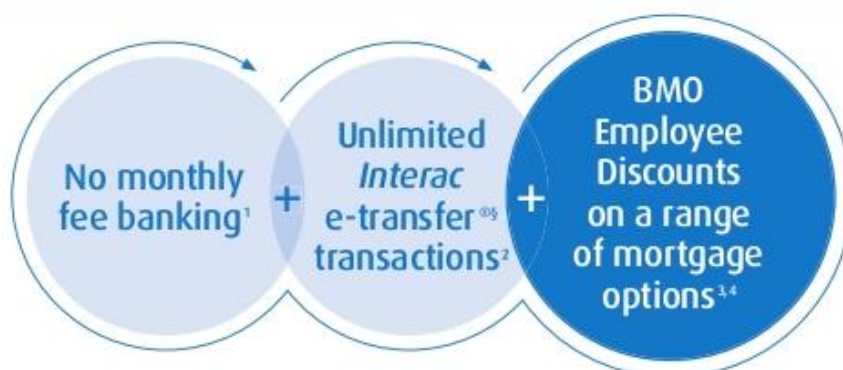
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