

### Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Jan 15, 2019

Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a future newsletter on time, check the websites below to see if there is a notice about the current newsletter or to see if the current edition is posted there. If the newsletter is posted, please contact me at <a href="mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com">bob.mugford@gmail.com</a> to let me know you didn't get a copy.

**Newsletter on line.** This newsletter, and previous editions, are available on the Vancouver Artillery Association website at: <a href="http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html">www.vancouvergunners.ca</a> and the RUSI Vancouver website at: <a href="http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html">http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html</a> . Both groups are also on Facebook at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vancouver%20artillery%20association">https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vancouver%20artillery%20association</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rusi%20vancouver">https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rusi%20vancouver</a>

**Wednesday Lunches -** We need your support to keep the lunches going. Hope all you regular attendees can make it. I am moving so won't make this week. The Mess serves a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Guests are always welcome, and we encourage members to bring their significant others and friends. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** See attached posters for details.

**Jan 26** 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders - Burns Dinner

Jan 29 Roddy MacKenzie 'Bomber Command' presentation at Churchill Society

**Feb 1-3** Yorke Island event

**Feb 02** 15 Fd 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Social

JP Fell Pipe Band Burns Supper

### **RUSI Speaker Series for 2019**

The RUSI Speaker Series will continue in the new year. The first series of lectures took place this past fall on Wednesday's from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We thank the Commanding Officer of 15Fd RCA and the Officers' Mess for their cooperation. The next series will again be held in the Mess from February through April 2019. Timing will remain the same while dates, topics and speakers will be announced early in the new year. Check <a href="www.rusivancouver.ca">www.rusivancouver.ca</a> for this information and other events and activities that are being considered by RUSI Vancouver for 2019 for which members will be invited to be involved and encouraged to attend.

### **World War 2 – 1944**

John Thompson Strategic analyst - quotes from his book "Spirit Over Steel"

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>:** The Soviets break through the German lines west of Velikiye Luki. As the Japanese grip at Cape Gloucester starts failing, they react in the usual way and are stitched down in numbers during "vigorous" counter-attacks – a more polite term for 'Banzai' attacks. Eisenhower takes up his new duties as commander of the forces earmarked for Northwest Europe and the Liberation of France.

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>:** As if having so many of the young men in combat, new high taxes, and the Japanese lurking to the north weren't bad enough, Australians are now confronted by meat rationing. British X Corps (now attached to US 5<sup>th</sup> Army) starts its assault on the Gustav Line at its extreme western end on the Garigliano River, 5<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Divisions get across, but 46<sup>th</sup> is stalled at Sant'Ambrogio – the German 94<sup>th</sup> Division is still holding. US II Corps crosses the Rapido and starts to make slow painful progress towards the foot of Monte Cassino.

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>:** The Germans pull reserves down from the Anzio region to prop up the front at the Garigliano River. Meanwhile the 2<sup>nd</sup> Morocco and 3<sup>rd</sup> Algeria Divisions of the French Corps are making slow and painful progress up in the mountains over the headwaters of the Rapido against the 5<sup>th</sup> German Mountain Division.

Jan 19<sup>th</sup>: X British Corps takes Minturno – a hard-fought success but now two Panzergrenadier Divisions debar further progress into the Gustav line. The Soviet campaign to break the siege of Leningrad captures several key sites southwest of the city, including the old palaces of Peterhof and Krasnoye Selo – which have been stripped bare of their treasures. The Volkhov Front has almost encircled Novgorod. The Figeac Works of Usine Ratier is visited by the French Resistance and critical machinery for making aircraft propellers is demolished by a massive bomb. There is an exacting price for duty. In the fighting around Kyauchaw, Burma Lt Alec George Horwood of the Royal West Surreys is a mortar fire controller. Over the last two days, he has been busy directing urgently needed fire and developing intelligence on the Japanese, usually under heavy fire himself. At night, he goes out on reconnaissance and draws enemy fire so that he can accurately site their positions. His risky leadership is yielding results, but he is still killed in battle the next day. He is posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup>:** With X UK Corps fully engaged, II US Corps crosses the Rapido (no easy task in itself) and attacks towards the Liri Valley and Monte Cassino across fields of mud, mines and German fire. Novgorod is in Soviet hands "again, after some savage fighting.

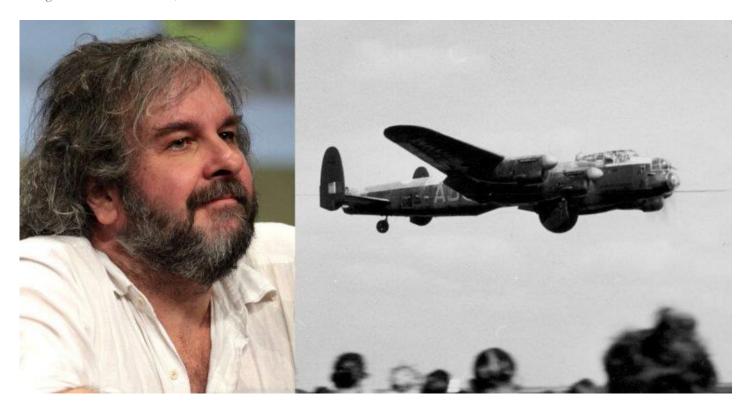
**Jan 21**<sup>st</sup>: Despite a valiant effort, 36<sup>th</sup> US Division's lodgments over the Rapido are eliminated by German counterattacks. The Anzio Invasion force leaves Naples.

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>:** The Allies land at Anzio, with US 3<sup>rd</sup> and British 1<sup>st</sup> Division making up most of the assault force. The Port is captured intact, and German strength on the ground is very thin. As the 36<sup>th</sup> US division attempts another crossing of the Rapido River, Staff Sergeant Thomas E McCall's company takes his machinegun detachment forward to support the foundering assault of his company; using them to shield his company and exposing himself to aid the wounded. However, as his gunners are knocked out by German fire, he takes a machinegun and goes into a lone assault on three German machinegun posts, firing it from the hip. He knocked out two and was captured when his attack on the third failed. He is awarded the Medal of Honor.

Essential Reading: The Anzio landing is another of the great missed opportunities for the Allies; using their superior strategic mobility to flank the grim Gustav Line by landing outside Rome with an amphibious landing; instead turned into a five-month fight that accomplished little. The real debate is who is to blame? Carlo D'Este spreads it around widely in his 1991 book Fatal Decision: Anzio and the Battle for Rome; although he cannot get away from Mark Clark's central indecisiveness. In the details of the battle, it is faultless.

### Oscar Winner Peter Jackson to Retell the Dam Busters' Story

George Winston Dec 28, 2018



L: Peter Jackson speaking at the 2014 San Diego Comic Con. Photo Gage Skidmore CC BY 2.0; R: Avro Lancaster modified to represent those used in the "Dam Busters" film displaying at Coventry airport. Photo: RuthAS CC BY-SA 3.0

Peter Jackson has confirmed that he still holds the film rights to the iconic Dam Busters story and that he is keen to get a re-make into production soon. The original film was "romanticized" and was subject to the UK's Official Secrets Act, which meant that in 1955 some of the technical details of the operation were not allowed to be shown. Jackson, a New Zealander, recently won plaudits for his work re-colorizing and smoothing World War I footage in his documentary They Shall Not Grow Old. This new project is expected to reaffirm the "real story" as told by the author James Holland in his book Dam Busters: The Race to Smash the Dams, which includes declassified information not available in the years after WWII. Jackson pointed to details in the original movie such as the bouncing bomb, which could not be shown to be spinning as that fact was still a state secret. While he accepts that the movie was as accurate as it could be given the circumstances, he said, "The real story is so much more interesting. It's a story of politics, of ingenuity and peril." That last word cannot be overestimated. Wing Commander Guy Gibson was selected to lead the squadron that attacked the Ruhr dams, inside Germany's industrial heartlands to the East of Dortmund.

For all the glamour of the movie, the operation was dangerous and difficult, consisting of navigating a squadron of Lancaster bombers, each carrying a four-tonne spinning bomb, deep into enemy territory. Eight planes and fifty-six crew were lost, but because two dams were breached, the mission was deemed a success. The raid took place on May 16-17, 1943, with the crews leaving RAF Scampton just after 9:30 PM. They flew out across the North Sea, but strong headwinds slowed them down, and they arrived over the Netherlands further south than expected. The route was adjusted, and the squadron flew unopposed up the Rhine River. They received some flak from barges on the river and batteries on the banks but made it to their first target, the Mohne Dam, to discover that everything was as previously briefed: there were no searchlights or barrage balloons and only a light battery in action. It took three approaches under fire to get a bomb on target and breach the dam. The next target was the Eder Dam. It took less than a quarter of an hour for the squadron to arrive at the dam. They were not in formation and encountered no opposition other than two sentries with rifles. The approach at this dam was more technically challenging. It took five dummy runs for one of the planes to release its bomb, and two more bombs to breach the dam.

James Holland thinks that the portrayal of the hero of the operation, Guy Gibson, was "anodyne" in the 1955 movie. Gibson was clearly suffering from combat fatigue, but because that was not even a concept in the 1950s, it wasn't recognized in the movie. In a conversation with Captain Eric Brown, Holland was told that Gibson had admitted to being terrified every time he climbed on board an aircraft. "And yet somehow he hid that from everybody else and found the courage to provide unbelievable leadership." When Gibson was awarded the Victoria Cross in June 1943, he was the most highly decorated serviceman in the country at the age of twenty-four. In September 1944, not long after his twenty-sixth birthday, he was shot down and killed by friendly fire over the Netherlands. The new Dam Busters film has been in the planning stages for almost ten years, but Jackson says that he hopes to get it into production in 2019.

### Thales Canada Provides New Technology to Canadian Army

Vanguard Feb 7 2018

Trusted at the highest levels to help armed forces prepare, achieve and maintain tactical superiority and strategic independence over any form of threat, Thales understands the global landscape. With 2,000 employees and more than 500 suppliers, Thales Canada drives the development of new, made-in-Canada solutions that connect and equip soldiers on the battlefield, delivering information superiority and giving joint forces mastery of action whenever they face their decisive moments. Is there a secure mobile software application that can be developed to enable soldiers to quickly, easily and accurately communicate and coordinate their tactical efforts while manoeuvring in an armoured vehicle? To date, soldiers could rely only upon their voice radios to communicate with other vehicles on their mission and coordinate routes and activities in the field by relying on markers and analog maps.



Part of the Canadian Army's Land Command Support System (LCSS) program in collaboration with multiple defence industry partners, Thales' Tactical Battlefield Management System is the

next generation of battlefield management software. A combat multiplier, TBMS offers soldiers an intuitive touch interface mobile application that can be securely deployed on a wide range of mobile devices integrating digital battle maps, situational awareness, communications and sensor systems, allowing soldiers to make mission-critical decisions quickly and effectively. Based on the latest gaming technology, TBMS is optimized for usability in a dynamic, mobile environment. TBMS will be deployed on more than 1,000 tablets and computers to provide the Canadian Army with a faster, easier and more accurate way to create and share tactical information between fighting vehicles; critical to the success of today's missions and the ability for soldiers to quickly share information in hostile environments. The intuitive software application solution works similar to a common smartphone application providing soldiers in the field with digital maps, friendly positional awareness, quick sketch and share functionality to highlight routes, threats or hazards, as well as simple text-chat capabilities to coordinate their actions.

This fall, the Capability Validation Exercise was conducted by the First Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) at its base in Petawawa, Ontario. The Exercise, led by the RCR along with the ADM (Mat)/ DLCSPM Integrated Project Team, coordinated the participation of respective C4ISR industry support. The Exercise provided soon-to-be-deployed soldiers and army leaders with the ability to use TBMS as part of the larger System of Systems in the field. TBMS received a high degree of acceptance by the soldiers, validating Thales' long-standing user-focused and iterative development approach to this solution. Thales Canada Engineer John Schreuders participated in the exercise and commented that "it was interesting to watch the soldiers use TBMS in ways we had not anticipated. Digital chat for instance, was a feature that within the first week of the exercise, I saw combat soldiers and leaders incorporating the capability into their battle procedures." Senior Software Tester at Thales Canada, and TBMS Integration Test Lead, Jeff Corbin, echoed these observations. "Having previously been deployed as a Field Service Representative with the Canadian Army in Afghanistan in both 2009 and 2010, I was very proud to see how the RCR embraced TBMS. Seeing first-hand how they were able to use our solution within the tight confines of the LAV was a personal moment of pride for this project."

R&D investments drive the long-term development of all Thales solutions. TBMS is a direct result of valuable R&D investments that Thales makes into its solutions in Canada. A Top 100 Canadian corporate R&D investor, Thales is powered by a dedicated Thales Research and Technology hub located right here in Canada – one of only five worldwide – it is an innovative ecosystem enabling research partnership with Canadian government, academic institutions and business developing a wide range of solutions from cybersecurity to artificial intelligence. Since 2008, Thales has been delivering the LCSS to the Canadian Armed Forces, enabling commanders to master each of their decisive moments using real-time battlefield information, evaluate intelligence and share a common operating picture. LCSS is critical to the success that today's dynamic, complex and dangerous operations demand. LCSS has provided more than 1,000 person-years and contributed more than 350 jobs to Canada's knowledge economy. In addition, more than 25 subcontractors work on the program, many of them small and medium-

sized enterprises. Skilled engineers support the design, development and evolution of the system and support world-class solutions to meet the evolving operational capabilities required by the Canadian Army. It has been used in operations both at home and abroad and now serves as the framework for the development of new smart city and public safety solutions.

### **Modernizing the Army for Better Tactical Connectivity**

Vanguard Canada Jan 4 2019

Several modernization initiatives in the Canadian Army have underscored the importance for a robust network capability to support a full spectrum of operations between headquarters, formations and units. Past efforts in Libya and Afghanistan have also emphasized this longstanding capability gap, where fielded network equipment did not allow for seamless sharing of critical information. And with a range of possible scenarios in the future–from peacekeeping, to counterinsurgency, to full out war—"the Army must be network-enabled, capable of exchanging information laterally and vertically, between sensors, weapons, vehicles and command and control nodes, and enabling information accessibility by the right person at the right time," according to Designing Canada's Army of Tomorrow, a key document in Army 2021 planning.



Now consider a highly integrated tactical communications infrastructure that is assured and secured with active cyber defence, with more than enough bandwidth to provide dismounted leaders access to all of the traditional and non-traditional Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) sources, the Common Operating Picture (COP), and the digital networks that are critical to maintaining end-to-end situational awareness. This capability would allow CAF to maximise and re-capitalise the utilization of in-service tactical communication systems with a modern approach to information management and networking, making use of private sector communications technology,

including increased satcom bandwidth for new and emerging data transit requirements, expanded utilization of Link 16 communications for increased air-to-ground situational awareness, a "commander's dashboard" for network and cyber monitoring, and Anti-Jam (AJ) and Low Probability of Intercept (LPI) over commercial Ka band satcom for operations in Anti-Access Area-Denial (A2AD) environments.

<u>Viasat</u> is one of the communications companies that is bringing this end-to-end capability forward and urging the DND to take advantage of the accelerated development cycles, substantially higher research and development funding, and advanced technology available

within the private sector. Modern private sector communications networks, such as this "Hybrid Adaptive Network" architecture, provide substantially greater performance, resilience, security, scalability, and cost-effectiveness than their government purpose-built counterparts. This performance gap will continue to widen as the private sector continues to apply agile development processes and accelerate research and development in order to create competitive advantage in the multi-billion dollar communication market. Due to their longer acquisition and development cycles, future government purpose-built systems will be at least one generation behind the technology and performance curve on the day they become operational, and they will grow more obsolete over the course of their fielded life-cycle. Ken Peterman, Viasat's president of government systems, also recommends the government and commercial sector look to be interoperable at the network layer to provide warfighters with a seamless, resilient, agile, and protected satcom network available everywhere. This Hybrid Adaptive Network would enable new, cutting-edge commercial technologies to be used interchangeably with other services as well as existing DND purpose-built systems, rapidly delivering enhanced resilience at an affordable price.

At the present time, the CAF operates over WGS and purchases communications bandwidth on an as-required basis from commercial satellites. While this has been sufficient to date, future requirements and emerging threats from near-peer adversaries have highlighted the critical need to improve secure communications. Moving from an exclusively closed-government network (acquisition-based model) to a platform that is shared with commercial network providers (market-based competition model) sets up an open-standards marketplace for satellite services for the DND, encourages innovation, reduces the risk of adding new types of networks in the future, and provides an easy path to interoperability. Recent joint exercises in the United States have already demonstrated the promise of this architecture for empowering ground forces to fight whenever and wherever they are needed. With these modernization initiatives, the Army will have a network that is not only ubiquitous, but also sufficiently robust to support the evermore extensive use of battlefield data, even in the face of the emerging threats from near-peer adversaries.

### German WWI U-Boat Resurfaces Off French coast

(CNN)Low tides have revealed a relic from World War I -- the skeleton of a German U-boat visible again off the coast of northern France. *Andreas Preuss, CNN January 13, 2019* 

The metal frame of UC 61 can be seen about 100 meters (more than 300 feet) from the sand dunes of Wissant, France just down the coast of Calais in the North Sea, according to the news agency Agence France-Presse. The submarine ran aground on July 26, 1917. Vincent Schmitt, a tour guide in the area, told AFP that "it is visible at low tide generally...because of the erosion we are experiencing." The UC 61 got stuck in the sand during heavy fog and was destroyed by its crew, so it could not be captured by the Allies, uboat.net reports citing German military archives.



The metal frame of the German U-boat UC 61 is visible during low tide in Wissant, France."

Though the vessel is categorized as a coastal mine-laying sub, it did have deck guns and carried torpedoes. UC 61 is credited with sinking or damaging more than a dozen ships between November 1916 and July 1917, archives show. On

July 26, the submarine apparently came too close to shore. "We had high tide nets that were stretched between England and France to catch submarines and it strayed a little too close to the beaches." Schmitt said. After destroying the sub, its crew of 26 surrendered. The commander of the U 61, Capt Georg Gerth, was a prisoner of war until March 1920 according to uboat.net.

### Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Thirteen more Commanding Officers photographs to go! Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Younghusband Linsey Crossley ED is the next one on the list. He was the Commanding Officer when the Regiment was activated at the beginning of World War II plus he was the only Commanding Officer that served in North Russia during World War I. Send me an email at <a href="mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com">president.vcrgunners@gmail.com</a> if you would like to sponsor his upgraded photo.

Here's some more recent updates on the website:

2010 Regimental Rifle Team <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/bcra-competition.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/bcra-competition.html</a>

2010 Regimental Barbecue <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/bbq-2010.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/bbq-2010.html</a>

2010 Presentations http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/regimental-parades.html

2009 Yakima Live Firing Ex <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/yakima-live-fire-ex-2009.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/yakima-live-fire-ex-2009.html</a>

2008 Church Parade <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/church-parade.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/church-parade.html</a>

2006 British Columbia Law Enforcement Memorial Service <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/police-memorial-2006.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/police-memorial-2006.html</a>

2005 Junior Ranks Ball <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2005.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2005.html</a>

2004 Canada Day Salute <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/canada-day-2004.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/canada-day-2004.html</a>

Have you checked out the Regiment Centennial glasses? <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/december-02nd-2018">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/december-02nd-2018</a>

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at <a href="mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com">president.vcrgunners@gmail.com</a>

### Who Is It

Last Week: The picture is of Canadian Vickers Mk II 'Vancouver', RCAF number 960, based



at Jericho Beach in 1939, flying over the north shore mountains. Shown here is another of that aircraft at the base at Jericho. Thanks to Colin Stevens for the additional photo.

**This Week:** We are finally abandoning our aeroplanetheme and reverting to things on the land, sort of. To be

honest, there is a connection between this week's photo and aircraft, but it is not a pleasant one,

at least to the Brylcreem Boys. What we have is a rather elderly, to our eyes, vehicle, carrying two tripod-mounted weapons of the type favoured by various and sundry militias in Libya. However, the personnel seem to be a bit more formally dressed than our friends in that troubled North African country, although the foliage might well be the same as that found in scenic Tripoli. In fact, their uniform seems quite familiar to us.



So, dear reader, can you identify the fine chaps in the photo? More challengingly, what are the fine guns they guard so proudly? And, hardest of all, can you name the stream-lined mammoth truck in which all are carried? Send your answers to the editor, <a href="mailto:bob.mugford@outook.com">bob.mugford@outook.com</a> or to the author, John Redmond (<a href="mailto:johnd.\_redmond@telus.net">johnd.\_redmond@telus.net</a>), and you, too, will be blessed by warm weather and palm trees.

### From the 'Punitentary'

What is 'middle age'? When you know all the answers, but no one asks the questions.

### Murphy's Other Laws

The first rule of looking good - don't sneeze while someone is cutting your hair!

### **Quotable Quotes**

The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up. - Paul Valery

### **Yorke Island Visit**





# BC Parks Sayward Public Presentation 1 - 3 February 2019

Friday, February 1st (10am – 2pm): Yorke Island field visits, familiarization tour.

Friday, February 1st (6pm – 9pm): Open House and evening presentations from the Heritage Branch, Vancouver Artillery Association, etc.

Saturday, February 2nd (1pm – 4pm): Planning Open House, lunch for volunteers and partner discussions. Display poster/tables, e.g. Campbell River Museum, etc. Sunday, February 3rd (9am – 3pm): Alternate date for Yorke Island field visits.

Interested? Send an email to president.vcrgunners@gmail.com for details



### **Dues 2019**

As of Jan 1, memberships dues are payable for 15 Fd Regt Officers Mess Associate Members, Vancouver Artullery Association and the Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver Society. Details below.

Dues for the **Vancouver Artillery Association** are \$25(\$15of which goes to the RCAA), payable to the Vancouver Artillery Association. Membership in the VAA also makes you a member of the RCAA and we need to submit a membership list along with payment of \$15 per member in the very near future so please get your dues payment in soon. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

Treasurer, Vancouver Artillery Association 2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Dues for **RUSI Vancouver** are \$50 (\$25 for students), payable to RUSI Vancouver. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

Treasurer, RUSI Vancouver 2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Dues for **15 Fd Officers' Mess Associate Members** are \$60, payable to 15 RCA Officers Mess. Dues cheques can be hand delivered at Wednesday lunches or mailed to:

Treasurer, 15 Fd Regt Officers Mess 2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

### 78 Fraser Highlanders Garrison Burns Supper





I request the company of our Officers, Miladies and Guests at our annual

# Garrison Burns Supper

to be held in
The Officers' Mess at Bessborough Armoury,
15th Field Regiment RCA
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

## Saturday, 26 January 2019 1800hrs for 1900hrs

Dress: Scarlets, Highland Evening wear, Black Tie or Business Attire Tariff: \$78 per Person

RSVP to jobarb@shaw.ca or 604-522-5766 ASAP! (before 19 January)

Places will be allocated on the sequence (date & time) of RSVP emails received at jobarb@shaw.ca

Members have priority, but please RSVP soonest as this event is usually oversubscribed.

Looking forward to seeing you there

*James Barrett, Maj.* Officer Commanding



## Churchill Society of British Columbia Patron: Randolph Churchill

#### PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH CHURCHILL:

### Bomber Command and Winston Churchill Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Please join us on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 when we welcome special guest speaker Roddy MacKenzie. Mr. MacKenzie's topic for the evening will be *Bomber Command and Winston Churchill*.



Bomber Command and Winston Churchill is a powerful story which needs to be shared.

Roddy MacKenzie previously spoke to your Society about the relationship between Churchill and Queen Elizabeth II. Now, he's tackling the complex relationship between Churchill and Bomber Command (for which his Dad flew multiple missions and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC).

It is grimly noted that one in four of all Canadians who died fighting in WWII were killed in Bomber Command operations.

Winston Churchill was its driving force and inspiration, and what these magnificent aircrew contributed to Allied Victory cannot be overestimated. And yet, even today, Churchill's relationship with Bomber Command is either seriously misunderstood or virtually unknown.

Roddy MacKenzie was born and raised in Calgary. He was educated at the University of Calgary and the University of British Columbia, and became the municipal lawyer for municipalities throughout BC. He's a Queen's Scout, with memberships in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Naval Officers Associations, the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, the Royal Commonwealth Society, and our Society. He has Life Memberships in Clan MacKenzie and the Monarchist League of Canada. He was awarded the Canada 125 Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Roddy is married to Ka Hyun MacKenzie Shin, and has four children.

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Location: The Vancouver Club, 915 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C.

Time: Wine & Cheese starts at 5:00 pm, Program from 5:50 – 7:00 pm

Cost: \$25 each for a Member of the Society, \$35 each for a non-Member

\$40 for a Member accompanied by either a spouse, partner or an immediate family member

The ticket cost includes one beverage ticket per attendee redeemable for 1 glass of wine or beer, or for 2soft drinks. Additional drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Please inform our Administrator, April Accola, of your attendance by email at <a href="mailto:aprilaccola@hotmail.com">aprilaccola@hotmail.com</a>, by mailing the attached form, or by going online at <a href="mailto:www.winstonchurchillbc.org">www.winstonchurchillbc.org</a>.

I look forward to seeing you on January 29. Please feel free to send this notice to any interested parties.

Ian E. Marshall, Secretary

Churchill Society of British Columbia

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### JP Fell Pipe Band Burns Supper

# J. S. Fell Pipe Band 25th Anniversary Robbie Burns Supper

February 2, 2019

Proudly Associated with 6 Engineer Squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers



Tariff: \$60.00 per person

Time: 5:30pm for 6:30pm Dinner

Location: J.P. Fell Armoury

1513 Forkes Ave, North Vancouver

Dress: Mess Dress or Semi-formal

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Cash only bar

Website: jpfellpipekand.org

Tickets: events@jpfellpipekand.org

Join us for an evening of:

Pipes and Drums,

Scottish Country Dancing,

Door Prizes,

Silent Auction and a

Delicious Buffet Dinner.

### 15 Field Regt Birthday Fund Raising Social

# 15th Field Artillery Regiment, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

Cordially invite you to their

99th Birthday

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ALL RANKS FUND RAISING SOCIAL

(ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS "BATTLE FIELD TOUR 2020")

Saturday, 2nd February 2019

Cocktails: 18:30 for 19:00 hrs

LIVE MUSIC and DJ

To be held at

Bessborough Armoury 2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vancouver, BC

RSVP required by 3 Jan 19

Capt Dempsey GM,

Email: george.dempsey@forces.gc.ca

Telephone: 604-666-4370

Dress: Casual

Tickets: \$10 single

\$15 couple