



Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Oct 23, 2018

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 bob.mugford@gmail.com 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: www.vancouvergunners.ca and the RUSI Vancouver website at: <http://www.rusivancouver.ca/newsletter.html> . Both groups are also on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vancouver%20artillery%20association> and <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rusi%20vancouver>

Wednesday Lunches - We serve 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. 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.

- Nov 03** CCMMS Anniversary Dinner
- Nov 07** Dominique Boulais CWGC – Commissions work maintaining graves, memorials
- Nov 10** With Glowing Hearts Concert – Delta
Commemoration event in the Veterans section of Mountain View Cemetery
Peacemaking and Chaplains – Brentwood Presbyterian Church
- Nov 11** **Remembrance Day**
With Glowing Hearts Concert – New Westminster
- Nov 14** RUSI Speaker Series - “Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord”
- Dec 01** St Barbara's Day Dinner
- Jan 26** 78 Fraser Highlanders Burns Dinner

World War 2 – 1943

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

Oct 24th: Sant'Angelo is liberated by US 34th Division.

Oct 25th: Malinovsky lunges across the Dnieper at Dnepropetrovsk and secures a lodgment there.

Oct 26th: Another day, another deportation, and thousands more die as the Nazi death machine is in full gear: Of 1,866 Jews from Theresienstadt who arrive today at Birkenau, 350 men are tapped for the slow death of labor, the rest are sent to the “showers”.

Oct 27th: German counterattacks near Nikopol try to prevent the Soviets from sealing off the Crimea.

Oct 29th: General Heinrici's impressive handling of the 4th German Army in its defence of the front between Orsha and Vitebsk wins him a reputation as the Wehrmacht's master defensive tactician.

Oct 30th: American troops liberate Mondragone.

CWGC Presentation – 1300hrs 7 Nov 2018

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission presentation by Dominique Boulais, the Commemorations and External Relations Manager for Canada, will consist of a brief history, a description of our fundamental principles and its mandate and worldwide responsibilities; it will describe the responsibilities of the Commission's Canadian Agency within the Americas while emphasising its work in BC. It will also explain the importance of commemoration and the discovery of remains.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was established by Royal Charter on 21 May 1917. Its duties are to mark and maintain the graves of the forces of the Commonwealth who died in the two world wars, to build and maintain memorials to the dead whose graves are unknown, and to keep records and registers. The Canadian Agency of the Commission is responsible for fulfilling the Charter tasks in the Americas (including the Caribbean). This includes the care of 20,400 War Dead commemorated in 3,350 cemeteries and on ten memorials.

Mountain View Ceremony – Nov 10 & 11

**A Special Tribute on the 100th Anniversary of the End of the First World War
Mountainview Cemetery – Vancouver, BC
November 10th to November 11th**

Location: Mountainview Cemetery

5455 Fraser Street, Vancouver *(Beside 33rd Ave, on the South side)

On Saturday November 10th our 24-hour commemoration of the Great War Armistice will begin with a special ceremony at 3:00pm. We will place 6,000 hand made Poppies at the graves of 4,000 veterans who are interred at Vancouver's Mountainview Cemetery. Each poppy represents a serviceman or women from British Columbia that died in the First World War. Our commemoration will continue with the lighting of 100 candles. The event will then become an all-night solemn vigil with uniformed sentry standing guard amongst a field of poppies and sacred presence of 4,000 veterans. Our tribute to our fallen will culminate on November 11th with a small informal gathering to remember. The commemoration is expected to end on November 11th at 3:00pm.

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Fake-Looking Air Force Photo Is Real, And Totally Amazing

Paul Szoldra T&P on Facebook October 9, 2018



Staff Sgt. Matthew Gluyas, 99th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, fires an M4 carbine at a target at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, Sept. 19, 2018. The M4 is now the standard issue firearm for most units in the US military.

Airman 1st Class Andrew D Sarver/US Air Force

The photo was floating around among some doubters on Instagram, which is where we spotted it. Those with a keen eye and even a cursory knowledge of the M4 rifle will immediately wonder, why is that shell casing in front of the barrel? Normally, when an M4 fires, the spent brass is ejected to the right and rear of the shooter, at anywhere between 3 and 4 o'clock. But in this case, the brass was ejecting forward. Which is weird as all hell. We reached out to the photographer, Airman 1st Class Andrew Sarver, who assured us that yes, it's legit. The photo was shot last month during range training with a K-9 unit at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and part of a larger gallery he directed us to on DVIDS. "The M4 we were using had been ejecting brass forward (at about a 2-3 o'clock position) throughout the entire exercise," Sarver told Task & Purpose. "From what I've been told, the M4 can sometimes do that when there is too much gas pressure. I just had great timing with capturing the shell at the exact rotation and elevation with the barrel!"

That's actually true. A Google search for "can AR brass eject forward?" yields plenty of people asking why it's happening to them, with helpful gun aficionados offering myriad reasons. Among them is brass hitting the brass deflector, or more often than not, too much gas. It's not a huge problem for the shooter, but it can cause a weird ejection, while resulting in more wear and tear to the rifle. "The photo is definitely real, the timing was just impeccable," Staff Sgt Matthew Gluyas, the airman in the photograph, told Task & Purpose. "Some people were trying to say I shot the casing out of the barrel or we photoshopped it to make it look like that but that was definitely not the case." Besides those explanations, we also looked at the metadata on his photo and it didn't offer any clear tells that it was Photoshopped. And among Sarver's gallery was another picture taken from a different angle, which showed brass going forward instead of where it normally belongs.

A Canadian rifle team member said, "When I competed at the Canadian National finals, our coach would arrange to have 2 loops clipped off the extraction spring. As long as the casings landed at 2 o'clock (if the muzzle was at 12) then the C7 would never jam. Over 4000 fired per rifle, times 20 guys, and zero jams."

Canadian Military and Veteran Discounts List

The *Dealhack Canadian Military and Veteran Discounts List* is the result of Dealhack's quarterly survey of brands that offer discounts to all members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Every 3 months their team independently verifies each and every discount on this list. They also add more brands to the list regularly when they come across them.

The list currently includes more than 60 brands conveniently broken down into 6 categories. You can also save or print the list to use as a handy reference.

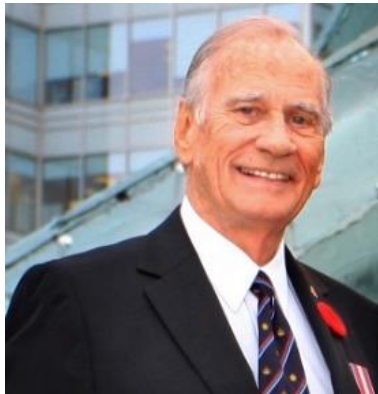
View List at:- <https://dealhack.ca/blog/canadian-military-discounts>

RUSI Vancouver Speaker Series

[Mark Your Calendar](#) All Welcome

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 5 to 7 pm.

Topic: “Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord”



Speaker: Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver

The RUSI Speaker Series continues on **November 14th** with “*Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord*” when Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver, tackles the topic.

The **November 14th** presentation is the last in the 2018 RUSI Speaker Series of stimulating and informative presentations on current affairs and military history. We hope to start a new series in the new year.

Join us at **5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 14**, in the Officers Mess at Bessborough Armoury, 2015 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. A no-host bar will open, and light snacks will be available. The event will conclude at 6:50 pm.

Type 26 Named as the Design for Canada's Future Warship

David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen October 19, 2018



*The Type 26
Global Combat Ship*

Irving Shipbuilding and Public Services and Procurement Canada have announced that BAE-Lockheed Martin is the industry team which scored the highest with their bid to provide the 15 new

warships for the Royal Canadian Navy. The consortium is the “preferred bidder” according to the federal government, for the Canadian Surface Combatant program. Its design is the Type 26. That selection will now set off negotiations which in turn will – if all is successful – produce a contract. The entire project is worth \$60 billion, with an estimated 60 per cent for the actual ship

The Type 26 frigate is a class of frigate currently being built for the Royal Navy. The ship design and manufacture program is known as the Global Combat Ship and will be a multi-mission warship designed to support anti-submarine warfare, air defence and general purpose operations.

One Headstone at a Time

Behind a quest to document NL military gravesites

CBC News · Oct 09, 2018

For retired Major Michael Pretty, the Trail of the Caribou Research Group project is personal. The group has spent a decade or more documenting gravesites of Newfoundlanders who served, whether it was in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the Canadian army, the medical corps, or even in other countries' armies — six at last count. Pretty has direct connections that make the research resonate that much more. "I had some family members from Newfoundland killed in the First World War. Forty others from England, with my last name, were killed in the First World War, 24 in the Second World War," Pretty told CBC's *On the Go*.



Michael Pretty kneels at the grave of Walter Scammell, who died Nov. 11, 1918 — the day the First World War ended.

(Submitted by Michael Pretty)

Pretty himself spent 30 years in the military, and overseas deployments always included visits to fellow soldiers' graves wherever they were. But it was when he was walking through a cemetery in Newfoundland that he saw a headstone that referred to a man's son who never came home from the war. "So I said, 'I wonder how many of those are around?' So we're at about 700 of those now," he said. "I found a headstone that said, 'To so-and-so that served in the Canadian army,' so I said, 'Hmmm, I wonder how many served in the Canadian army?'" Those headstone memorials aren't under any other group's purview to look after, said Pretty. "So for example, Commonwealth War Graves, they look after the war dead. The Last Post Fund, if you're a known veteran, when it was created, well, they look after veterans' graves or help families with veterans' funerals. But who maintains those?" Hence, the Trail of the Caribou group's goal to raise awareness of the accomplishments and the sacrifices of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in military conflicts and peacekeeping missions over the past century. "When I went to school here, in Benoit's Cove, out on the west coast, nobody talked about Newfoundland history. I think we're at that point in time where if we don't start recording this stuff, and don't start recording where they're buried and looking after their final resting places, it's going to be lost."

Edward Baldwin's headstone was found broken in pieces in early May.

(Trail of the Caribou Research Group/Submitted Photo)

Pretty knows it's a big job, with a list of soldiers some 13,000 names deep, a project that he knows he realistically might not see completed. "It will never be finished," he said. But many hands make light work, and the not-for-profit group, which started with a core of about 15 people and now has about 70, is recruiting volunteers to help. "What I'd like to see is different groups around the province looking after areas in the province and doing research, towns approaching us on where we can help, where we can fundraise," he said. Thursday night in St John's, the group shared stories about some the soldiers they've learned about, with a fundraiser to come Nov 15. "There's all kinds of neat stories," he said.



The Trail of the Caribou group recently found, in England, the grave of Royal Newfoundland Regiment Pte Walter Scammell of Change Islands, who died of influenza caught while on an officers' training course. Scammell was training for the Royal Flying Corps but died Nov 11, 1918 — the same day the armistice ending the First World War was signed. In May, the group replaced the headstone of Edward Baldwin of Pouch Cove. The headstone was also a memorial to Baldwin's three sons, who all died, fighting for three different militaries in three different First World War battles, and the town had a ceremony to mark the occasion. "It was a community event, and for that hour and a half, those three brothers were remembered in that town," he said. "So that's why it's important to me."

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Weekly updates for www.vancouvergunners.ca

1941 General Order No 44

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1941---15th-vcr-coast-bde-rca-casf.html>

1943 General Order No 37

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1943---15th-vcr-coast-bde-rca-af.html>

1950 Training featured in the news <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1950.html>

1951 The Regiment in the news <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1951---15th-fd-regt-rca.html>

1953 A Christmas Party invite

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1953---102nd-coast-regt-rca.html>

1955 Military Ball <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1955---15th-fd-regt-rca.html>

1957 Honorary Colonel appointment

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1957---15th-fd-regt-rca.html>

1977 Milcon smoker <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1977.html>

1992 CFL Salute to veterans <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1992.html>

2000 Hollywood North <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2000.html>

2006 Ex Temperate Forest <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2006.html>

2018 New appointment for the President VAA <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html>

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Who Is It



Last Week: HMCS Prince Robert passing under the Lion's Gate Bridge, June 1945. Shortly after, *Robert* set sail to join the Pacific war. Her Executive Officer was Cdr Lore, the subject of our quiz 4 editions back. Fort Narrows North in the background under the north end of the bridge manned by members of 15 Coast Regt, predecessor to 15 Field Artillery Regt.

This Week: We know that many of you like vehicles, particularly those painted in various shades of green, such as khaki and olive drab. It just gets your motors running, doesn't it? Well, put your brains in gear for this week's quiz. Here we have a fine example of military vehicle design. It's large, tough-looking, and suitably practical. It might even appeal to those of a more pacific disposition, as it can be used for peaceful, as well as martial purposes. In fact,



some of the older persons amongst our vast readership of five or six might remember the days when every gas station in our great Dominion had, as a tow truck, a converted Canadian Military Pattern (CMP) truck, usually parked on the side of the White Rose stand, near the washroom, next to the sleeping dog.

This, however, is not a CMP vehicle, but it was used by our brave Canucks, albeit not during either of the great conflagrations. So, we are asking several questions this week. What make is this fine vehicle? What era does it represent? Who do you think operated this elegant set of wheels? When do you think it became most famous? As a hint, we advise you to visit YouTube and search for local military involvement in watery affairs three score and ten years ago.

Send your answers to the editor (bob.mugford@outlook.com), or to the author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Happy motoring!

From the 'Punitary'

What is a lottery? A tax on people who are bad at math.

Murphy's Other Laws

Don't throw away the old bucket until you are sure the new one holds water.

Quotable Quotes

I am a great believer in luck, and I find that the harder I work, the more of it I have. *Thomas Jefferson*

WO Mike Meehan's new book

A HISTORY OF THE RESERVES IN THE TIME OF THE KOREAN WAR (1950-1954)

Detailed coverage of the Summer Concentrations from 1950 to 1954. Special attention was accorded the biggest summer exercise of the decade, the Buffalo IV in 1953. The story of the recruitment of the 25th Brigade and the 27th Brigade. Reserve recruitment and training in the Korean War era. In depth coverage of the Blair Shoot, 1939-1968. Officer training in the Canadian Officer Taring Corp and Command Contingent. The reactivation of the Canadian Women Army Corp. A portrayal of Armouries and Messes in the early 1950s. Remembrance Day services; how and where we honoured our fallen comrades. The much loved and very important 9 O'clock Gun in Vancouver.

Critical analysis of the action of many facets of the reserves.

Includes interviews with reservists, data sourced from twenty-one Canadian newspapers, six journals and various regimental archives; fully referenced and indexed, 280 pages.

Price \$28 prepaid by November 1st, by cheque or money order, made payable to:

Mr. M. Meehan at 55 Bamford Court, Victoria, B.C. Canada V9B 0N7

Mailed copies after November 11, including postage add \$8.75 in Canada and \$15.00 in USA, both of these via letter mail. International small package air, add \$22.

**Prepaid copies will be distributed at the Senior NCOs Mess
of the 15th FD Regiment
on November 11, 2016, between 12:00 Hrs. and 14:00 Hrs.**

Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society
Fundraising Dinner
November 3, 2018



**Help us celebrate
CCMMS's 20th Anniversary and
100 years end of WWI**

17:30 Registration & Reception
18:30 Dinner

Floata Seafood Restaurant | 180 Keefer St., Vancouver

Tickets: \$100 per person *(includes a \$50 tax receipt)*



RSVP 2018@ccmms.ca | 604-368-8010
More info: www.ccmms.ca

6,000 Red Poppies for Remembrance Veterans and Peace

6,000 British Columbians died during the First World War



Image by Canadian War Artist Mary Riter Hamilton

Mountainview Cemetery

November 10th 3:00pm to November 11th 3:00pm

Peacemaking and Chaplains – 10 Nov



PEACEMAKING AND CHAPLAINS THEN AND NOW

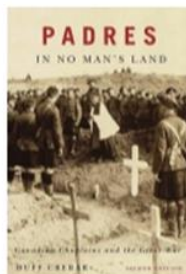
A Colloquium on the Legacy and the Prospects

Sat, Nov 10, 2018 — 9:30am – 4:00pm

Brentwood Presbyterian Church
1600 Delta Ave, Burnaby, BC

- 9:30-10:00 Gathering & Introductions
- 10:00-12:00 George Fallis & the Chaplains, 1914-1928
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-3:00 Chaplains & Peacemaking in Our Times
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-3:45 Reflections on the day - led by Brian Fraser
- 3:45-4:00 Wrap Up

Few people in Canada know as much about the work and legacy of chaplains in the Canadian armed forces as Dr. Duff Crerar. We are honoured that he has agreed to be our primary resource person for the first Fallis Foundation Colloquium on peacemaking in our times. Dr. Crerar will do two 30 min presentations that will provoke conversations among participants on the possibilities of peacemaking in our times. The event is free and includes lunch.



Tracing the growth of the Canadian Chaplain Service from its chaotic and controversy-ridden early days to its maturation as an efficient field force, Duff Crerar highlights both the role of the Service on the battlefield and the personal experiences of the chaplains. Refuting the widely held view that chaplains serving overseas were cloistered from front-line realities, Crerar describes the padres' experiences in camps, hospitals, and on the battlefield. He examines how they maintained their faith in the face of death and destruction, and explores the bonds forged between chaplains and troops.



Duff Crerar taught Indigenous, social and military history at Grande Prairie Regional College prior to his retirement in 2013. He helped to organize an oral history project among First Nations and Métis in the Peace River region and has co-edited a book on Treaty 8. He spent 25 years consulting with the Royal Canadian Chaplain Service and was called upon frequently to provide expert advice and education for the service. He is an elder at the Grande Prairie Church of Christ.

*This colloquium is presented by The Fallis Foundation.
We are a not-for-profit society seeking to collaborate with others
to preserve and enhance the peacemaking legacy of the Rev Dr. George Fallis.*



JOIN US RUSI VANCOUVER SPEAKER SERIES

**14 November 2018 - From 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Officers Mess - Bessborough Armoury**

Subject: "Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord"



Speaker: Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver

Upcoming Topics & Speakers

This is the last presentation for 2018
Presentations will restart in the new year

RSVP NOT REQUIRED

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Hosted by RUSI Vancouver in cooperation with LCol Pierre Lajoie, Commanding Officer, and the President and Members of the Officers Mess.

Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver Society
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 2C7

With Glowing Hearts – Music & Songs of Remembrance

**The Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir &
The Band of the 15th Field Regiment**

With Glowing Hearts

Music & Songs of Remembrance

Saturday, November 10th, 2:30 pm

South Delta Baptist Church

1988 56 Street, Delta, BC

Tickets for Saturday

go to vwmc.ca

Or [bpt.me.3600992](tel:6043600992)

Or Call 1-800-838-3006

Or from any Choir Member

Sunday, November 11th, 2:30 pm

Massey Theatre

735 8th Ave. New Westminster

Tickets for Sunday

go to vwmc.ca

Or masseytheatre.com

Or call 604-521-5050

Excludes Service charge by theatre *

Tickets Adult \$30* Senior \$28* Student \$15*



Share the emotion and the joy. Join us to remember.

St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night



The Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Colonel J.P.P. Lajoie, CD
and the Officers
of
15th Field Artillery Regiment
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

request the pleasure of your company
at their annual

ST BARBARA'S DAY SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT

to be held at the
BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

on
Saturday, the First of December, 2018
at
six o'clock for seven o'clock in the evening

Dress. Mess Kit or Formal attire, with decorations.

Tariff. \$100 - Seats will be reserved when payment is received. There will be no tickets available the night of the event.

If paying in person, please see the Adjutant during regular work hours or Wednesday night between 1900 and 2200.

RSVP by 22 November 2018 with payment

Payable to "Officers Mess 15 Fd Regt"
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

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