



## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News June 25, 2019

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**Wednesday Lunches -** We need your support to keep the lunches going. Hope all you regular attendees can keep coming. 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.

**NOTE:** There will not be a lunch on Sept 11. Mrs Lum will be out of town.

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

**Jun 26** Bomber Command at the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCAF - Roddy MacKenzie  
**July 01** Canada Day Salute – Hallelujah Point in Stanley Park  
**Sept 11** **NO LUNCH** - mark your calendars! Mrs Lum away.

## World War 2 – 1944

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

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup>:** Most of Cherbourg is captured by US VII Corps along with the two most senior German officers there; while heavy naval gunfire supports the next British attack towards Caen. Following a massive air attack, Soviet forces break into Vitebsk while Hitler allows 9<sup>th</sup> Army to fall back east of Minsk to avoid encirclement. French and South African units push forward around Radicofani and Chiusi in Italy. PFC Kiyoshi K Muranaga is part of a mortar squad attempting to support the remainder of their company when it is attacked by a self-propelled 88mm gun. Although the rest of the mortar squad decided to withdraw, Private Muranaga mans his mortar by himself and engages the enemy self-propelled gun, which then concentrates on

him. In the exchange of fire between a light mortar and a heavily armoured tank killer, there can only be one outcome and Muranaga is killed. However, his actions did induce the enemy to withdraw after this exchange and he is subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor.

**Jun 27<sup>th</sup>:** The Germans announce they will provide more help to the Finns. The German pocket near Vitebsk is much reduced while a new one is formed near Bobryusk and the Soviets cross the Dnieper around Mogilev. The capture of Cherbourg is complete, but German demolitions will mean that its port facilities will not be operational for some time; the British make some advances around Caen as UK VIII Corps takes Rauray.

**Jun 28<sup>th</sup>:** Organized resistance on Biak comes to an end. The Soviet advance in central Finland is making good progress while Army Group Centre gets a new Commander (Busch is sacked for Model) as Mogilev falls and a 100km wide gap is pried open over the Dneistr. In Normandy, British troops cross the Odon River and US 9<sup>th</sup> Division moves on the last pocket of Germans (at Cap de la Hague) on the Cotentin Peninsula. US Republicans decide on the Dewey/Bricker Ticket to oppose Roosevelt. The Resistance assassinates the Vichy Minister for Propaganda. The commander of the German 7<sup>th</sup> Army Colonel General Friedrich Dollmann learns a court martial is awaiting him over the Allied capture of Cherbourg... sources are vague as to his subsequent death (Suicide? Heart attack?), and he is replaced by Oberstgruppenführer Paul Hausser who also retains his command of his SS Panzer Corps.

**Jun 29<sup>th</sup>:** The Bagration Offensive continues as Bobryusk, Slutsk and Lyuban are liberated, and an encirclement of Minsk looms in the future. The Australian expedition from Wewak has reached the Sepik River some 110 km to the west.

**Jun 30<sup>th</sup>:** The US finally breaks diplomatic relations with Finland. The US 34<sup>th</sup> Division is heavily engaged at the Tyrrhenian Coast town of Cecina while other Allied units in Italy are coping with new German defences south of Siena and Arezzo. Half of Saipan is in US hands, but not without the Marines re-naming the Island's features as Death Valley and Purple Heart Ridge. The Cotentin Peninsula is entirely secured, and the Allies have now landed 630,000 men (but have 62,000 dead and wounded so far), while 600,000 tons of supplies and 177,000 vehicles have also come ashore – now it is time to start muscling towards St Lo and Caen in earnest. Lt Gen NM Richie activates the British XII Corps HQ in Normandy. The Danes begin a general strike against the Germans. Finnish fighter ace Eino Juutilainen has already won his country's highest award for courage, the Mannerheim Cross, twice –. Today he amply proves his skills once more by downing six Soviet aircraft in one day. By the end of what the Finns call the “Continuation War” against the Soviets, he has 94 kills.

**July 1944:** The Nations Rage Furiously Together *“The thought lingers with you as you as walk back to the guns: The whole world has abandoned its normal functioning to permit thousands of men to smash each other into submission or death in these fields of sugar beet and wheat.”*  
-Canadian Artillery Officer George Blackburn, recalling his younger self in Normandy in July 1944.

**General:** The air offensive against Germany (and France and Romania) results in 73,000 tons of bombs being dropped by the USAAF and 57,000 tons by the RAF – with special emphasis on the oil industry. Between attacks on Germany’s synthetic fuel plants and the coming loss of the Romanian oil fields, Germany’s fuel situation will be desperate by autumn with critical shortages handicapping the defence of the Reich. Throughout this month, there are numerous small naval actions in the English Channel, particularly between British and German minor units as the Germans try to interdict the Normandy Beaches.

**Jul 1<sup>st</sup>:** Berisov is liberated by 3<sup>rd</sup> Byelorussian Front. 5<sup>th</sup> Army troops in Italy liberate Cecina and Pomerance, while 8<sup>th</sup> Army forces a German withdrawal on its Front. 1<sup>st</sup> SS Panzer mounts a counterattack on British troops at Grainville but fighting in Normandy is always a defender’s game and the attack goes nowhere. Some 44 countries have representatives at the Breton Woods in Washington for the start of discussions on the establishment of an International Monetary Fund and an International Bank. Major Karl Plagge has long kept 1,000 Jews as safe as he could in his Wehrmacht vehicle repair depot in Vilnius over the last three years, but he knows the SS will not let him save them. He couldn’t prevent the removal of their children by the SS (who subsequently murdered them) but has frequently managed to secure better rations and medicine for his workers Today he gives them three days warning of a coming action by the SS, and half of them will take the opportunity to escape, around 250 do so successfully and the rest are massacred. For his concern and care over three years, he is later named Righteous Among the Nations.

**Jul 2<sup>nd</sup>:** American Marines make good gains on Saipan today, overrunning what was left of Garapan. US and Australian troops land on Numfoor Island off New Guinea. The British 4<sup>th</sup> Division in Italy liberates Foiano. Russian troops sever the rail-lines into Minsk. After his famous “Make peace, you idiots!” outburst to Hitler and the OKW chiefs, Von Rundstedt hands over command of the Oberbefelshaber West to von Kluge.

## **Change in Reserve Force Pay Structure**

National Defence June 14, 2019

**News release** – Laval, Québec – National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces

As promised in Canada’s defence policy Strong, Secure, Engaged, Reserve Force pay is being restructured to align with Regular Force pay where the demands of service are similar. The new methodology for the Reserve Force applies the same base pay the Regular Force receives, plus the elements of the Military Factor that apply to reservists. The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, announced the change today at the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment in Laval, Quebec. The restructuring of pay is part of an overall vision outlined in our defence policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged, which also includes increasing the Reserve Force by 1,500 members and further integrating reservists into operations. The Reserve Force is crucial to the success of our Canadian Armed Forces. Reservists come from all walks of life, and include students, civil servants, labourers, business people, academics, and former members of the Regular Force.

Reservists will receive more money in this new system in order to more fairly compensate them for their important service. Previously, Reserve Force pay was a simple 85 percent calculation of the total Regular Force pay. Regular Force pay is composed of two parts: base pay and Military Factor. The Military Factor is a percentage added to the base salaries of Canadian Armed Forces members that compensates them for additional requirements that don't affect most public servants.

## Quotes

“This important initiative laid out in Canada’s defence policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged will ensure that our Reserve Force members are fairly compensated for their service. It is a clear demonstration of how our government and all Canadians value the dedication and sacrifices of all members of our Canadian Armed Forces.”

*The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of National Defence*

“Because of the sacrifices that our military personnel make every day, Canada remains among the safest and most secure countries in the world. Whether assisting in the recent spring flood relief efforts in New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario, or deployed on a peacekeeping mission halfway around the world, the Reserve Forces are a vital part of the Canadian Armed Forces as a whole, and the new pay structure reflects that.”

*Lieutenant-General Charles Lamarre, Command, Military Personnel Command*

“The Reserve Force is an integral component of the Canadian Armed Forces and restructuring pay is just another way of integrating both components into a total force that can deliver on our defence mandate. As an organization we are always learning, growing and reviewing our programs and policies to reflect the changes we think are best for CAF, our members and their families. It’s wonderful to see this change because I think it recognizes the operational and professional commitment of the Reserves to the defence of Canada.”

*Major-General Rob Roy MacKenzie, Chief of Reserves and Employer Support*

## Quick facts

- The Military Factor is calculated using three military and two additional elements. The military considerations are: personal limitation and liability, separation, and posting turbulence. The two additional elements are overtime and acting for supervisors without an increase in pay.
- The Military Factor elements that apply to reservists under the new system are: personal limitation and liability, overtime, and acting for supervisors.
- Reservists cannot be posted to a different geographic location or be sent away from their families on an operation or exercise without their personal consent. This is different from Regular Force members, who are expected to move or deploy when directed, often

frequently and on short notice; therefore, separation and posting turbulence are not applied as part of the Military Factor

- The change of calculation from 85 percent to a base pay plus Military Factor approach will result in an increase of 7.8 percent. For example, the pay rate for a first year corporal will increase from \$140 to \$153 a day. Basic pay for a lieutenant “A” will increase from \$147.62 to \$161.18 a day.
- Reservists on Class A and Class B periods of service are paid on a daily rate, based on their rank and time in that rank. Reservists on Class C periods of service, such as those who deploy on operations, receive the same pay as Regular Force members, which is calculated at a monthly rate.
- Reservists will begin receiving the new rate by the end-month pay in August 2019. That rate will be retroactive to 1 April 2019.

## **The Remains of Bombardier Patrick Labrie Arrive Back In Canada**

National Defence June 22, 2019 – Ottawa – National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces

### **News release**



*Bombardier Patrick Labrie, a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, was based in Petawawa, Ontario.*

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This evening, a dignified transfer of remains ceremony for Bombardier Patrick Labrie took place at MacDonald-Cartier International Airport in Ottawa, Ontario, as our fallen soldier

arrived home. Bombardier Labrie died as a result of injuries sustained during parachute training as part of Exercise SWIFT RESPONSE 19 in Cheshnegirovo, Bulgaria on June 17, 2019.

Family members of Bombardier Patrick Labrie, along with his brothers and sisters in arms were present to pay their respects during a dignified and honourable ceremony in Ottawa. During this difficult time, the Canadian Armed Forces' priority is caring for the bereaved family and respecting their needs and wishes. Funeral arrangements for Bombardier Patrick Labrie have not yet been confirmed and will be communicated at a later date.

## Quotes

“Today is a hard day for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2 RCHA). We are grieving the sudden loss of one of our own – Bombardier Patrick Labrie – who was tragically killed while participating in Exercise SWIFT RESPONSE 19. Our thoughts are with Patrick's family and friends who are no doubt struggling with the loss of such a fine young soldier. 2 RCHA is a family and as a family, we mourn together.”

*Lieutenant-Colonel Dan Matheson, Commanding Officer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery*

## Quick facts

- Bombardier Patrick Labrie, from Buckingham, Quebec, enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in August 2013, as an artillery soldier and served the majority of his service with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery based in Petawawa, Ontario.
- Bombardier Patrick Labrie was deployed to eastern Europe in 2018 as part of the Canadian-led multinational NATO enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group Latvia with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2 RCHA) is part of 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group based in Petawawa, Ontario. 2 RCHA has operated and trained throughout the world and across the spectrum of operations, including: humanitarian relief in Turkey, Honduras, Haiti, and Pakistan; peacekeeping in Cyprus and Bosnia; and war-fighting in Korea and Afghanistan.
- Exercise SWIFT RESPONSE 19 is a United States-led multinational airborne field training exercise in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania enabling the U.S. military and other NATO Allies to advance airborne interoperability.

## **BC Man Among Those Who Jumped in to Help Raptors Parade Shooting Victims**

St. John's Ambulance volunteer with a history of helping people waded through fleeing crowd to help victim. *Matt Robinson The Vancouver Sun June 19, 2019*



When gunshots rang out during Monday's celebration for the NBA champion Toronto Raptors, Steve Kern was among those who ran toward them. Kern is a volunteer with St John Ambulance and a Sergeant-Major with the Canadian Armed Forces' 39 Signal Regiment in Vancouver. He also acts as the Parade Marshal for the Vancouver Remembrance Day Parades and is a member of the Royal United Services Institute Vancouver. He has worked in law enforcement for 35 years. He was also

among the first on the scene in Toronto when four people were shot and in need of help. Kern, who was on vacation at the time, had gone down to watch the parade and was standing across the street from Nathan Phillips Square around 3:30 p.m.

"The crowds were very big. Lots of people," he recalled Tuesday. Kern figured the shots had come from a handgun, rather than a shotgun or rifle, and he determined they had originated from across the street. Around him, people were seeking cover. Ahead of him, many in the huge crowd turned heel and started to run, pushing and shoving to get away from the area. "I headed in the direction of where the shooting sounds came from. I just put my hands in front of me and just sort of weaved through the crowd as they were heading in the other direction," he recalled. Kern stood on a cement block to get a better view and saw two injured people on the ground not far from him. One victim was already being treated by paramedics. He went to the other victim and helped a doctor, a nurse and a pair of officers provide her with basic first aid. After an ambulance arrived, Kern helped get the victim into the vehicle.



*Steve Kern is shown in a cap and sunglasses as first responders attend to an injured person after shots were fired during the Toronto Raptors NBA championship victory celebration.*

*Tijana Martin / The Canadian Press*

Among the many photographs taken on Monday was one that captured Kern, dressed in a light-coloured plaid shirt and wearing a hat and sunglasses, kneeling over the victim he helped. Asked whether he was concerned for his own safety, Kern said: "No. I was cognizant of the dangers around us. The Toronto Police were very fast to respond in large numbers, and they created a perimeter with both metal fencing and yellow tape and themselves around us so we could have the space that we needed to treat the patient and have a successful outcome." Kern was in Toronto on his way back from France, where he had attended the D-Day commemorative ceremonies earlier this month. While there, he also assisted someone who he saw was in distress. Kern's next stop is Ottawa, where on Saturday he will be recognized in

the Senate as a serving member of the Order of St. John. That award is not connected to the help he provided Monday, but for assistance he has provided others in the past. “I’m a magnet for this stuff. Things like this just happen to happen around me,” he said. Kern said he never stopped taking first aid training and he encouraged others to pursue courses of their own. “Everyone should be taking training from St. John Ambulance so that they don’t have to be bystanders. They can help when it’s safe to do so. No one needs to be like me and run toward the shooting. I’m still in emergency responder mode, and that’s not expected of the general public.”

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

Here’s the latest activities from the members of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA family.

There were a lot of activities posted to the 2019 yearbook page.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2019.html>

- Ex Urban Response 2019 – a disaster-response exercise run by the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- The award of the third clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration for Master Warrant Officer Ken Surges, and
- An update on Eleven West, the new residential tower constructed next door to the Bessborough Armoury

The attendees list for France in 2020 has been updated. There is still time to get your name in!

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/battlefield-tour-2020.html>

Does anyone have a copy of the maintenance requirements for the ¼ Ton ILTIS?

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at

[president.vcrgunners@gmail.com](mailto:president.vcrgunners@gmail.com)

## **Who (or What) Is It?**



**Last Week:** This was a Japanese Nissan Type 70 a copy of a Graham-Paige Crusader that the Japanese army used as a staff car on Kiska, flattened by bombs from the US Army Airforce. In the late 30s, Nissan bought the body tooling for the Graham Crusader for \$390,000 (a model that Graham-Paige discontinued after 1936), along with the engine tooling and rights for the 224-cu in Graham six-cylinder engine. Production of the resulting Nissan 70, left, lasted through 1943.

**This Week:** Our photographic gaze this week goes abroad, for a change of scenery. We also go back in time to a period of early animal-welfare caring. In the mid-ground of this charming

photo, are some newly-liberated horses, free from the toil of moving artillery up and down mountainous pathways, and along precipitous trails.



However, in these early days of mechanization, no steam engine was small enough to fit into these alpine roads, nor was the internal combustion engine up to the task, so it fell to the broad shoulders of brave artillerists to take over the job from our dumb, furry friends. Such was the care shown by these gunners of yore, continued today by our kindly lads and lasses.

However, as the photo comes from an unknown source, we are not sure who these brawny lads are, nor their army, nor the piece being carried by the lucky individual on the right. We also wonder about the state of health and safety in this unknown army, and what medical services were available for veterans.

So, should you be able to identify this army, and the ordnance piece, send your thoughts to our award-winning editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com)), or to the author, John Redmond

([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Happy hiking!

### **From the 'Punitary'**

Where do sick boats go to get healthy? To the dock!

### **Murphy's Other Laws**

The part requiring service or adjustment will be the least accessible.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes. - Oscar Wilde

## VIA Rail 2019 Discounts for CF Serving Members and Veterans

Chers partenaires et collègues,

Comme vous le savez peut-être, VIA Rail est fière d'avoir souligné de concert avec le ministère des Anciens combattants du Canada une page si importante de notre histoire qu'est celle du 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du Jour-J et du débarquement de Normandie. À cette occasion, une paire de bottes militaires a traversé le pays, de Vancouver à Churchill jusqu'à Halifax, entre le 29 mars et le 6 juin. Plusieurs arrêts ont été prévus afin que se tiennent dans les gares de VIA Rail des cérémonies de commémoration à l'intention des vétérans, de leurs familles et des Canadiens qui le souhaitent.

Pour de plus amples informations, veuillez consulter le lien

suitant : <https://www.canada.ca/fr/anciens-combattants-canada/nouvelles/2019/06/arrivee-a-destination-les-bottes-de-combat-sont-accueillies-a-loccasion-du-75eanniversaire-du-jourj-et-de-la-bataille-de-normandie-des-veterans-du-.html>

Dans cet esprit, nous sommes heureux de lancer une offre spéciale afin que les militaires , vétérans et leurs familles puissent voyager sur le train *le Canadien* cet été en bénéficiant d'un rabais de 40% sur le meilleur tarif. Les conditions applicables se trouvent sur le lien suivants et l'infolettre en pièce jointe !

<https://www.viarail.ca/fr/forces-canadiennes>

Je vous invite à partager ce message avec vos collègues et collaborateurs.

En vous remerciant et vous souhaitant un bel été,

Dear partners and colleagues,

As you may already know, VIA Rail is proud to have worked in concert with the Ministry of Veterans Affairs to highlight an important event in Canadian history: the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings. To celebrate the occasion, a pair of combat boots was sent by train from coast to coast to coast. The journey went from Vancouver to Churchill to Halifax and lasted from March 29<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. Several stops were made along the way so that commemoration events could be held at local stations for veterans, their families and any Canadians who wished to attend the ceremonies.

For more information about the journey, please consult the following link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/veterans-affairs-canada/news/2019/06/at-destination-combat-boots-welcomed-to-75th-anniversary-of-d-day-and-the-battle-of-normandy-events-in-halifax-d-day-veterans-welcome-combat-boots-.html>

In the spirit of honouring those who served, VIA Rail is happy to announce a special offer that will allow active service members, veterans and their families to save 40% on ticket prices this summer. Additional information and conditions about this offer can be found at the following link: <https://www.viarail.ca/en/canadian-forces>

Please also kindly find attached the newsletter that summarizes these initiatives.

We invite you to share this message with your colleagues and partners.

We thank you and wish you a good summer,

***Eve-Danièle Veilleux***

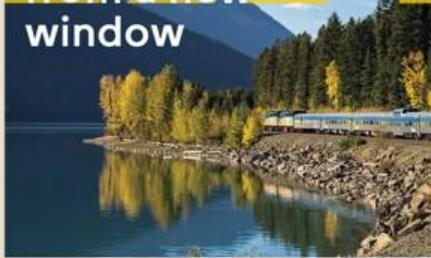
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There are lots of reasons to travel across Canada—views you can't help but gaze at, getting to know new people, trying delicious food, and saving 40% on the Canadian. (Okay, that last one was our idea.)

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## Boots with a story to tell

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, we proudly travelled across Canada with a pair of military boots, as a symbol of the long journeys that service members took across our country during the Second World War—mainly via the rail lines to Halifax—before sailing across the Atlantic to join our Allies bravely fighting for freedom in Europe. Ceremonies were held at our stations along the way—thank you to the veterans and their families who attended!



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## Des bootes qui ont fait du chemin

Pour souligner le 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du débarquement de Normandie, nous avons fièrement transporté une paire de bootes de combat d'un bout à l'autre du Canada, afin de symboliser les longs trajets effectués par les militaires en service durant la Deuxième Guerre mondiale – principalement sur les chemins de fer en direction d'Halifax – qui devaient s'embarquer pour l'Europe pour aller se battre courageusement aux côtés des Alliés. Nous avons tenu plusieurs cérémonies dans nos gares le long du parcours et nous remercions tous ceux et celles qui étaient présents.

## la voie qu'on aime

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