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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)

Jul 28 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
 Juno Beach Online Historical Tour - French-Canadian Infantry Units in Normandy
Aug 4 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
Aug 11 Wednesday 'Zoom' Lunch meeting
 Juno Beach Online Historical Tour - Discipline and Martial Justice, 1944–45

CF Studies 'Moral Injuries' That Haunt Soldiers Off the Battlefield

'You can have a gun in your hand and feel unarmed,' says soldier who had to let child traffickers through. *David Burke CBC News Sep 29, 2020*



Brian McKenna is seen in Mazār-e Sharīf, Afghanistan in 2012. McKenna is wearing the blue vest in the centre of the photo. (Submitted by Brian McKenna)

On the streets of Afghanistan in 2012, Canadian soldier Brian McKenna was training international teams to search vehicles for explosives. As his trainees searched, they would find

scared children being trafficked against their will to parts unknown — and McKenna was powerless to stop it. His team was ordered to search for bombs and the components to make explosives, nothing more. So with mounting frustration, his teams would let the cars go, carrying the children away to an unknown fate. McKenna and his teams had no authority to arrest the perpetrators, as they weren't police officers and had no legal right to detain the people transporting the children. "You're just forced to see and admit that something really, really wrong is allowed to flourish. You can have a gun in your hand and feel unarmed. And that's a really odd situation for a soldier," he said. McKenna has been diagnosed with a moral injury, a form of emotional and psychological damage that occurs when someone goes through a difficult experience that upsets their moral beliefs. And it's something the Department of National Defence is spending millions of dollars to research. DND wants to better understand how to diagnose moral injuries, prevent them, treat them, and learn what situations are likely to cause them.



McKenna is a retired Warrant Officer in the Canadian Army. (Submitted by Brian McKenna)

McKenna did his duty, he followed orders, but his conscience still paid the price. "I'm disappointed that I couldn't do anything. I'm embarrassed. It's a feeling of futility, like we're here working on helping build a dam while we're watching this other absolute crime happen," said McKenna, a retired warrant officer who is now a senior adviser for veterans at the Canadian Centre of Excellence

on PTSD. There are concerns that as the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, more military personnel, health-care workers, and other front-line staff will suffer moral injuries, said Eric Fournier, the director general of innovation with DND. "We know a lot about post traumatic stress disorder, but moral injury, we know a lot less," he said. "That's why we decided to push forward with this challenge as many people have been encountering this type of situation in this crisis." He said members of the military may have already been exposed to moral injury when hundreds of them went into long-term care facilities in Ontario and Quebec to help staff deal with outbreaks of COVID-19. "[They] spent weeks, in some cases months, working in those facilities, and they were part of that response working with first responders, hospital workers, long-term care facilities workers," said Fournier.

Canadian soldiers leave a Red Cross training course on basics in patient care at Collège Ahuntsic in Montreal in April. They were being trained to help out in long-term care homes hard hit by COVID-19.

(Ivanoh Demers/Radio-Canada)



Many of those military personnel dealt with stressful and uncomfortable situations. Moral injuries can occur when someone doesn't act when they feel they should, when they witness others acting in a way they believe is morally wrong, or when a person feels betrayed in a high-stakes situation. A moral injury can cause a person to question who they are and if their lives have meaning, leading them to become depressed, have trouble sleeping, have difficulty thinking clearly, and have strong feelings of guilt and shame, according to Dr. Patrick Smith, president and CEO of the Canadian Centre of Excellence on PTSD at the Royal Ottawa Hospital. The centre has been studying moral injuries, which he said are different from PTSD. "It's not exposure to traumatic events that causes fear and anxiety, it's more the existential questioning," said Smith. During the pandemic, there are many ways health-care workers and soldiers could find themselves in situations that could result in a moral injury. For example, said Smith, some hospital workers may have had to hold the phone for COVID-19 patients as they die, so they can say goodbye to their families. "For some people that's going to haunt them, that's going to potentially be something that's going to stay with them." He said there hasn't been enough research done on moral injuries and he's glad to hear DND is looking into it.

CAF personnel arrive at the Villa Val des Arbes seniors residence in Laval, Que., on April 20. They were deployed to help out in long-term care homes suffering from outbreaks of COVID-19.
(Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press)



The Department of National Defence has sent out a call for proposals to research moral injuries under the Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security program. The program pays for research by outside organizations, typically businesses and universities. Fournier said about \$3.7 million could be on the table for innovators who can help answer the military's questions surrounding moral injuries. So far about 60 proposals have been submitted. Near the end of this month, contracts will be awarded to the successful applicants. Fournier expects to have some results from applicants in about six months, at which time DND will decide if those researchers will get more money to continue their work. The results from the research will be shared with DND personnel, health-care workers, first responders and anyone at the front lines of the pandemic, said Fournier. McKenna is also happy about the new research, but said more needs to be done. "I think we need to get to a place where we realize when we send people to tough spots, moral injuries are part of what's going to happen."

RCN Pushes to Replace Canada's Beleaguered Submarine Fleet

The current fleet has spent more time docked for maintenance than at sea

Lee Berthiaume · The Canadian Press · Jul 14, 2021



HMCS Windsor, one of Canada's Victoria-class long range patrol submarines, returns to port in Halifax on June 20, 2018. (Andrew Vaughan/The Canadian Press)

The Royal Canadian Navy is launching its long-anticipated push to replace Canada's beleaguered submarine fleet, setting the stage for what will almost certainly be an extremely controversial debate around the need for such vessels. Defence officials revealed to The Canadian Press this month that a dedicated team is being created to start figuring out what Canada needs in new submarines as the sunset on the military's existing fleet draws steadily closer. The move responds to a growing sense of urgency within defence and industry circles about the need to start work on such a project given the age of Canada's existing submarines and the amount of time needed to design and build such vessels. "The CAF is establishing a Canadian patrol submarine project to inform timely governmental decision-making about a potential replacement class of submarines, and avoid any gap in submarine capability," navy spokesperson LCmd Jordan Holder said. "In order to enable timely decision-making at some future point regarding a replacement class of submarines and the avoidance of a gap in submarine capability, the CAF required a replacement project to be initiated this year."

Yet the decision to move ahead also kick-starts what is expected to be a tough conversation for the navy around the need for new submarines given the high cost of building and operating such vessels, and the many problems that have afflicted its current fleet. Questions about the costs and benefits of submarines have circulated since Canada bought four second-hand vessels from Britain in 1998. The government at that time argued it was getting a bargain by paying only \$750 million for the four Victoria-class vessels. Yet the vessels have since spent more time in dock for repairs and maintenance than at sea, with Ottawa sinking billions of dollars into the fleet over the past 20-plus years to address a series of problems and incidents including fires and faulty welding. The most recent incident saw HMCS Corner Brook suffer what may have been permanent damage last year after an errant test damaged the submarine's main ballast tank. Corner Brook previously ran aground in 2011, while a fire broke out on board in 2019. The Defence Department has also pegged the cost of maintaining and operating the Victoria-class submarines at around \$300 million per year.

A new fleet of submarines may address many of those problems, but Australia's recent experience suggests building a new fleet won't be smooth sailing — or cheap. The Australian government, which has been working for more than a decade to buy 12 French-designed submarines, revealed last year that the diesel-electric vessels will cost more than \$80 billion — or more than \$6 billion each. The new cost was nearly double Canberra's original estimate, and more than the \$60 billion Canada plans to pay for a whole new fleet of 15 state-of-the-art frigates to replace its fleet of Halifax-class warships over the next two decades.

The Bantam Battalions: Little Men with a Big Impact

Jul 12, 2021 Jesse, Guest Author



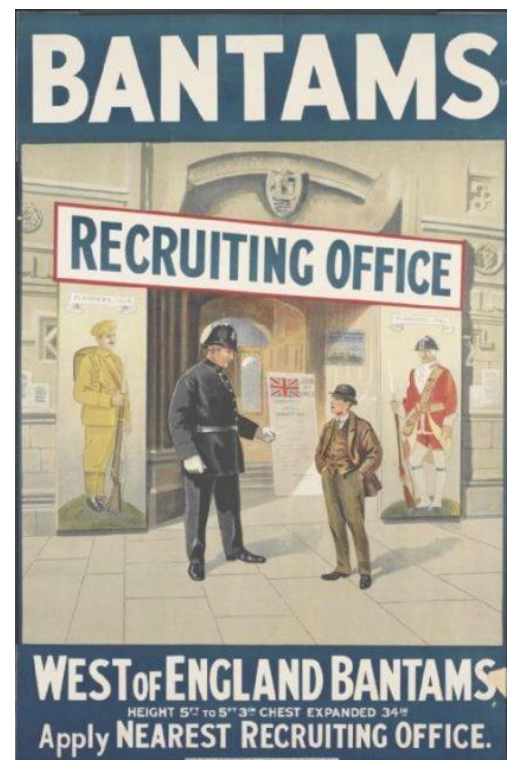
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Discrimination was probably not a word you'd hear coming from a commander's mouth in WWI. In 1914, many of the top brass in the British military were opposed to smaller men joining their ranks, so a height limit was imposed; a minimum of 5'3" (160cm). If you were shorter than that? Well, you're out of luck. For a while, at least.

When WWI started in 1914, three-quarters of a million men made their way to recruiting stations all over the UK, which was simply more than the military could process, and a number they didn't think they'd need. No one expected this honorable skirmish in Europe to turn into a four-year-long slugfest that would need every available man to bring it to its end. Too many men was a problem the British would wish they had later in the war. Because of the enormous number of surplus men, the British army used minimum height limits that excluded thousands of men from even trying to volunteer; a sneaky way to control the numbers at recruiting stations. They increased the minimum height limit from 5'3" in August of 1914 to 5'6" in September of the same year.

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The height limit was in place for more practical reasons as well, as back then, men who were shorter were assumed to be



physically weak, too. As the weeks went by, the number of men volunteering to fight had started dropping, so the authorities reduced the minimum height limit to 5'4" in October, and then back to 5'3" in November. By July of 1915, volunteer numbers were still in decline, causing the British to further reduce the limit to 5'2", lower than it was at the start of the war. Back in 1914, though, the thousands of men who had been turned away from joining the fight for being too short were angry. The government and recruiting stations felt the wrath of these enraged men. One story details an unknown Durham miner who was turned away for being 5'2", a single inch too short. Every recruiting station he went to turned him down for the same reason. By the later stations, the man was offering to fight anybody who believed being one inch too short made any difference. Alfred Bigland, a local MP, came to learn of the man's struggle, and believed it was ridiculous to turn down men who were shorter, yes, but were certainly not weak or physically unfit to fight. He wrote to the Secretary of State for War, Lord Kitchener, asking to create a military unit for these capable men that had been turned down by recruiters.

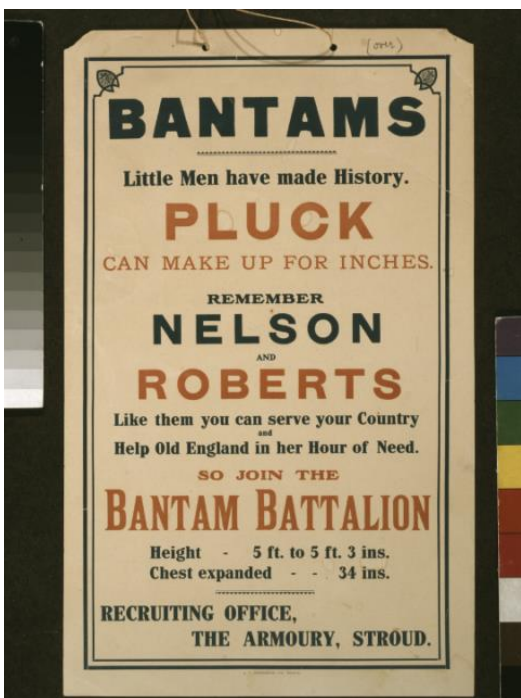


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Surprisingly, Bigland's request was approved. The War Office established battalions for men who were between 5' and 5'5" tall. Tens of thousands of smaller men flocked to these units, which were called Bantam battalions. By the war's end, 29 Bantam battalions had been created, split into three divisions. Although this allowed thousands of men to join the armed forces, it seems like the easier option would have been simply reducing the height requirements for regular units, instead of creating dedicated battalions for shorter men. According to Retired Major Andrew Greenwood, it was much simpler, from an administrative standpoint, for the War

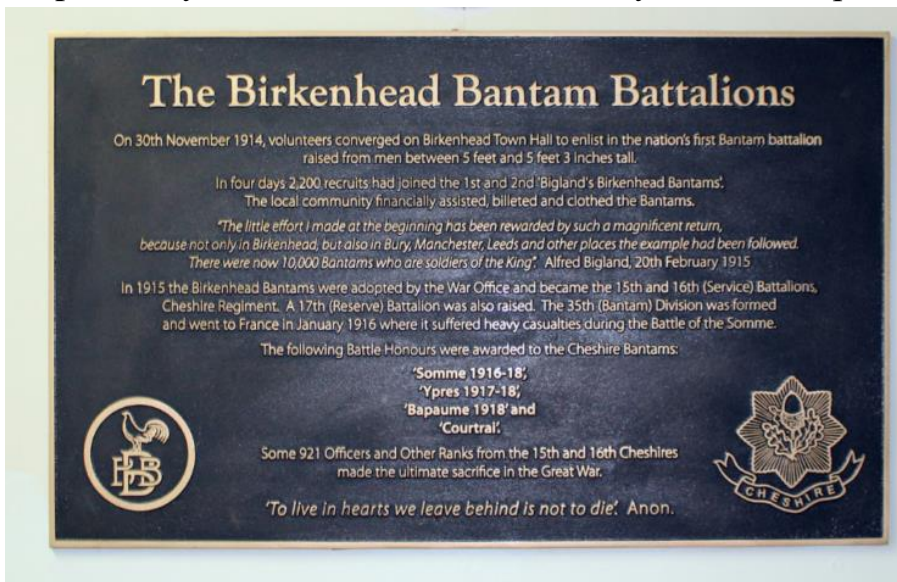
Office to let towns create their own Bantam battalions rather than incorporating the men into the ranks of the military itself. Additionally, many at the time didn't foresee the war dragging on and thought the Bantam units would never actually be used. The men in the Bantam battalions developed a reputation as short, aggressive, and hard men. The War Office had mistakenly assumed that if you were short you were weak. Most of the men in Bantam units had come from a physically tough industry prior to their military service. This made them better than many at dealing with the terrible conditions on the battlefield.

Private Oliver B Capon of the Cheshire Bantams.

(Photo Credit: © IWM HU 119582)



The camaraderie between regular units and the Bantam battalions, and how the smaller men were treated, would be considered condescending and sometimes outright offensive today. A soldier from the Guards Division said: “After we finished telling the Bants they had duck’s disease we had to take a lot of very funny insults in turn. Very sharp tongues they have, and we’ve taken to the little chaps right away.” Some did not take to the Bantam units, though, seeing them as inferior troops. The physical height difference between the Bantams battalions and “regular” troops could cause problems too, especially when occupying the same living spaces. A sergeant major in the Northumberland Fusiliers said, “Sir, them bloody little dwarfs have built up the fire steps so they could see over. Now when my lads stand up, half their bodies are above the parapet.”



Memorial plaque to the Birkenhead Bantam Battalions.

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Like many others on the front lines of WWI, the Bantam units fought hard. They were involved in many of the war’s most brutal battles and lost a large number of men as a consequence. Some Bantam divisions were created entirely

from the decimated remains of other divisions. As the war dragged on, the army realized there were roles that a man with a shorter stature was particularly suited to, like crewing tanks and digging tunnels. So men who would have previously found themselves in the Bantam battalions were now fighting amongst the ranks of regular troops. Also, men who were lost from Bantam units weren’t always able to be replaced by shorter men, so taller soldiers began making their way into the Bantam ranks. For these reasons the Bantam battalions slowly transformed into regular units.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Archives Canada, we can get a feel for the daily happenings on the island. While the project is up to date it is still far from complete. Stu is hoping to photograph the remainder of the diaries at some time in the future when COVID is less of an issue. In the meantime, we are reading through the diaries that we have and updating the nominal roll of all the members that served on Yorke Island. Would you like to join the team? (How about going to Ottawa and starting on the Stanley Park fort War Diaries?) In the meantime, enjoy the diaries posted here. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/war-diaries---yorke.html>

February 1941 - Major Dumoulin OC handed over to Major Piercy, 226 pers, water pump broke, vehicle pennants, challenge drill, moving pictures, arcs of fire, testing of fire circuits, datuming auto-sights, DRF datuming, bounds, AWOL incident, ammo recesses, militia service cipher, good

conduct badge, boxing tournament, dress, 1st Cdn Armoured Brigade draft, break step, permission to marry, bring to rounds, searchlight installation, boat maintenance, gambling, beer consumption, electric lighting plant, baker pay, wharf addition, cable trenches, Maxim machine gun, lanyards, mess insurance, night firing practice.

October 1942 - Major Piercy OC hands over to Major Dumoulin, 266 pers, small arms ammunition, bring to rounds, Clarence Island clearing, electric light plant operators, apparatus illuminating DRF, retreat drill and flag lowering, water conservation, RCAF cooperation, training equipment, bread baking, leave details, political influence, dress, pump issues, Smoking Concert, torch request, gun shelters, training syllabus, Board of Officers, Regimental Institute Tea, faulty cartridge damage, 6 pdr location, gun drill.

Regina Rifle Veteran turning 100 - We have a former Regina Rifleman, Sergeant John Swityk, celebrating his 100th birthday on Tuesday, August 3rd at 1100 hrs in Langley. Some of his neighbours have suggested that a few veterans in period outfits, or current serving members, would certainly make his day and show that his participation on 6 June 1944 has not been forgotten. Would you like to help out? Send me an email at president.vcrgunners@gmail.com for additional details if you're interested. (Don't mention it to Sergeant Swityk - it's a secret!)

Yorke Island Project - The 192 Construction Engineering Flight will be providing community assistance with work on Yorke Island that includes reinforcing the integrity of the columns supporting the overhead cover of the gun emplacements. Our trip last week included the photographing of the columns. In addition, I've added a few videos to the page showing Marine Link's Aurora Explorer which will be transporting their equipment, the condition of the beach at the landing and the long trail up to the fort. Enjoy!
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/columns.html>

Yorke Island Gator Project - One of the issues on Yorke Island is the transportation of veterans and others that may be mobility challenged. In addition, much of the work on the island is done in the Fort area resulting in the requirement to move all the equipment up the hill. There was certain 5 gal jerry can that almost did your president in while carrying it up the hill! The solution seems to be the purchase of a John Deere GatorTMHPX615E. Our non-profit society discounted price comes out to \$14,983.30 taxes in. The concept is that the Gator would be housed in Sayward, loaded up and transported to Yorke Island via the usual landing craft and returned after every use. Would you like to donate to this worthwhile cause? Charitable tax receipts will be issued. Please use interact e-transfer and send to president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Yorke Island 15-18 July 2021

More photos have been added to our Yorke island trip. Check them out here.
<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/yorke-july-2021.html>

Save the Date! - 15 August 2021 at 13:30, 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

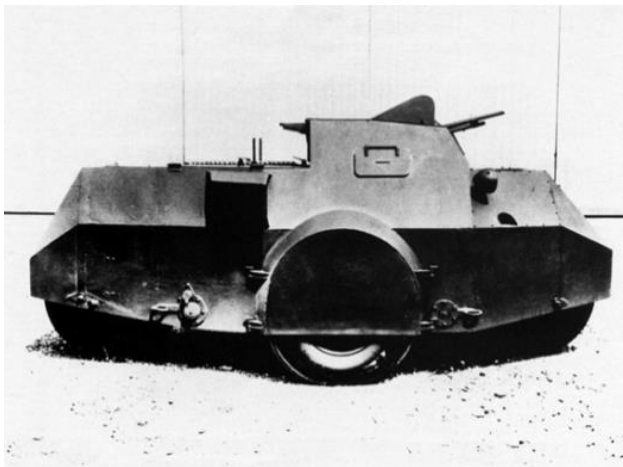
Officer. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/seaforth-highlanders-of-canada-change-of-command>

Captain Robert Spring's obituary has been placed in the 2021 yearbook page. Bob was a member of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment from 1959 until 1962 and from 1964 until 1967. He was a longtime Associate Member of the Mess, a Director and an active volunteer with the Regimental Museum Society and a member of the Vancouver Artillery Association. <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/obituaries-2021.html>

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 Vespa-Caproni armoured car was an Italian military vehicle, designed by the



aircraft manufacturer Caproni. Only one prototype was built, which was tested on February 2, 1942, at the Motor Study Center. The vehicle never entered serial production. The initial idea was to equip the Italian army with an armoured car that is small, light, agile and fast. The Vespa-Caproni was able to accommodate two crew. Its most striking characteristic was the position of the wheels, which were arranged in rhombus or lozenge configuration: one front and one rear wheel (like a motorcycle), and two central wheels, placed on the sides of the hull; basically a 1x2x1 configuration. This gave the vehicle

a particularly small turning radius, useful for an armoured car intended primarily for rapid exploration and reconnaissance. Vespa-Caproni had an 8-cylinder Lancia Astura 82 horsepower engine, which could reach speeds of 86 km/h with operational range of 200 km on road. It was 3.90 meters long, 2 meters wide and 1.85 meters high. The weight was 3.4 tons, with 26 mm frontal armour and 14 mm side armour. Main armament was a 8mm Breda 38 machine gun.

This Week: The recent passing of several good friends is something that has reminded me of one of the sadder events of the Second World War. The occasion was long enough ago that no person reading this newsletter will, I hope, have any direct connection to that sad day. I trust others will forgive me making something so tragic into a quiz, but it is possibly one way of keeping the memory of that event alive. What we see in the photo is a now-derelict manor house, currently, and then, too, on MOD property in Wiltshire. It is unlikely ever to be restored to its happier past glory, as this has been a well-known training area for many decades. Your only hint is that this tragedy has a rather circuitous Canadian connection, although, as far as can be ascertained, all the victims were British. In any event, nationality doesn't matter in heaven or hell.



So, what happened here, and what is the remote connection to our Dominion? Let us know by contacting the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd._redmond@telus.net). Let us hope that in finding the answer some prayers may be forthcoming for the victims of this forgotten event.

From the ‘Punitary’

What did the judge said to the dentist, “Pull my tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth.”

Murphy’s Other Laws

The harder you plan, the more good luck you will seem to have.

Quotable Quotes

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." -*Henry David Thoreau*

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.

<https://zoom.us/j/710845848>

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Invite 2 friends! We have room for 100! See you on Wednesdays at noon. Bring your own lunch and beverage of choice.

With a Few Guns – Canadian Gunners in Afghanistan



"With A Few Guns"



Canadian Gunners in Afghanistan

Author: Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid, CD

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"Avec quelques canons"



Artilleurs canadiens en Afghanistan

Auteur : Lieutenant Colonel (retraité) Brian Reid, CD

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(Seulement en anglais)



Hosted by the [Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies](#), and in partnership with the [Canadian Battlefields Foundation](#) and the [Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society](#), Juno Beach Centre Association is pleased to announce the Maple Leaf Route Webinar Series. Every two weeks from May to September, we will be following Canadian and British Commonwealth soldiers as they landed on D-Day in June 1944 and fought their way inland at the Battle of Normandy.

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!



THE AIR SUPPORT ROLLERCOASTER: CANADIAN SOLDIERS' MORALE IN NORMANDY

Alexander Fitzgerald-Black, Juno Beach Centre Association*

July 14th at 7:00 pm ET (le 14 juillet à 19 h 00 h HE)

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“J’IRAI REVOIR MA NORMANDIE”: FRENCH-CANADIAN INFANTRY UNITS IN NORMANDY

Dr. Caroline D'amours, Parks Canada

July 28th at 7:00 pm ET (le 28 juillet à 19 h 00 h HE)

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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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THE CANADIANS IN NORMANDY: ANOTHER GO-AROUND

Geoff Hayes, University of Waterloo

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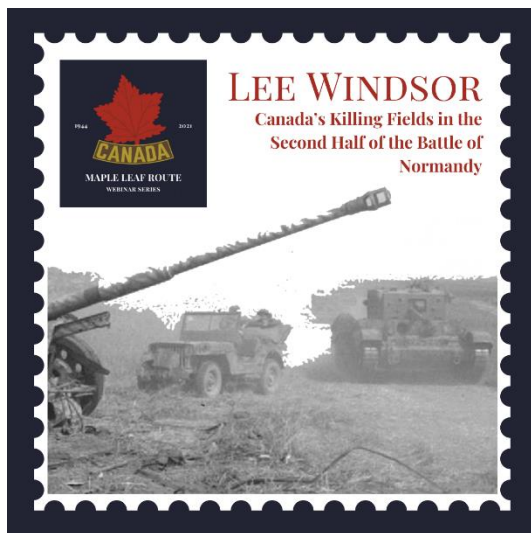
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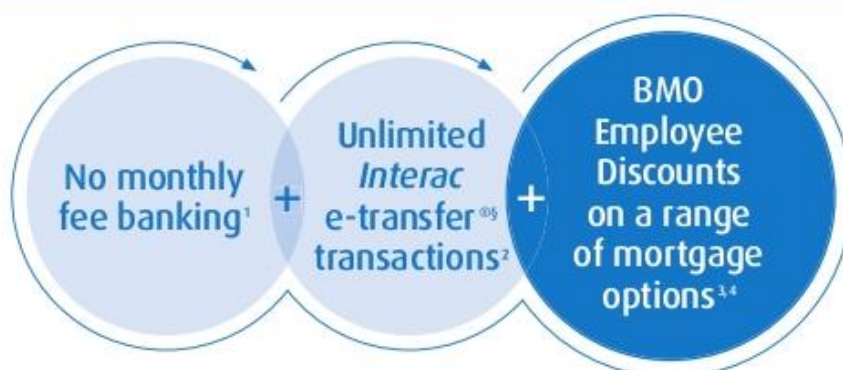
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