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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. Note: Lunches continue through the summer, but we are now in our 'summer doldrums' and attendance has dropped off so, if you can make it, come join us and bring a friend (or friends). During hot weather periods we do relax our jacket and tie requirement. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

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

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World War 2 – 1943

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

Aug 29th: General von Hannecken takes over Denmark and declares martial law, there is some fighting and Danish sailors scuttle most of their own navy. The Soviets liberate Lyubotin in the Kharkov Sector.

Aug 30th: The Soviets are nearing Smolensk and liberate Taganarog.

Aug 31st: The USN Fast Carrier Task Force makes its operational debut in a raid on Marcus Island; only the USS Independence, Essex and Yorktown (CV-10) are present now, but in two years of swelling American naval strength, 19 Fleet Carriers will be present. Soviet troops take Glukhov and Rylsk in the Svesk sector.

September 1943: Italy Bows Out "Three cheers for the war. Three cheers for Italy's war and three cheers for war in general. Peace is hence absurd or rather a pause in war." -Benito Mussolini; Popolo d'Italia (1 Feb 1921)

General: Doenitz puts his U-boats back out to sea with new acoustic homing torpedoes, better AA armament and radar search receivers; but nine are lost in return for 29 Allied ships of 156,400 tons. By way of contrast, the USN submarine fleet in the Pacific sinks 160,000 tons of Japanese shipping. The Allied heavy bombers operating out of the UK drop 14,000 tons of bombs from British aircraft and 5,400 from US aircraft while medium bombers add another 2,800 tons.

Sept 1st: US forces land on Baker Island (which is undefended) to build an airfield for the upcoming Gilberts Campaign. The Soviets capture Dorogobuzh. An F6F Hellcat off the USS Independence shoots down a Japanese scout plane – the first of the 5,163 victories over Japanese aircraft that this remarkable fighter will claim. Faced with the complete elimination of their ghetto due to deportations to the death camps, the Vilnius Ghetto Resistance Committee attempts a rising but it is rapidly and brutally quashed by the Germans.

Sept 2nd: HMS Valiant and Warspite shell Italian defences at Reggio. The Soviets make gains in the Donets and Bryansk Sectors.

Sept 3rd: The Italians sign a surrender document with the Allies but decide not to publicly announce it just yet. 8th Army crosses the Straits of Messina from Sicily near Reggio against negligible opposition. By the end of the day, Allied troops in Italy have taken Reggio, Catona, Melito, San Giovanni, and Bagnara. Soviet troops continue their advances, cutting the Bryansk Konotop railroad and liberating Ilovosk in the Donets Basin.

Sept 4th: Australian troops from the 9th Division land with USN support on the Huon Gulf in New Guinea.

<u>The 2018 RUSI Speaker Series Begins in September –</u> Mark Your Calendars

Be sure to join us for a series of informative and stimulating talks on Wednesdays from September through November 2018 in the Officers Mess at the Bessborough Armoury. Topics will include the future of NATO, Arctic vulnerability, and Canadian unity during WW1.

Kicking off the series on **Wednesday**, **September 12** will be Col (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell, who will provide an overview of past successes and current challenges at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization entitled "*NATO in the Age of Twitter*".

The Wednesday, October 10 presentation deals with "Canada's Arctic: Opportunities and Emerging Threats" in a warming Arctic Ocean. Our speaker will be Joe Spears, a marine consultant with 30 years experience developing Arctic strategy.

On Wednesday, November 14 the topic will be "Canada & the Great War: Unity and Discord", a review by Cam Cathcart, President of RUSI Vancouver, on how the WW1 conscription crisis of 1917 nearly led to the breakup of Confederation.

You're invited to gather at 5:00 pm on the above dates in the Officers Mess at the Bessborough Armoury, 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver. Presentations begin at 5:30 pm followed by a question and answer session. The event will conclude by 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be available. RUSI Vancouver appreciates the cooperation of LCol Pierre Lajoie, Commanding Officer of the 15th Field (RCA) Regiment, for the scheduling of the RUSI Presentation Series, together with the generous support of the PMC and members of the Officers Mess.

Navantia-Saab Team Submits Bid for CSC

Marcello Sukhdeo Aug 3 2018



The Navantia-Saab Team recently announced the submission of its bid to Irving Shipbuilding for the Canadian Surface Combatant (CSC) Program. The team is looking

forward to working with Irving Shipbuilding, the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Navy "to provide a state of the art, proven operational warship," a press release from Navantia states. A similar version of the ship is currently in service with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). The release went on to state that the proposal, designed on Navantia's strong legacy in warship design and construction, will be offering a proven operational ASW platform, which has been modernized over the years through the different experiences in naval programs around the world. Saab, a vital partner of the team, will provide the Combat Systems Integrator (CSI), while CEA Technologies will add some key elements.

Building a First-In-Class design can be a high-risk undertaking, however, by applying lessons learned and the timely transfer of knowledge and technology acquired from previous builds, can significantly reduce the risks. To alleviate risks involved in this process, "the Navantia-Saab Team has developed a technology transfer process, proven and operational in five navies." The team is banking on some key components that they believe will give them a competitive edge in the CSC program. The first is Saab's globally recognized 9LV Combat Management Systems (CMS), which is in service on over 240 platforms in 16 navies around the world, including Canada's own Halifax Class Frigates. Another vital component is CEA Technologies Active Phased Array Radar. This radar is fully compliant with Canada's requirements and is in service onboard the RAN's ANZAC Class frigate and singled out for all future frigates for the RAN. Other key partners on the team include Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics Mission Systems – Canada, DRS Technologies Limited Canada, OSI Maritime Service and Rheinmetall Canada.

The value proposition to Canada is to provide "the lowest risk solution with a proven, 'producible' ship design, for Canada." The Navantia Team is also committed to creating new high-value jobs in Canada; investing in Canadian based innovation which focuses on shipyard 4.0 technologies to support the creation of a sustainable national shipbuilding capability; and developing new export opportunities for the Canadian Defence Industry by partnering with Canadian suppliers and producers.

JCB High Mobility Engineer Excavator Type I

The High-Mobility Engineer Excavator Type I (HMEE-I) is a backhoe loader developed by JCB. The vehicle can carry a two-man crew and was specifically developed for the US military, to replace its small emplacement excavator. The HMEE-I can be used to clear roads, lay power lines and create obstacles to hinder enemy forces. It has a lifespan of 25 years. JCB produces several other high-speed military vehicles, including the High-Mobility Rough-Terrain Forklift, High-Mobility Variable-Reach Truck, High-Mobility Fastrac and High-Mobility Utility Vehicle. JCB unveiled the purpose-built HMEE-I in December 2007. The company has an estimated \$229m contract for the production and service of 800 units for the US Army. It also has an overarching seven-year requirements contract with US Army TACOM (Tank-Automotive and Armament Command). Production of the HMEE-I began in October 2008; JCB has delivered more than 350 HMEE-I's to the US Army, mostly for deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan. New Zealand and Israel have also purchased the HMEE-I via the foreign military sales provisions. The defence ministries of the UK and UAE have acquired vehicles directly from JCB, and nine more countries are in various stages of contract negotiation. The JCB HMEE-I is designed for excavating, earthmoving and loading. Its heavy-duty backhoe loader can self-deploy at speeds of up to 60mph and is designed for blast and ballistic protection. The vehicle is ROPS (rollover protective system) and FOPS (falling object protective structure) approved, and extra plates of appliqué armour can be fitted to the cab. It also has a blackout facility for night operations.



The HMEE-I programme began in 2003. The project had a two-phase acquisition approach; Phase I was a competitive evaluation of three machines and Phase II was the production contract. JCB won both the phases against international competition. HMEE-I was a \$45m R&D investment for JCB based primarily on the 4CX backhoe loader and Fastrac. It uses of commercial off-the-shelf technologies, making it globally marketable and sustainable. JCB is working on next-generation crew protection solutions to provide a higher degree of protection and reduce the vehicle's overall weight. It is

also looking at provisions to allow the HMEE-I to be delivered by air, increasing its mobility and usefulness in missions. Several levels of crew protection are available for the HMEE-I. The crew protection kits provide ballistic and blast protection against small arms fire and improvised explosive devices. Some configurations also provide stand-off mitigation against rocket propelled grenades. HMEE-I power train consists of a Cummins 6.71 ISB-02 engine that produces 200hp, a ZF transmission with six forward and two reverse speeds, and JCB axles. The vehicle is capable of 60mph road speeds in two-wheel drive and 55mph in four-wheel drive, though top speed may be limited by onboard computer systems for safety. This is an important feature when crew protection is added, as this changes the vehicle's centre of gravity.

The HMEE-I has excellent cross-country mobility due to independent hydraulic suspension of each wheel. It can be driven in two-wheel steer, four-wheel steer and crab steer modes, and has an ABS braking system and parking brake that can keep it in position on 21.8° slope. Bridgestone 445/80 R25 tires are fitted on steel two-piece rims, and there is an option to add Hutchinson variable function inserts. Operators can choose from four suspension modes: maintenance and transport mode lowers the suspension fully; excavator



mode lowers and fixes the rear axle and allows front axle to float, mimicking a backhoe; shovel mode does the reverse, simulating a wheel loader; and travel mode to achieve high road speeds. The vehicle can be transported by sea, truck, train or inside a C-130 transport aircraft. The first armoured vehicles sent to Afghanistan were transported by C-5 without configuration change. The HMEE-I is built from around 12,000 parts and has more than 300 suppliers. The main subcontractors include American Defense Systems for crew protection, Angus Palm for cab design and manufacture, Cummins Power South for the engine configuration, Jankel Engineering for blast mitigation and crew protection enhancement for the European orders, XMCO for technical publications (including integrated electronic technical manuals) and ZF for transmission.

Juno Beach Centre Dog Tag Program



GUNNERS! Ernie Beno here (On the Board of Directors for the Juno Beach Centre). Please support this project in memory of those who served and died in Normandy, and the many other veterans who have passed away over time. You may include the name of a Normandy KIA or any former service member on <u>your</u> dog tag. I have purchased the first two – one for the Driver of Captain A. Britton Smith, MC - Bombardier Christopher S. May, M.I.D., 4th Field Regiment, RCA, KIA 25 July 1944 (Beny sur Mer Commonwealth Cemetery), and one for Brigadier P.A.S. (Uncle Stan) Todd CBE, DSO, ED, CD, CRA 3rd Div on D-Day who went on to become our Colonel Commandant.



Dog Tags can be purchased for \$100 each. Each sponsor will receive a Canadian tax receipt for their donation, as well as recognition on the Juno Beach Centre's website. Everyone who participates in the

campaign will receive the name and story of a Canadian killed in Normandy. This includes a set of commemorative dog tags: one tag which features the name of a fallen Canadian, and a second disc which is customizable by you.

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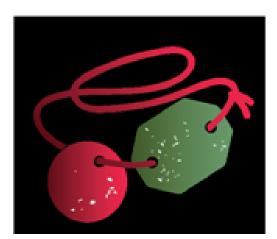
the closing the Falaise Pocket, the beginning of the end for Hitler's Germany. Nearly 5,500 Canadians were killed in Normandy and remain there today.

In 2019, the Juno Beach Centre will mark the 75th anniversary of these events by drawing special attention to the Canadians who were killed during the days between D-Day and the end

of the Battle of Normandy. Canadians have the chance to engage in an Act of Remembrance by supporting the Juno Beach Centre and paying tribute to those individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Through the dedication of nearly 5,500 dog tags — one for each Canadian killed during the Normandy Campaign — the Juno Beach Centre hopes to raise \$500,000 to support future educational and commemorative initiatives. Each tag is inspired by the actual identity discs worn by Canadian servicemen during the Second World War.

THE DOG TAGS:



The Green Tag: The front side of this tag will feature one of the 5,500 Canadians killed in the summer of 1944 and today buried in Normandy. The tag will indicate their rank, name, date of death, regiment or unit, hometown, and their age. The backside of this tag features the Juno75 logo.

The Red Tag: The front side is customizable to each individual donor. To pay tribute to a veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, this tag can include, but is not limited to: military rank, first and last name, military unit/regiment, years of service, conflict served in, or a short personal message. Alternatively, donors can include their own name

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These 5,500 Canadians were everyday people, with families, dreams and aspirations. They went to school on your street, sat in your church every Sunday, and worked at your businesses. Some were only boys as young as 16; they stormed the beach fresh out of high school and minor sports. Others left behind a wife and family. Each life, full of possibilities, was cut short by the terrible reality of war. Included with your donation is one of these stories.

Each set of dog tags can be sponsored for a donation of \$100 each.

See the attached form (in poster section at end) and check out the Juno Beach Centre Website at: https://www.junobeach.org/ and Dog Tag Campaign: https://www.junobeach.org/5500-canadian-stories/

Why are we doing it? The Juno Beach Centre Association's mandate is to remember and commemorate the sacrifices made by all Canadians during the Second World War and to educate and inform future generations about the role Canada played in preserving the freedoms we enjoy today. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the role Canada played in the D-Day landings and to honour those who lost their lives. The funds raised through this initiative will support commemoration and educational programming at the Juno Beach Centre. For more information about the Juno75 Commemorative Campaign, contact Scott Entwistle sentwistle@junobeach.org or by phone at 1-778-872-1466 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm PST)

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

Weekly updates for www.vancouvergunners.ca. Have you got any photos or stories to share?

Passing of Master Bombardier Chris Sewell www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html

25 Pounder detachment update www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html

Regimental wedding 1982 www.vancouvergunners.ca/1982.html

Passing of Lieutenant-Colonel McGavin www.vancouvergunners.ca/1982.html

Passing of WOII Sherwood Mac Mackenzie www.vancouvergunners.ca/1965.html

Lieutenant Jack Mortlock in Cyprus 1965 www.vancouvergunners.ca/1965.html

Passing of Lieutenant John Travers Pennington www.vancouvergunners.ca/1963.html

Captain Faustine Stanley Card update 1959 www.vancouvergunners.ca/1959.html

Want to join our shoe box club? Put your old photos in a shoe box with/without a sheet of paper with descriptions, drop the shoe box off at Bessborough Armoury c/o Colonel (ret'd) Leon Jensen. I'll scan them and place them on line in the appropriate yearbook.

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

Who Is It



Last Week: Sergeant (later Lieutenant) Gordon Muriel Flowerdew VC, of the Lord Strathcona Horse - leader of Flowerdew's charge at Moreuil Wood in 1918.

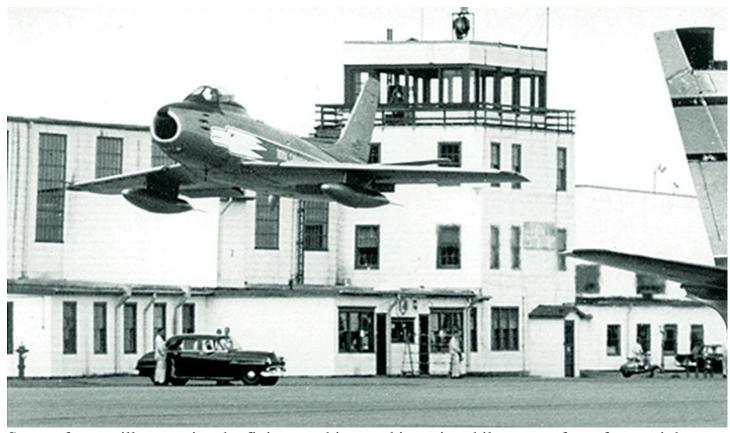
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Flowerdew joined the 31st BC Horse prior to WW1. The BC Horse eventually morphed into the BC Hussars, and shared Bessborough Armoury with the 15th Field Brigade RCA, eventually being converted, in 1939, to the 1st Searchlight Regiment RCA.

This Week: The other week, a group of distinguished RCAF veterans visited our little museum. One of these chaps, wiping away the Brylcreem from his forehead, mentioned how much he enjoys this little column, but wishes we featured more winged vehicles. Well, this week we do just that.

As you know, 15th Field Regiment, RCA, perpetuates the memory of the old 43rd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment (later Medium), RCA, which also used Bessborough Armoury, so, we will refrain from making any jokes about targets, etc., for the time being. Our photo of the week,

sent to us by an air force veteran, but most likely taken from someone's website (apologies), is apparently real



Some of you will recognize the flying machine, and its unit, whilst a very few of you might know the now-closed station at which this event occurred. To give you a hint, although it is gone, the location does a great job serving aviation historians and history buffs. So, what is happening and where? What was the result? We know what would happen now: dismissal from the service. Back then, maybe slaps on the back and free beers in the mess? Let us know by contacting the editor, bob.mugford@outlook.com or the author, John Redmond (johnd_redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitentary'

What happened to the magician who was walking down the street? He turned into a grocery store.

Murphy's Other Laws

An object in motion will be heading in the wrong direction and an object at rest will be in the wrong place

Quotable Quotes

You have succeeded in life when all you really want is only what you really need. - *Vernon Howard*

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CANADA'S JUNO75 COMMEMORATIVE CAMPAIGN

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Veteran Dog Tag OR Donor Dog Tag Inscription

Veteran Dog Tags include 4 lines (Maximum 15 characters and spaces per line). This should include, but is not limited to: military rank, first and last name, military unit/regiment, years of service, battles served, military number, or a personal message.

A Donor Dog Tag includes 4 lines (Maximum 15 characters and spaces per line). This can include the donor's name or organization name, organization information or message and hometown and province.

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We thank you for your contribution to the Juno Beach Centre! Every donation helps keep the memory of Canada's veterans alive and will be used to support the programming and educational mission of the Centre, Canada's only Second World War Museum in Normandy.

The Juno Beach Centre Association is a registered Canadian charity (891257149RT0001)



The Officer Commanding the Garrison requests the company of all Members Officers, Milady's and Guests

at the

Battles of the Plains of Abraham Commemorative Mess Dinner

22 September 2018, - 1800 for 1900

The Sergeants' Mess, Bessborough Armoury 2025 West 11th Ave., Vancouver

Dress: Regimental Scarlets, Highland Evening Dress, Business Attire

Tariff: \$ 65 per person

RSVP to Adjutant Lt John Hooker jobarb@shaw.ca or at 604-522-5766



Churchill Society of British Columbia PATRON: RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH CHURCHILL:

Canada's Nuclear Strike Force

With guest speaker, Eric Mold CD, NSM.

Please join us on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 to welcome our guest speaker Eric Mold. He will address our Society on Canada's Nuclear Strike Squadrons and their contribution to NATO.



Eric Mold spent ten years of service as a pilot in the Royal Air Force and twenty years of service as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force. His career spanned the period from immediately after the war to the mid-seventies experiencing significant development of jet fighter aircraft. His stories are entertaining and informative and this one gives a fascinating picture of the time when, during the Cold War, Canada deployed six squadrons of nuclear armed aircraft to Europe as a part of our commitment to NATO. We are blessed to be able to hear first-hand this facet of Canadian military history that has largely been forgotten.

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 25; Wine & Cheese starts at 5:00 pm, Program from 5:50 – 7:00 pm

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

Cost: \$30 each for a Member of the Society, \$40 each for a non-Member

\$50 for a Member accompanied by either a spouse, partner or an immediate family member

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

Please inform our Administrator, April Accola, of your attendance by email at aprilaccola@hotmail.com or by mailing the attached form.

I look forward to seeing you on September 25. Please feel free to send this notice to any interested parties.

Ian E. Marshall, Secretary

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The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia Founded 1919

MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM

Wednesday September 26th, 2018

Officers Mess Bessborough Armoury 2025 West 11th Avenue Vancouver, BC.

1130 am bar open 1200 noon lunch 1 pm speaker 4 course hot lunch \$20 per person

Dress - Business attire, blazers tie etc

Speaker
Michael Harvey
Chief Executive Officer
Aquatica Submarines & Subsea Technologies

RSVP for lunch numbers please to dreese@telus.net or phone o r text 778-227-8203 by 1600 hrs Sunday September 23rd 2018

The Regimental Sergeant-Major Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

Cordially invite you to their

ANNUAL MESS DINNER

Saturday, 27th October 2018

Cocktails: 18:00 hrs Dinner: 19:00 hrs

To be held in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Bessborough Armoury 2025 West 11th Avenue Vancouver, BC

RSVP required by 12th October 2018 to the Unit Chief Clerk (Sgt Woods), 2025 West 11th Ave. Vancouver BC V6.I 2C7

Email: brenda.woods@forces.gc.ca

Telephone: 604-666-4876

Dress Mess Kit/Formal Ticket price: \$60.00 Cheque payable to 15th Field Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' mess. Pay at the door or mail in payment



October 13, 2018 7 pm - 11 pm Tickets \$20.00







Tickets include:

Flight of 3 craft Beer & Apples

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Pay by Cash, Cheque or E-Transfer

Lt. Col. J.P. Fell Armoury

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