



#### Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Aug 29, 2017

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**Wednesday Lunches -** We serve a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Attendance has been down recently. Most of our regular attendees, who are retired, are slowly fading away and the next generation seems, by and large, to be too busy to attend. Guests are always welcome and we encourage members to bring their significant others. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies

Renovations in the Officers Mess have started and are expected to take all summer (if not longer). During renovations, lunches will be held in the WO & Sgts Mess.

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

**Sept 03** - Point Atkinson Tour

**Sept 09** - WO & Sgts Mess Dinner

### **World War 2 - 1942**

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

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>:** The Soviet perimeter around Stalingrad withdraws to positions closer to the city. The US is down to one intact carrier in the Pacific (USS Wasp), as USS Saratoga is withdrawn after being torpedoed by I26 and Enterprise is limping off for repairs.

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup>:** The Japanese on Guadalcanal are reinforced by another night run of Admiral Tanaka's 2nd Destroyer Flotilla – the "Tokyo Express".

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup>:** The savage conditions endured by the Japanese and the Australians on the Kokoda Trail in New Guinea are only matched by the savagery of the fighting there. Today, Private Bruce Steel Kingsbury of the 2/14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion attaches himself to another platoon after his is overrun and leads them in a furious counter-attack, firing a Bren gun from the hip. He inflicts numerous casualties on the Japanese before he is killed by a sniper, but his actions break

the momentum of a major Japanese attack and buy another day. He is posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross to accompany the Military Medal won in battle in Lebanon in 1941.

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>:** The Cactus Air Force at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal is reinforced by 30 more fighters and dive bombers. The Germans order all the men of Luxembourg between 17 and 23 into their Army; this leads to riots and wholesale draft evasion. 10,200 will end up in German uniform anyway, where some 3,000 are killed and almost 1,000 will desert to the Soviets.

**Aug 31<sup>st</sup>:** The Battle of Alam Halfa opens up as Rommel seeks to break through the British defences at El Alamein. However, Rommel is at the end of a tenuous supply line and the British have been carefully planning their defences. The Japanese evacuate Milne Bay on New Guinea but add another 1200 troops to their forces on Guadalcanal – this is the first time the Japanese have withdrawn from anywhere since entering the war. The leading elements of 6<sup>th</sup> Army come within 25km of Stalingrad."

#### September 1942: El Alamein, Guadalcanal and Stalingrad Develop Further

"Our battalion is attacking the grain elevator with tanks. Smoke is pouring out of it. The grain is burning and it seems the Russians inside set fire to it themselves. It's barbaric. The battalion is taking heavy losses. Those are not people in the elevator, they are devils and neither fire nor bullets can touch them." - German soldier Willi Hoffman, 94th Infantry Division, in Stalingrad

**General:** U-Boats claim some 98 of Allied shipping losses of 114 ships of 567,300 tons. About one third of the supplies and reinforcements sent to Rommel are sunk by Allied units operating out of Malta and Egypt. RAF bomber command drops about 6,000 tons of bombs in Northwest Europe, the USAAF adds 200 tons.

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>:** 6<sup>th</sup> Army fights its way into Stalingrad's suburbs while 11<sup>th</sup> Army lands on the Taman Peninsula from Kerch. Rommel's Alam Halfa offensive is stalled due to a fuel shortage for his tanks and stiff British resistance. Japan's Foreign Minister Togo resigns and Prime Minister Tojo adds his portfolio to his own responsibilities.

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rommel's Panzers end their attacks near el Alamein – the British have held all too. firmly. German troops in the far south of Russia are nearing Grozny and Novorossiysk. The first mass deportation from the Warsaw Ghetto occurs, 50,000 Jews are intended for this 'transport' to 'resettle' them -- at the Death Camps.

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 1,000 Japanese troops land on New Guinea at Buna. The New Zealand division attempts to cut off Rommel's withdrawing Panzers and gets into two days of heavy fighting.

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>:** 1,000 Luftwaffe aircraft sortie over Stalingrad. The Japanese sink two old American destroyers (now acting as fast transports) off Guadalcanal. Corporal John Alexander French of the 9<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions today near Milne Bay in New Guinea. When his section suddenly encountered fire from

three well-concealed Japanese machine gun posts, he ordered his men into cover and single-handedly assaulted the posts with grenades and a Thompson gun, destroying two before dying in front of the third after killing its occupants.

#### <u>The War Diary of C31 L/Sgt Charles D Phelan, A Battery, RCHA 1939 - 1945</u> *Edited by BGen (ret'd) Robert P (Bob) Beaudry CD*

#### Chapter 20. Newick, Battle Firing, Wiring Parties, Glynde, Inspections, and Turnouts

- **21 -31 Aug, 1942**. We made ourselves quite comfortable in Newick House. Hot water, the soldier's delight, was on tap, and visits were arranged for the Mobile Showers. Newick, Hatward's Heath and Lewes soon began to see groups of the RCHA in their streets. Regimental Police were detailed for duty in Lewes.
- **2 3 Sep.** The Regiment moved off on Ex "Breaststroke", a Battle Firing scheme. We took up positions on the Alfriston ranges. After the guns had been put on line, there was nothing to do until evening when Survey reached us with new data and we replotted the arty boards on the new grid. We were told the Press would be around, and that everyone was to "be doing something". It rained and the Press did not put in an appearance. The next morning, 3 Sept, we worked out Meteors, and waited. At 1425 hrs the Divisional concentration was fired, right on the second, and the Van Doos (R22°R) attacked and successfully stormed their objective.
- **4 5 Sep.** I was on a work party to go on the ranges for an unspecified fatigue. Upon arrival, we found that we were to take down several hundred feet of tangled three tier barbed wire. With only one pair of pliers and a couple pairs of gloves in the battery, we didn't make much headway. We finally resorted to using the trucks, and pulled out about 75 yards of wire. The following day we were out again, properly equipped. We tore out about 100 yards of the entanglements. Nobody killed themselves, and I think A Bty took down the least wire of the Regiment. However, from the old houses nearby, we tore down some useful stuff, loading our truck with about 20 sheets of corrugated iron, several sheets of plywood, and a kitchen sink.
- <u>17 Sep.</u> We had a rehearsal for an inspection which is to be held on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. We had been scrubbing and blancoing since Monday and were all slicked up. We marched about two miles to a large field where the Regiment was drawn up. Col Lane inspected us and we went through the whole rigmarole until he was more or less satisfied.
- 19 Sep. We were marched back to the same field, after having been inspected by the Battery officers. We were drawn up in line to await the arrival of the GOC, MGen Salmon. Amazingly, he arrived on the dot at 0930 hrs. After the General Salute, he inspected the Regiment by batteries, amazingly again standing the rest at ease. He stopped to speak to a number of men, asking the stock questions: "Where are you from?" and "How long have you been in the Army?" After the inspection and the march past, he told us how proud he was to command 1 Cdn Div. He told us how tough we were, and mentioned Gen McNaughton's intention that the

Canadians "would be the spearhead" of an attack on Europe. After he left, Col Lane complimented us on a good turnout. He remarked that when one man fainted, nobody stirred, and said: "That's the way it should be!" "That's the way it should be" became a stock saying, covering every situation, for days to come.

- <u>30 Sep.</u> After a couple of weeks of the usual rumors, we got orders to pack up for a move. We travelled a few miles to our new area which was near the village of Glynde. We were billeted in a huge stable and in Nissen huts. The stable was better than it sounds, as the second floor had probably housed the grooms and gardeners and what not in prewar days. I was in one of the Nissen huts. The galvanized iron walls and cement floor didn't make the place the warmest in the world, but we put it in pretty good shape.
- <u>10 Oct.</u> A Colonel's inspection was scheduled, but after we were about to move off, it was cancelled, much to our satisfaction.
- <u>14 Oct.</u> The GOC, Gen Salmon, inspected the Regiment. After inspecting the men, he looked over the billets, guns, and vehicles. He asked very searching questions about the state of everything, while his aide-de-camp took notes.
- <u>17 Oct</u>. We had a practice of our Anti Raid Drill. The Battery occupied our field defences, ready to fire. We had several theoretical targets in support of the infantry, who repelled an attack by theoretical parachute troops. The GOC visited every gun position. The day ended with a 3-mile route march to RHQ, where we saw a film on "Sex Hygiene", and a German film "Baptism of Fire".
- <u>23 Oct</u>. We marched three miles to RHQ for a CO's inspection. We were minutely inspected by the CO for an hour. After the inspection he took command and put us through an hour of foot drill. Apparently, he'd been reading up on his drill, as his favourite maneuver was forming column of troops.
- **26 Oct.** Late in the afternoon we occupied a position on top of a low mountain overlooking the channel. The rain let up and was replaced by a very strong wind. The wind made the survey pretty haphazard. Two civilians and a barn were casualties when a B Bty gun fired 20 degrees off line.
- **28 Oct.** Hugh Page, M Lambert and I were sent to RHQ to attend a long-promised Survey Course. We lost no time getting started. Lt A Campbell, the RSO, gave us an idea of what the course would cover and we got right to work.
- **2 Nov.** We had a tactical inspection of sorts. The Regiment lined up by batteries in a big field. The OPs set up in front. A few yards behind, the guns were put into action, with the troop CPs behind them, the Bty CPs in the rear, and the trucks lined up in the last line. The CRA walked around looking at the odd truck and bits of equipment.

<u>9 Nov.</u> We were out on another tactical scheme for the benefit of more brass hats whom I didn't even see. We occupied three different positions and fired a few rounds which landed in the right spots. In between these schemes we kept on with the Survey Course. We have dug into trigonometry, tackled slide rules, and practiced triangulations, traverses, resections, and other odds and ends. As I had never got around to trig while at High School, I had to knuckle down and study up on it on my own time, and what a job that was.

<u>15 Nov.</u> On Sunday, the Church bells were rung throughout the country as a celebration for the huge advances being made in Africa. They have not rung since the fall of France.

17 Nov. We had reveille at 0500 hrs and first parade at 0615 hrs. We wore our best serge, web, small packs, respirators and tin hats. As per a new batch of instructions, we wore the small pack on our back, with the respirator suspended from it and tied by the respirator cord. What a getup! We marched to Glynde to board a train to Eastborne, where we were marched to the Cricket Field at 0830 hrs. Here, 1, 2, and 3 Fd Regts, 1 Anti-Tank Regt, 2 LAA Regt, and 1 Svy Regt were drawn up. We were given air protection by 54 Bty, which mounted Bofors guns around the field. These units comprised the entire 1 Div Artillery. We stood shivering in the freezing wind until 0945 hrs, when Brig Tremaine walked onto the field. He inspected the regiments, standing the others at ease, and it was after noon before he finished. He then gave a short talk and informed us that the main reason for the parade was to enable us to see the other regiments on parade – as can be well imagined, that didn't make anybody very happy. He urged us to put everything into the schemes and practice camps, as we would eventually be going into action. Then the GOC, Gen Crerar, arrived at the saluting base. The band struck up our Regimental March, The March of The Grenadiers, and we led the 23-minute long march past, with the troops in close column.

<u>20 Nov.</u> We were all highly pleased when the Regiment received new 25-pdr Mark II guns to replace our old 18/25-pdr Mark IV guns. The 25-pdr has an excellent reputation and is the latest thing in field guns. They were in bad shape, as they had been standing outside for a long time, and they had to be taken in relays to the RCOC Workshop.

23 -24 Nov. We worked with 1 Svy Regt, and we did a long traverse and a triangulation.

<u>6 – 7 Dec.</u> All the Acs took a Trades Test. It was really a honey! On the first morning, we had a really stiff oral exam. Next, we had a test on the director, which did not give us any trouble. Next were tests on the No11 and 18 sets, which stumped a lot of us. The next day we had a series of tests involving Air Shoots, a Meteor, C & PC Graph, etc. Next, we had a 3-hour test on the Arty Board, detailing the procedures for Air Burst ranging, a barrage, recording targets, etc. Then we had a change of grid and had to recalculate all the data. We were all pretty doubtful about obtaining the 60% required to pass. The general opinion was that anyone who passed should apply for the Brigadier's job.

#### The Sinking of US's First Combat Sub a Mystery For 150 Years

Jared Keller August 24, 2017



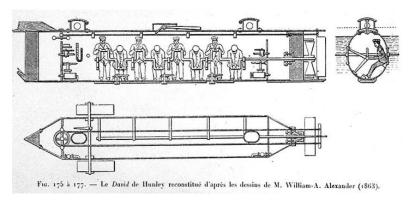
Conrad Wise Chapman's oil painting "Submarine Torpedo Boat HL Hunley," Dec. 6, 1863.

Photo via American Civil War Museum/WIkimedia Commons

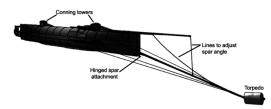
On February 17, 1864, the 12-foot-long Confederate Submersible HL Hunley became the first combat sub in American history to sink a surface warship, torpedoing

the US Navy's three-month-old sloop-of-war USS Housatonic as it participated in the Union blockade of Charleston, South Carolina. But instead of returning home, the Hunley sank immediately after, killing all eight of the Confederate crewmen on board. It was the short-lived sub's third and final sinking. Here's where things get weird. When the sub was first discovered in 1995 and raised from the depths of Charleston's harbor in 2000, conservators were presented with a strange scene: The crew had apparently died seated at their battle stations, the bilge pumps and ballast weights untouched. The configuration of Hunley's hatches suggested there had been no attempts to escape the doomed vessel. There were no signs of physical trauma based on the crew's skeletal remains. To the untrained eye, it appeared that the Hunley's crew celebrated their historic attack on the Housatonic by just up and dying. The cause of the Hunley's demise has remained largely a mystery for more than 150 years — until now.

In a fascinating new analysis, partially funded by US Army's Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative program and published in the peer-reviewed journal *PLOS One*, engineers and scientists led by Duke University biomechanist Rachel Lance concluded after a three-year study that the Hunley, well... sank itself. After deploying its



primary weapon, a 135-lb copper spar torpedo filled with explosive black powder — affixed to a long wooden pole and activated by the pull of a cord — the crew detonated the munition less than 16 feet from the Hunley's bow. The force of the detonation and resulting shockwave killed the Confederate sub crew instantly. "The blast produced likely caused flexion of the ship hull to transmit the blast wave; the secondary wave transmitted inside the crew compartment was of sufficient magnitude that the calculated chances of survival were less than 16% for each crew member," Lance and her colleagues explain. "The submarine drifted to its resting place after the crew died of air blast trauma within the hull." Popular Science has a more macabre description: The sailors were "struck so hard by the force of their own torpedo's blast that the soft tissues of their lungs and brains would have taken immediate, fatal damage." Gross.



But apart from solving a mystery, the research also presents a cautionary tale for engineers focused on underwater warfare. "It was the combination of all the simultaneous design changes: conversion from wood to wrought iron, sinking the vessel deeper in the water,

lowering the torpedo, and attaching the charge much closer at the end of a spar that ultimately led to the demise of the crew," the authors write. "The HL Hunley presents the first documented case of primary blast-induced fatality to personnel within a structure." It would take another four decades for submersibles to really make their mark on naval warfare, sinking surface vessels without the Pyrrhic aftermath of the Hunley's assault. But sub warfare and the potentially deadly consequences of underwater explosions all begin with the story of those eight Confederate soldiers who accidentally doomed themselves with a spar torpedo.

#### \$10,000 in Prizes Up for Grabs in CAF Imagery Contest



The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Imagery Contest, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is currently accepting submissions, including submissions to two new video categories: Actuality and Social Media. "Whether you're a seasoned professional or an amateur photography lover, this is the contest for you. The Photography portion of the Contest accepts images in eight diverse categories, and is open to all

members of the Defence Team and their families," said Eric MacKenzie, national recreation coordinator, Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services. The Imagery Contest, established in 1968, celebrates both the talented photographers and videographers of the CAF community and the many aspects of military life. Since 1999, there have been over 20,000 photos submitted and 4,000 participants. In 2016, the CAF Photography Contest committee received a total of 2,179 entries from 370 participants. "For five decades, the Imagery Contest has been celebrating the talented photographers who capture life in CAF communities from coast to coast.

As you take photos this summer, keep the Imagery Contest in mind. Family gatherings, sports tournaments, scenic vacations, work events...the possibilities are endless!" added MacKenzie. Contestants from different walks of life are welcome: from military personnel to family members and novice to highly skilled photographers. The contest includes eight categories, including military life, people, animals, altered image, environment, macrophotography, sports and open. This year's videography categories, invites participants to send their real-world video footage for the Actuality submissions. These videos can be anywhere from 30 seconds to two minutes long. The Social Media category, invites participants to submit inspirational message videos. These videos can be anywhere from 30 seconds to one-minute long. Contestants not only compete for top recognitions like Photographer of the Year, but also are eligible to win \$10,000 in prizes. All participants, whether they win or not, will be automatically entered to

draw two tickets for anywhere WestJet flies, except for Hawaii. Submissions are open until **Sept. 1**.

To enter and view full contest details visit the CAF Imagery Contest website

#### Sig Sauer Unveils a Feisty New Compact Personal Defense Weapon

GEAR & TECH Matthew Moss August 23, 2017



Hot off its new contract with the U.S. Army, Sig Sauer has unveiled a new compact carbine which the company claims is its most "discreet platform" ever: the MCX Rattler. The Rattler, a compact personal defense weapon built at the request of "elite military units," is based on the Sig Sauer's popular line of MCX gas-operated piston AR-15-style

rifles. But MCX has the benefit of not needing a buffer tube in the stock like a conventional AR-15, allowing the rifle to host a more compact folding stock. As a result, the company claims that the is "shorter than any M4 ever produced."

Sig Sauer's new carbine goes even further, with a short 5.5-inch barrel and a specialized PDW upper giving the carbine an overall length of just 16 inches when the stock is folded. The Rattler offers "M4 ballistics in a subgun-sized package," the company says, a manageable weapon just three inches longer than the ultra-compact MP5K. So who gets first dibs on this



shiny new toy? Those "elite units" Sig Sauer referred to might be U.S. Special Operations Command.



In March 2017, SOCOM released a Request for Information calling for a new PDW conversion kit chambered in primarily .300 Blackout cartridge, but also the standard 5.56x45mm round. The command is apparently looking for a kit that can convert a standard M4A1 lower by adding a new upper receiver, a PDW that weighs no more than five-and-a-half pounds and extends no longer than 26 inches with its stock

folded. The Rattler meets all of these requirements. Sig Sauer's product page for the weapon explaining that the Rattler was "designed from the ground up to be as discreet as possible while retaining all the capabilities of the MCX." In addition to a lightweight aluminium folding stock, the carbine also has a free-floating M-Lock handguard and a three-prong flash hider and can easily attach a suppressor. Sounds perfect for U.S. special operations forces, and Sig Sauer knows it. On Aug. 22, the company released a slick new video, as part of a series of four short films on the MCX series of rifles, titled *Tango Down*. The video shows the Rattler in action with a SOCOM operator undercover in an Iraqi market when a firefight erupts. The operator is

told he needs to "roll as heavy as you can without blowing your cover"; naturally, he readies up with a Rattler in a sports bag.

While it's unclear if any contract will be awarded for SOCOM's PDW, Sig Sauer has brought its new compact rifle to the civilian market with prices starting at \$2,719. The Rattler is available in two packages: the Rattler PSB, which ships with a three-position pistol brace rather than a conventional stock, or the Rattler SBR, which has a folding stock but requires a short-barrelled rifle tax stamp to own legally. It seems that Sig Sauer is only immediately offering the Rattler in .300 Blackout, but some buyers might hold out for the 5.56x45mm that Tactical Life hints is on the way at a later date. You might not be fighting it out in an Iraqi bazar anytime soon, but if you're looking for a compact truck or pack gun or a slick new rifle that will turn heads at the range the MCX Rattler might be for you.

#### Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

The war diary updates from 100 years ago continue and we've added war diaries from 87 years ago as 85 Battery is activated for World War II. Check them out at: <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new</a>

The Annual Volunteer & Service Militia List of Canada from 1st March 1866 was just uploaded to our reference page. http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/references.html

Lieutenant Vincent McKenna has been traced back to his service with 15th Field Brigade, CFA and his subsequent awarding of the Military Cross. <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/mc.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/mc.html</a>

Bombardier John Murray Crockett awarded the Military Medal http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/mm.html

Lest we forget - Bombardier Robert Dixon Spring – 23 August 1941 <a href="http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1941.html">http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1941.html</a>



Keep those stories and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at LeonJ1@hotmail.com

#### Who Is It

Last Week: A number of people responded to this quiz. Some thought it was a 9 Pdr RML



Gun, most thought 13 Pdr RML gun. Both guns are very similar in design. Nobody seems to know where the guns came from or what happened to them. Your Editor vaguely recalls seeing two of them when he was a Cadet in the late 50s, but they had disappeared by 1960. The 43<sup>rd</sup> went from HAA to MAA in 1955 with the introduction of the US 90mm guns and amalgamated with the 15<sup>th</sup> Fd in 1958, so this picture was taken some time in that period. HCol

Ingledow is seen inspecting the band and just passing a trumpet player who looks like Sgt George Mapson. Behind George might be Vic Stevenson

**This Week:** Rowing has always been a sport keenly enjoyed by gunners, given that it strengthens the arms, leading to ease of loading a gun when speed is required, such as when one's position is being over-run by tanks. It is then with joy that the curators of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment's museum found this photo in the archives of the surrounding City of Vancouver (a nuclear-free zone, if you didn't already know).



This fine detachment. dressed in comfortable battle dress, is performing on the beach, hence the allusion above to rowing. One can see how such a sport can be applied to this gunnery situation. These lads, muscles bulging beneath their blouses (for such are BD tops called), have benefited from some such exercise, for sure. What is missing from the City Archives description, is anything a Gunner would understand (I think it says "Troopers with Cannon", or

something like that). So, we are calling upon you to provide us with more information: type of gun (easy), location (harder), date (not too hard), and unit (hard). Let's hear from you. Send your answers to the editor, <a href="mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com">bob.mugford@outlook.com</a> or to the author, John Redmond (<a href="mailto:johnd\_redmond@telus.net">johnd\_redmond@telus.net</a>). Email the editor if you want a copy of the original. Thanks for your help.

#### From the 'Punitentary'

What has a lot of keys but cannot open any locks? A piano.

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

He who hesitates is probably right.

#### **Quotable Quotes**

Originality is the fine art of remembering what you hear but forgetting where you heard it. *Laurence J. Peter* 



#### TOUR DATES

Sunday May 14

Sunday June 18

Sunday July 23

Sunday August 13

Sunday Sept. 3

TOUR TIMES

1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Registration required Limit 20 per tour

# CANADA 150 TOUR of **POINT ATKINSON** LIGHT STATION

Lighthouse Park Preservation Society and West Vancouver Historical Society invite you to join a free guided tour of the light station grounds. Learn about the link between the lighthouse and Canada's confederation. Climb the steps to the base of the lighthouse (the tower will not be open). Enter the Fog Alarm museum to learn about its inner workings and the role of the lighthouse keeper. Sit inside the Power House to view a short slide show on the presence of the military during WWII.

For more information about the tour and to register please email pointatkinsonpals@gmail.com





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#### **WO & Sgts ANNUAL MESS DINER**

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

Cordially invite you to their

## ANNUAL MESS DINNER

Saturday, 9th September 2017

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

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess
Bessborough Armoury
2025 West 11th Avenue
Vancouver, BC

RSVP required by 30<sup>st</sup> August 2017 to the Mess Treasurer, (Sgt Cooley) 2025 West 11th Ave, Vancouver BC V6J 2C7 Email: james.cooley@forces.gc.ca

Telephone: 604-666-4331

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



### **Wednesday Lunches**

Have you been down to Bessborough Armoury lately?

When was the last time you were at the
15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment Officers' Mess?

Did you know that the Mess continues to offer a fine lunch
every Wednesday at 12:00?

For \$20.00 you get a 5 course meal and the opportunity to reconnect
with your Gunner friends and other guests.

Business attire expected.

The Regimental Museum opens at 10:00 every Wednesday.