

## Van Arty Assoc and RUSI Van Members News Sept 2, 2014

### Wednesday Lunches

The Mess dress requirements for Wednesday lunches is Business Casual. Business casual can best be described as our 'summer dress'. Minimum requirement is an open neck button up shirt with dress pants or slacks (no blue jeans, pls), Ladies is the equivalent. Of course we never discourage the wearing of jackets and ties. Guests are always welcome.

### Manning the Guns of Ferguson Point

On 27 August 1939, in preparation of war, the Ferguson Point Gun Position in Stanley Park was officially occupied by personnel of 31 Battery from the 15<sup>th</sup> Coast Brigade of Artillery, the predecessor of today's 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. To celebrate this event, the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regimental Society is holding a Sunset ceremony at Ferguson Point, followed by a dinner at the Teahouse, on September 26, 2014. [See article and Invitation at the end of newsletter.](#)

### 39 CBG's Exercise Kootenay Cougar 2014 nearing the end

*450 soldiers train in British Columbia* DAVID PUGLIESE Published on: August 27, 2014

Exercise Kootenay Cougar 2014 is 39 Canadian Brigade Group's largest exercise of the year. The DND has just issued a news release on what is happening, although the exercise is almost over. Here is the information from the DND:



The purpose of the exercise is to confirm soldier readiness and ability to respond to domestic emergencies and international operations as required. The exercise is the culmination of our training effort for this year. Exercise Kootenay Cougar 2014 runs from August 18 to 28, 2014 in Trail, BC. Approximately 450 soldiers and 80 military vehicles from across British Columbia will complete 8 demanding training tasks focused on testing both junior

leadership and individual military skills. The training will be exciting and help foster both a warrior spirit and esprit de corps among the soldiers.

- The exercise is run as a competition, with BC Armoured, Artillery, Engineer and Infantry Reserve Units contributing a platoon of approximately 25 soldiers each, led by a junior officer. After 2 days of final preparation, the competition will run for 4 days with platoons being rotated through 8 scenario based stands. The stands will be run by other soldiers from the brigade. A team of senior staff will mentor each platoon throughout the 4 days.

- Trail, BC was selected for this year's training event because of the challenging and unique terrain that the region offers. The focus for 39 Canadian Brigade Group, as a force generating organization, is to train combat effective and adaptable soldiers who are ready to deploy when required. Training our soldiers in realistic scenarios in an unfamiliar environment enhances their military experience and will help them respond to unique situations in the future.

## **Quick Facts**

- 39 Canadian Brigade Group is the only Army formation in British Columbia with 1600 serving members.
- 39 Canadian Brigade Group Mission is to recruit, train, and retain soldiers and leaders to support both domestic emergencies and expeditionary operations.
- 90% of serving members are part-time soldiers (reservists) with 10% on fulltime service (both the Regular and Reserve Forces).
- Reservists train one evening per week and one weekend per month, and volunteer their service during domestic emergencies and international operations.
- Exercise Kootenay Cougar 2014 is the Brigade's largest exercise event of the year and builds upon a year's worth of prior training and preparation.
- 449 reserve soldiers volunteered to serve in Canadian Armed Forces missions in Afghanistan from 2006-2014.
- 157 reserve soldiers volunteered in support of the security effort during the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Approximately 300 reserve soldiers volunteered during the Kelowna forest fires in 2003 and 200 more during the Manitoba floods in 1997.
- 39 Canadian Brigade Group units have the following capabilities:
  - Armoured Reconnaissance
  - Artillery
  - Infantry
  - Engineer
  - Signal
  - Logistics
- There are 11 units within the brigade located in communities from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, to the Omineca, Thompson-Cariboo, Okanagan, and Kootenay regions.

## **RUSI WW1 Series Continues at Vancouver Public Library**

RUSI Vancouver, in collaboration with the Vancouver Public Library, will co-sponsor a series of four presentations to commemorate the centenary of the beginning of the First World War at the VPL Central Branch on West Georgia and Homer in Vancouver. The involvement of RUSI Vancouver in the VPL series is part of RUSI's community engagement initiative.

The next RUSI-VPL presentation will be on Tuesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** featuring *From the West Coast to the Western Front* a new book co-authored by Mark Forsythe and Greg Dickson.

In addition RUSI, in cooperation with various Regimental museums in Vancouver, will organize and install First World War memorabilia displays at three separate Vancouver Public Library branches. These are Kensington, Terry Salman (Hillcrest) and Kerrisdale. The exhibits will be installed at these branches from October 15 to November 15, 2014 as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of World War One.

All presentations are free and run from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Alice MacKay Room at the VPL Central Branch.

## **Half of Canada's Badly Wounded Soldiers Not Getting Disability Cheque**

By: Murray Brewster, The Canadian Press Posted: 08/19/2014

OTTAWA - A new report by Canada's veterans watchdog says nearly half of the country's most severely disabled ex-soldiers are not receiving a government allowance intended to compensate them for their physical and mental wounds. Veterans ombudsman Guy Parent also concluded that those who are receiving the permanent impairment allowance, along with a recently introduced supplement, are only awarded the lowest grade of the benefit. The criteria used by federal bureaucrats to evaluate disability do not match the intent of the allowance, and the guidelines are too restrictive, the report said. It doesn't make sense to set aside cash to deal with a problem and then not spend it, Parent said. "You can flood programs with money, but if you don't broaden the access, then you haven't accomplished anything." It's a pattern with the current government, he said, noting how the Conservatives poured funding into the burial program for impoverished ex-soldiers in 2013, but took a year to ease the eligibility criteria so people could actually qualify. "The evidence presented in the report clearly demonstrates that many severely impaired veterans are either not receiving these benefits or may be receiving them at a grade level that is too low," the ombudsman said. "This is unfair and needs to be corrected."

Investigators could find no evidence that Veterans Affairs adjudicators consider the effect of an enduring injury on an individual's long-term employment and career prospects, he added. In a statement, Veteran Affairs Minister Julian Fantino said the findings of the ombudsman's latest report will be considered as the government prepares its response to a Commons committee review, which has recommended a series of improvements to the legislation governing veterans benefits. "I have asked officials at Veterans Affairs to ensure that they consider the recommendations found in the veterans ombudsman's PIA report as well as consult his office in the development of solutions to improve the New Veterans Charter," Fantino said. In defending itself against criticism that veterans are being short-changed, the Harper government has been quick to point to the allowance and the supplement as a sign of its generosity. Fantino told a House of Commons committee last spring that some permanently disabled soldiers receive more than \$10,000 per month, but figures from his own department show that only four individuals in the entire country receive that much.

The department went a step further and released a chart at the end of July that shows the maximum benefits soldiers of different ranks could qualify for under existing legislation — a "misleading" display that could raise "false expectations" among veterans, Parent said. The latest report also noted that when a veteran dies, the spouse automatically loses the allowance, creating financial hardship for the family. Under the old Pension Act system, the widow or widower continued to receive support. The permanent impairment allowance is a taxable benefit awarded to disabled soldiers in three grade levels as compensation for lost future earnings. The Harper government introduced a supplement to the allowance in 2011. In some respects, that supplement contributed to a dramatic increase in the number of applications. According to figures released by Veterans Affairs in June, some 521 ex-soldiers are deemed to be the most critically injured, but the vast majority of them — 92 per cent — receive the lowest grade of allowance support.

The ombudsman's report estimates Canada has a total of 1,911 severely wounded soldiers, 924 of whom receive no allowance at all. Ron Cundell, of the web site VeteranVoice.info, said the latest review doesn't tell ex-soldiers anything they don't know already. "It's a shame," Cundell said. "The (office of the veterans ombudsman) reports are proving what the veteran community has known for a long time. Veterans Affairs is not treating veterans fairly."

## **1 in 6 Soldiers Affected by Mental-Health, Alcohol-Related Issues**

*Statistics Canada's Canadian Forces Mental Health Survey involved 6,700 full-time members*

*CBC News Posted: Aug 11, 2014*



*One in six full-time members of the Canadian Forces had symptoms of a mental-health or alcohol-related disorder in 2013, according to the Canadian Forces Mental Health Survey by Statistics Canada. (Reuters)*

The Canadian Forces Mental Health survey measured symptoms of six mental-health or alcohol-related disorders in close to 6,700 full-time members of the Canadian Forces. The survey was conducted from April to August 2013. The most common disorder reported was a major depressive episode, with eight per cent of full-time members reporting symptoms in the 12 months prior to the survey. Depression was defined in the survey as at least two weeks of persistent depressed mood or loss of interest in normal activities along with other symptoms, including lower energy, loss of appetite, hopelessness or suicidal thoughts. Symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) were reported in more than five per cent of full-time members, while just under five per cent reported experiencing symptoms of generalized anxiety disorder.

A Statistics Canada release about the survey defined PTSD symptoms as persisting for a minimum of one month and including a reliving of a traumatic event or injury, disturbance of day-to-day activities, avoidance, irritability, outbursts of anger and difficulty sleeping, while generalized anxiety disorder was defined as a pattern of frequent, persistent worry or excessive anxiety lasting at least six months.

Other symptoms reported in the survey included:

- Panic disorder (3.4 per cent), defined as recurrent, unexpected panic attacks in the absence of real danger.
- Alcohol abuse (2.5 per cent), characterized by a pattern of recurrent alcohol abuse where the sufferer either fails to perform at work, school or home, uses in physically hazardous situations, or suffers recurrent alcohol related problems, and continues to use despite social or interpersonal problems.
- Alcohol dependence (two per cent), characterized by repeated use of alcohol leading to at least three of these effects in a 12-month period: increased tolerance, withdrawal, increased consumption, inability to quit drinking, lost time due to recovery, reduced activity and continued use despite ill effects.

Statistics Canada interviewed full-time Forces members on military bases in each province and territory. Participants were selected based on a random sample of the total population of full-time Canadian Forces members. A margin of error could not be stated. Further analysis will be released in November this year, including the findings from 1,500 reservists who were also interviewed for the survey

## **North Shore Memorial to Mark Loss of Two RCN Pilots**

*A stone cairn honouring the memory of two Canadian navy pilots killed in a crash on the North Shore, was unveiled on Thursday, August 28, 2014 in Cypress Provincial Park.*

More than 50 years have passed since the Royal Canadian Navy T-33 jet trainer slammed into Mt. Strachan, near Hollyburn Ridge, killing both pilots. It went down on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1963, one day after the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy. The Navy pilots, Lt. Norman J. Ogden and Lt. Donald S. Clark, were both from Victoria. After the jet disappeared it took three days of searching to find the wreckage, parts of which still lie scattered across a wide area not far from the well-known Mt. Strachan hiking trail.



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## **Canada Talks Tough on Ukraine, Cuts \$2.7B from Defence in 2015**

*Murray Brewster, The Canadian Press Published Monday, September 1, 2014*



*Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks with Commander Joint Task Force North, BGen Greg Loos, as they make their way to speak to troops on Baffin Island near York Sound, Nunavut, Tuesday, August 26, 2014. (Adrian Wylde / THE CANADIAN PRESS)*

OTTAWA -- Stephen Harper has been one of the toughest-

talking leaders throughout the Ukraine crisis, yet newly released figures show National Defence is expected to face an even deeper budget hole in the coming year than previously anticipated. The ongoing reductions come as the prime minister is expected to resist pressure from allies at this week's NATO summit to spend substantially more on the military. Annual spending on the military, when compared with 2011, is slated to shrink by a total of \$2.7-billion in 2015, according to a briefing note prepared for the deputy defence minister. That would be almost \$300-million more than earlier internal estimates, and roughly \$600-million higher than the figure defence official acknowledged last fall when they rolled out the department's renewal plan.

In addition to planned cuts under the government's strategic review, deficit reduction action plan, and wage restraint measures, defence is expected to face "other planning pressures," according to a Sept. 16, 2013 memo. Those pressures include, among other things, severance for laid off civilians at defence; the bill for the Harper government's pledge to sustain newly trained Afghan forces; and the cost of operating the Public Works secretariat that is picking a replacement for the CF-18s. National Defence has repeatedly said that it -- like other government departments -- is expected to contribute towards the government's drive towards a balanced budget next year. The issue of how much allies fork out for their militaries will be among the major closed-door topics when NATO leaders meet this week in Wales. Canada is under pressure -- mostly from the United States and Britain -- to dramatically increase its defence budget over the next 10 years to meet the NATO benchmark of two per cent of gross domestic product.

According to the latest NATO figures, the Harper government spends one per cent of GDP on defence, just slightly ahead of financially-troubled Spain, the Slovak Republic, Hungary, Luxembourg, Lithuania, and Latvia. Only two nations surpass the benchmark -- the U.S. and Britain. Others, such as France, Germany, Norway and Italy, come close. Some allies, such as the Dutch, have begun to rethink planned defence cuts, especially in light of last week's military action by Russian troops in eastern Ukraine, which Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird described as an "invasion." Harper himself has left little doubt on where he believes events of the last eight months in eastern Europe belong in the grand sweep of history. "When a major power acts in a way that is so clearly aggressive, militaristic and imperialistic, this represents a significant threat to the peace and stability of the world and it's time we all recognized the depth and the seriousness of that threat," the prime minister said at a hastily arranged photo-op with the ambassadors of Ukraine, Estonia, Poland and Latvia on April 14. "But as I say, the most important thing we need to do is to rally all of our allies throughout the western world and throughout the greater global community to understand that peace and stability is being threatened here in a way that has not been threatened since the end of the Cold War."

Canada's response, thus far, has been to commit CF-18s to patrolling the skies over the Baltic states; a frigate to sail with NATO's standing task force; a boost in NATO headquarters staff; and ground troops to train alongside allies. It has also sent non-lethal military equipment and aid to Ukraine. A senior government official, speaking on background, said Canada is prepared to increase the defence budget, but described the NATO benchmark as an abstract figure and

expressed concern about committing billions of extra dollars per year without a clear plan by the alliance on how it will deal with the long-term. Dave Perry, an analyst with the Conference of Defence Associations, said, in order to meet the NATO goal, Ottawa would have to double the military's budget to about \$38-billion per year. Spending more doesn't necessarily mean a more effective military and Canada has demonstrated it gets a lot of efficiency out of the dollars it does commit, he said. Financial estimates, that were part of the briefing package given to Rob Nicholson when he was sworn-in as defence minister in July 2013, show the Conservatives, despite past promises and rhetoric, weren't planning to spend much more than the roughly \$18.9-billion already set aside. In a rare display of conflicting messages, Nicholson's parliamentary secretary, James Bezan, publicly suggested last spring that the country should be spending 1.7 per cent of GDP on its military.

When the Conservatives introduced their defence strategy in 2008, they underlined how the 20-year plan would provide "stable and predictable" funding to the military by delivering a guaranteed two per cent annual increase. But Perry said it hasn't worked out that way and, while the escalator is still there, it's been more than offset by cuts elsewhere. "It's a bizarre situation where you've got \$2.7 billion in cuts, taking away with the left hand; but with right hand you're getting this escalation amount," Perry said. The Canada First Defence Strategy also promised that overseas missions would be paid for -- as other nations do -- through a special budgetary appropriation and not taken out of the departmental budget. The war in Afghanistan was largely funded that way, but Nicholson's briefing papers show other deployments, notably the 2011 bombing campaign in Libya and the Afghan training mission, were not.

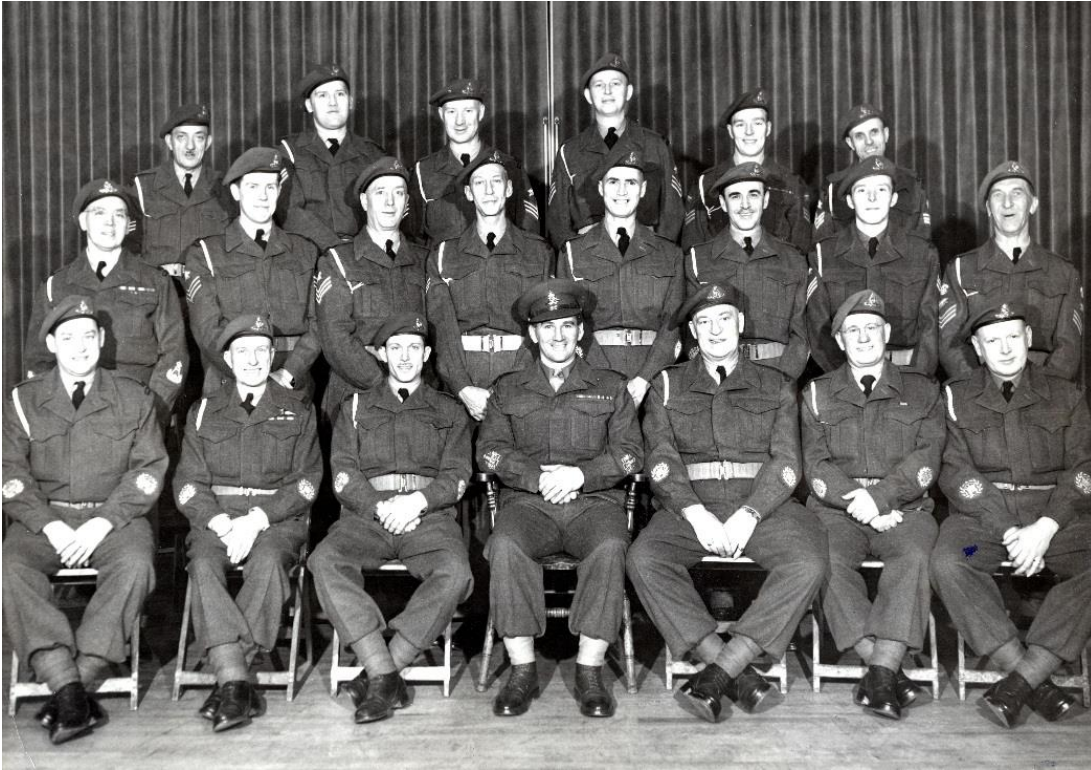
**Who is it?** Last Week: We had a few educated guesses on this photo but John threw a



‘ringer’ in this time. This photo is from a group of items donated by a Mr Carlson, a Dane who served in the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, the army of the International Settlement of Shanghai in the 1920s (the French had their own area, garrisoned by regular colonial and metropolitan soldiers, and the Chinese city relied on whomever was in power in China). So, the corporal could have served in any army in the world before coming to Shanghai. The collar dogs indicate the light artillery battery (once called "The

Scandinavian Company) of the corps. All were, as the name would suggest, volunteers, save for one company of regulars, composed of White Russians. Most of the officers of the corps were British, but that could mean Canadian, Australian, or even Danes who had been naturalized. All uniforms, equipment, drill and organization followed the British army model. However, they answered to the Shanghai Municipal Council, and not the British government. For more, see: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shanghai\\_Volunteer\\_Corps](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shanghai_Volunteer_Corps)

**This Week:** Well, dear reader, we've reached a milestone. This is our sixtieth quiz, a number that has significant meaning in East Asia, and one that is greater, by far, than the ages of your author and the esteemed editor (*I wish*), or so we hope. After the rather ancient photos of the past few weeks, we thought we'd get a bit closer to the present day, and see if any of those



memory cells out there are still working. This week's shot is of a group of smiling NCOs and WOs (or, NCMs in today's jargon?). Front and centre is a revered RSM, dressed officer-style with a forage cap (all others have to do with berets), and, from what we can see, fine, privately-purchased Fox puttees (other brands were available), not

the water-absorbing issued ones.

However, we'd like to know who these jolly lads are, and where, when, and why the photo was taken. It can't be just the NCOs of one unit, can it? There seem far too many, even for those past days of big regiments. Are you one of these chaps, and what's so darn funny that they are all smiling, and in some cases, even laughing? Educated guesses can be sent to the editor, or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Keep on smiling! (*email [bob.mugford@shaw.ca](mailto:bob.mugford@shaw.ca) if you want a better version of this picture*)

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

The man at the circus was a failure as a juggler. It's not that he didn't know how to juggle – he just didn't have the balls to do it

### **Murphy's other Laws**

If it can break – it will (but only after the warrantee expires).

### **Quotable Quotes**

Progress comes from the intelligent use of experience. - *Elbert Hubbard*



## **70th Anniversary of the Italian Campaign** **— Government of Canada Delegation**

Recently, the Minister for Veterans Affairs announced that the Government of Canada will be marking the 70th Anniversary of the Italian Campaign with a overseas events in Italy. The Minister will be leading a delegation of Veterans and caregivers to Italy to attend commemorative activities the end of November. The tentative dates are November 22 - 30, 2014. For ease, I've attached a link to the News Release.

<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=872709>

As previously discussed, the Minister would like to invite two (2) Aboriginal Veterans Autochtones (AVA) Veterans who served in the Italian Campaign to join the official delegation that will be assembled for these overseas events. Travelling and living expenses while in Canada and overseas for each Veteran and (1) caregiver will be the responsibility of Veterans Affairs Canada. A medical team will accompany the delegation; however, the busy schedule of events requires that all members of the delegation be in good health. Nominees will be asked to have their family physician certify that they are in good health and that they are able to withstand the fatigue of extended travel.

Please complete the enclosed form for each nominee you identify. Forms must be returned by fax or email to myself, Melissa Walsh, Delegation Manager, at (902) 566-8501 or at [melissa.walsh@vac-acc.gc.ca](mailto:melissa.walsh@vac-acc.gc.ca) by September 19, 2014.

In addition to the official delegation, the Minister of Veterans Affairs, also announced that the Government of Canada will provide a \$2,000 travel subsidy to Veterans of the Italian Campaign who want to attend commemorative events marking the 70th anniversary in Italy. This will to assist those Veterans who wish to participate in events overseas and who are not part of the Government of Canada's official delegation. Those interested in applying can do by contacting 1-866-522-2122, visiting [veterans.gc.ca](http://veterans.gc.ca) or e-mailing [vac-italy-italie2014-acc@vac-acc.gc.ca](mailto:vac-italy-italie2014-acc@vac-acc.gc.ca).

### **The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Italian Campaign Travel Subsidy Form**

In the meantime, if you have any questions with regards to the nomination process or the Travel Assistance, please don't hesitate to give me call or e-mail.

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## **The Guns of Ferguson Point**

*Major[r] Peter Moogk CD, PhD Museum Curator 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA*

The Stanley Park Battery was the first of Vancouver's Second World War coastal batteries. Although the peninsula had been reserved for the defence of the First Narrows and Burrard Inlet in the nineteenth century, this federally-owned land had been leased to the city for a nominal sum since 1887. Most people knew it only as a public park. In 1914 the point of land near Siwash Rock had been occupied by a temporary gun battery when an attack by Germany's East Asia naval squadron was considered likely. In the Second World War the Japanese navy was regarded as the greatest threat. A concrete, two-gun battery emplacement with supporting structures on Ferguson Point was planned in February 1938, after Parliament approved the establishment of permanent coast defences in early 1937. Vancouver's role as Canada's principal Pacific Coast port and as the transcontinental railway's terminus justified this extra protection from hostile warships.

The Town Planning Commission, however, did not approve of the use of Ferguson Point for the battery, calling it "a favourite beauty spot in the park." *The Vancouver Sun* joined the opposition and stated that the gun battery could become "a permanent blot on the scenic beauty of the area." However, the Parks Board had consented to the new construction, the land really was federal government property and the battery was deemed "essential" for strategic reasons, construction work there began in mid-February, 1938. Vancouver's fixed, coastal defences were to be manned by the 15<sup>th</sup> Coast Brigade of Artillery, a local militia Regiment. In anticipation of war, the Brigade's 31 Battery occupied the site on 27 August, 1939. The Fire Commander's Orders of October 1942 stated that the Stanley Park Battery was to guard "English Bay and the First Narrows entrance to Burrard Inlet", and also to act as a detaining battery for ships awaiting inspection and clearance before entering the Port of Vancouver. Like the smaller Battery on the north side of the First Narrows, the Stanley Park Battery was authorized to fire on ships that refused to submit to inspection and which sailed on into the port without stopping. An examination vessel [X-Vic] was stationed two kilometres west of Ferguson Point to inspect incoming ships. After Point Atkinson's signal station had identified arriving vessels, they proceeded to the X-Vic to be cleared for entry into the port. Large ships flew recognition signals that identified them as friendly.

The Stanley Park Battery originally consisted of two breech-loading, 6-inch calibre guns on circular, pedestal mounts. The gun emplacements were placed in from the edge of the cliff. Ammunition was stored in an underground magazine behind the guns. A concrete, three-storey, battery observation post [BOP] directed their fire. A soldiers' camp occupied the present Third Beach parking lot. All the buildings and emplacements were camouflaged; even an evergreen tree was painted on the BOP's front. Personnel in the BOP directed the guns and co-ordinated the two 5-foot diameter, searchlights, placed close to the water. They illuminated English Bay at night. These searchlights were maintained and operated by 3 Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Searchlight Regiment RCA.

With the destruction of most of Japan's major warships in 1942-43, the prospect of a seaborne attack on Vancouver diminished. Japanese submarines still torpedoed ships and shelled sites along the West Coast. Vancouver's defences were gradually reduced to maintenance status in 1944. Stanley Park's guns and most of the wooden buildings were removed in September 1945. The Vancouver District's army commander, however, continued to occupy the former officers' mess as his home. The Vancouver Parks Board demanded Ferguson Point's complete restoration to parkland. In April 1948 the board won this battle and the gun emplacements were levelled and buried. The BOP was finally demolished in the 60s. The searchlight position at Siwash Rock became the base for a viewing platform. On Ferguson Point, only the old officers' mess survives as a part of today's *Teahouse in Stanley Park*.

## **911 Patriots Day Presentation**

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