



Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Oct 30, 2018

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. For serving personnel, uniform of the day is always acceptable at lunch.

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

Nov 03	CCMMS Anniversary Dinner
Nov 07	Dominique Boulais CWGC – Commissions work maintaining graves, memorials
	Remembrance Day Concert – 5 th Field Band in Victoria
Nov 10	With Glowing Hearts Concert – Delta
	Commemoration event in the Veterans section of Mountain View Cemetery
	Peacemaking and Chaplains – Brentwood Presbyterian Church
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
	With Glowing Hearts Concert – New Westminster
Nov 14	RUSI Speaker Series – Speaker Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver
	Topic: "Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord"
Nov 24	78 Fraser Highlanders - Feast of St. Andrew Dinner
Dec 01	St Barbara's Day Dinner

World War 2 – 1943

Jan 26

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

78 Fraser Highlanders - Burns Dinner

Oct 31st: Soviets cut off the rail links to the Crimea. Teano is liberated in Italy by X UK Corps as attacks go in on German defended mountains.

November 1943: "Kiev is back in Soviet Hands. Casualties many! Percentage of dead not known! Combat efficiency? We are winning!" - Colonel David Shoup's beach-head situation report during the US Marine attack on Tarawa.

General: Aggressive American and British submarines (mostly the former) sink 265,000 tons of Japanese shipping, and Japan is increasingly unable to construct new ships to match losses. Between November 1st and the end of the year, 78 Allied convoys will cross the Atlantic without loss and 17 U-boats are sunk in exchange for 60 ships of 313,000 tons. RAF bombers deliver 14,500 tons to German cities while the 8th USAAF drops 6,300 tons on targets in Germany and Norway.

Nov 1st The US Navy puts 14,000 Marines (of 3rd Division) ashore on Bougainville in the Solomons. The Japanese have 60,000 Army and navy personnel in garrison there. Roosevelt takes his first steps to end a strike by 530,000 coal miners. The Soviets liberate Perekop, but Manstein launches an impressive series of counterattacks around Krivoy Rog. The first of a series of almost unmolested Arctic convoys leaves Scotland for Murmansk – the next four will suffer no losses. The destroyer USS Borrie sinks off the Azores after ramming and sinking U405.

Nov 2nd: A busy day in the Solomons, the Japanese night attack on the US Fleet results in the lost of an IJN light cruiser and a destroyer in a night fight and the rest slink off with some damage. A major outing by 5th Air Force over Rabaul (and its flak nests) results in the sinking of three ships and the loss to both sides of about 20 aircraft.

Nov 3rd: British troops in Italy penetrate the temporary holding line on the Adriatic Coast, and 16th Panzer (duly chastened) is earmarked to go back to fighting Russians for a while. Flight Lieutenant William Reid is piloting a Lancaster in a raid on Dusseldorf when his aircraft is shot up by a German night fighter. The fighter makes two passes, wounding Reid, killing his navigator, and wounding two other members of the crew (one mortally). Reid stays quiet about his own injuries and still proceeds with the mission. On landing in the UK, the damaged undercarriage collapses; but otherwise the plane makes a safe landing – although the wounds to the crew's wireless operator proved mortal. Reid is awarded the Victoria Cross.

Nov 4th: Admiral Kurita collects ten cruisers and as many destroyers at Rabaul – no more battleships and aircraft carriers are available for the defence of the Solomons. The Soviets expand on their Dnieper bridgeheads. 5th and 8th Armies in Italy open new lateral communications closer to the front line.

Nov 5th: Admiral Sherman pays a courtesy call on Admiral Kurita at Rabaul with a major carrier strike, and promptly mauls four IJN heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and two destroyers, losing ten aircraft in the process. This puts a crimp in the last chance the Japanese have to contest American naval control in the Solomons. Marines on Bougainville show off a Japanese counterattack, but the Japanese haven't arrived in force as they think the Marine landing is a feint for the real one to follow. Resistance members sabotage vital machinery for making tank turrets at the Peugeot works at Souchax – with some help from the plant's owner

Rudolphe Peugeot. When replacement machinery is sent, it too will be sabotaged. The Soviet lunge towards Kiev is a fast one, and the Germans can't react at time to fend it off. The 13,000 Jewish workers at the Poniatowa work camp near Warsaw are massacred.

Nov 6th: Kiev is liberated, but only 6,000 Germans are captured – the rest slip away just ahead of the Soviets.

<u>CWGC Presentation – 1300hrs 7 Nov 2018</u>

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission presentation by Dominique Boulais, the Commemorations and External Relations Manager for Canada, will consist of a brief history, a description of our fundamental principles and its mandate and worldwide responsibilities; it will describe the responsibilities of the Commission's Canadian Agency within the Americas while emphasising its work in BC. It will also explain the importance of commemoration and the discovery of remains.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was established by Royal Charter on 21 May 1917. Its duties are to mark and maintain the graves of the forces of the Commonwealth who died in the two world wars, to build and maintain memorials to the dead whose graves are unknown, and to keep records and registers. The Canadian Agency of the Commission is responsible for fulfilling the Charter tasks in the Americas (including the Caribbean). This includes the care of 20,400 War Dead commemorated in 3,350 cemeteries and on ten memorials.

Mountain View Ceremony – Nov 10 & 11

A Special Tribute on the 100th Anniversary of the End of the First World War Mountainview Cemetery – Vancouver, BC November 10th to November 11th

Location: Mountainview Cemetery 5455 Fraser Street, Vancouver *(Beside 33rd Ave, on the South side)

On Saturday November 10th our 24-hour commemoration of the Great War Armistice will begin with a special ceremony at 3:00pm. We will place 6,000 hand made Poppies at the graves of 4,000 veterans who are interred at Vancouver's Mountainview Cemetery. Each poppy represents a serviceman or women from British Columbia that died in the First World War. Our commemoration will continue with the lighting of 100 candles. The event will then become an all-night solemn vigil with uniformed sentry standing guard amongst a field of poppies and sacred presence of 4,000 veterans. Our tribute to our fallen will culminate on November 11th with a small informal gathering to remember. The commemoration is expected to end on November 11th at 3:00pm.

Project co-ordinator: Celinda 604-999-8289 & Guy Black 778-887-4402 Email: Korea19501953@yahoo.com

Congratulations to Capt Cheryl McHugh

Capt McHugh, who took over as Director of Music of the 15 Fd Regimental Band from Capt Jim Tempest last year, has been commissioned and promoted to Captain. She received her badges of rank from Commanding Officer of the Regt, LCol Pierre Lajoie on October 25, 2018.



LCol Lajoie, accompanied by RSM CWO Rob Garrett, congratulates Capt McHugh on her promotion. Photo by: MBdr Starr Switzer

ASAR Ensures RCAF Can Deploy When Called to Service

Christopher King Oct 2018

When major disaster strikes in Canada, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) responds. Most recently, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) deployed in support of the wildfires in British Columbia. But before an aircraft can touch down and render aid, a special team of four determines which runways and airfields can support which aircraft. 4 Construction Engineering Squadron, which is located at 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, but reports to 2 Wing Bagotville, Québec, trains members of the RCAF in this capability. Major Jason Hartwig, the squadron's

commanding officer, says Airfield Surface Assessment Reconnaissance (ASAR) is a unique capability that was used most recently during Operation Lentus. "A great example would be Op Lentus, where they drove from airfield to airfield, did their assessments and provided recommendations to the RCAF," Major Hartwig says. "We train four-person teams to assess the airfield and make recommendations to the RCAF as to what they can land, how many passes they can take, and what the condition of the airfield is."



Captain Daniel
Cruz, a
construction
engineering
officer from 1
Canadian Air
Division,
completed the
Airfield
Surface
Assessment

Reconnaissance course in Cold Lake, Alberta, and says the course has given him a unique capability. PHOTO: Christopher King

According to Major Hartwig, the ASAR training began after the CAF responded to the earthquake in Haiti in 2008: At the time, the CAF was relying on civilian experts to provide the assessments. "We didn't have the military capability to determine the condition of the airfield and to make the call as to whether a Hercules or something smaller could land," he says. "They realized that was a shortfall so, as a result, they spooled up this course with subject matter experts and professionals from Winnipeg." Captain Daniel Cruz, a construction engineering officer from 1 Canadian Air Division, just completed the course in Cold Lake. He says he had heard the course was technically challenging but was looking forward to the opportunity to exercise his engineering training. "ASAR really gives us the ability to make an important call on whether or not an aircraft can land or use an airfield," he says. "It's a pretty important capability within the construction engineer trade. It's a rewarding experience to look back on the last three weeks to see how far you've come, to be able to make such an important decision." The course involves surveying the runway, measuring obstacles in the vicinity and, finally, assessing the quality of the runway to determine what can land. At the end of the threeweek course, the two four-person teams undertook a practical assessment. "They learn how to assess airfields, whether it's surveying or the bearing capacity of the runway, and the condition of the airfield," Major Hartwig says. "We went to Lloydminster and Vermilion, in Alberta, and conducted a practical recce of the runways. We coordinated with the airport managers and issued NOTAMs [notice to airmen/airwomen] and assessed their assessments of the runways."

Captain Cruz says they use rangefinders and measure angles, distances, and heights of objects surrounding the runway. They survey the surface to determine the quality and shape, and finally sample the surface and test the strength of the subsurface to determine the quality of the runway itself. "I think it's one of the more challenging courses because of the technical nature. It is

heavily loaded so when you first go through it you're not sure if you're going to make it," he says. "I think a lot of my course mates here would share the same thought, if you push through the first two weeks, all the pieces fall into place. "I think it's worth it to have the opportunity to go places you might not have gone, and it's a unique capability." The course is a secondary duty that non-commissioned members and officers can take. Major Hartwig said most students are either corporals to warrant officers, or lieutenants and captains. After graduation, they return to their units and the RCAF can call upon them to form a team and do an assessment in their regions as needed.

Commander Works to Bring Indigenous Spirituality to Gagetown

Steven Fouchard, Army Public Affairs October 26, 2018



Participants enjoy Indigenous Awareness Week events at 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown in Oromocto, New Brunswick on May 25, 2018. Photo: Aviator Basic Karine Charette, Tactics School, 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown. ©2018 DND-MDN Canada.

The Commander of 5th Canadian Division Support Group (5 CDSG) Gagetown says efforts are underway to bring an Indigenous Elder to the base in an official capacity. "When the Chaplain General was here back in the fall of 2017, we brought to him this notion of incorporating an Elder as part of our base spiritual structure," said Colonel Keith Osmond. "He seems very keen on the idea. Across the Canadian Armed Forces, we have Imams, Rabbis – yet we don't have an Indigenous Elder on staff here at the padre's office." "I think we're going to get there," he added, "and I think we're going to get there before I leave here in a little over a year. I'm encouraged by the rate at which we're moving." The idea is just the latest advancement in relations between the base and First Nations communities in the area – a relationship Col Osmond has made a priority since taking command of 5 CDSG in early 2017. "I went to Afghanistan for the better part of a year, and I spent three months reading about the culture of the Afghan people," Col Osmond recalled. "I went to Syria for a year and learned about the people and all the conflict in the area. And yet my level of knowledge on Indigenous Peoples here was minimal at best. So, I resolved to learn more as a form of professional development."

Col Osmond began by reaching out to Imelda Perley, Indigenous Elder-in-Residence at the University of New Brunswick, and Warrant Officer Moogly Tetrault-Hamel, Indigenous Advisor to the Canadian Forces Chaplain General. They filled gaps in Col Osmond's knowledge of Indigenous cultural practices generally and their place in the Canadian Armed Forces specifically, which eased the process of getting to know local Indigenous leaders. "Elder Perley told me more about the people, the Creator and a lot of the spiritual ties that Indigenous people have; it was enlightening. So enlightening, in fact, that I said, 'We have to do this again.' So we've been in contact frequently, and she makes me more knowledgeable every time we meet." "WO Tetrault-Hamel and I were on the phone for about four hours one afternoon," he added. "It was amazing. I only realized at the end of that four hours how little I knew. He went back through the history of Canada, working his way up to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and explained why there are certain cultural points of friction between Indigenous Peoples and the federal government."

Greg Mansfield is part of 5 CDSG's civilian staff, and volunteers as civilian co-chair of its Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group (DAAG). He agreed the relationship between base personnel and the local Indigenous community is moving in a positive direction after a long period of being merely neutral. Mr Mansfield, who hails from Meligger, Wildcat First Nation, North Queens, Nova Scotia, has been volunteering his time to act as a bridge between the base and five First Nations communities around it for nearly a decade. He said the relationship is very much on an upward curve more recently. "We're on a really good climb now," he said. "Everything is positive and very rewarding. People are catching on to what we're doing." Lieutenant Kenneth Harquail, DAAG military co-chair, said strong links have been forged between the military and Indigenous communities through cooperative projects such as the construction of a sweat lodge on Oromocto First Nation land last year. "That was a real eye-opener for a lot of people," he recalled. "They saw us not as the military, but as equals. I see there's a change happening, so it's good. I've been doing this for six years and I've seen a big difference."

C-17 Accidentally Airdrops Humvee Over Neighborhood Near Fort Bragg Stephen Losey 24 Oct 2018

A C-17 Globemaster on a training mission Wednesday accidentally airdropped a Humvee over a North Carolina neighborhood, about five miles short of the drop zone. In a statement, Air Mobility Command spokesman Col Chris Karns said the Humvee was dropped over a neighborhood in Harnett County, near Fort Bragg, and it came down in the woods near a residential area. The parachute deployed, and there were no reported injuries or damage from the inadvertent airdrop, Karns said. The C-17 was from the 437th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Charleston in South Carolina, said base spokesman Marvin Krause. It took off from Pope Army Air Field at Fort Bragg on a routine airdrop test training mission, and accidentally dropped the Humvee at about 1 pm. It returned to Pope and landed safely, Krause said. The incident is under investigation, Krause said. It remains unclear what caused the early drop of the Humvee.

Another failed airdrop, which occurred during an April 2016 training exercise in Germany, wrecked three Humvees and led to the conviction of a cavalry scout for destruction of property and making a false official statement. The Germany-based cavalry scout was convicted Wednesday of destruction of government property and making a false official statement for his role in a botched Humvee air drop that destroyed three of the vehicles during an April 2016 training exercise. A judge found Sgt John Skipper, who was in charge of verifying that the parachutes were properly rigged, had intentionally cut their straps, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage, according to a 7th Army release. "Skipper was sentenced to a reduction in grade to E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge by a court-martial panel consisting of enlisted soldiers and officers," the release said.



A C17 Globemaster III from Papa Air Base, Hungary, airdrops a vehicle over Pordenone, Italy, in October 2016 during Peacemaster Unity training. A C-17 from Joint Base Charleston accidentally airdropped a Humvee over a North Carolina neighborhood Wednesday, about five miles short of a drop zone near Fort Bragg. (Davide Dalla *Massara/Army*)

Video of the incident made the rounds on social media soon after the C-130 drop, which was part of the Saber Junction exercise at the Hohenfels Training Area in Germany. The soldier filming on the ground could be heard cheering and laughing. He received a letter of reprimand last year for his unprofessional conduct both on camera and in sharing the video. Skipper was a member of B Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, part of the Italy-based 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. He had faced up to 10 years confinement for the three charges of destruction of government property and one charge of lying to investigators

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

The following information has been added to the www.vancouvergunners.ca website.

1938 The Regiment in the news http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1938.html
1939 Newspaper article

http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1939---15th-vcr-coast-bde-rca-casf.html

1944 General Orders 149, 151 & 300

http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1944---15th-vcr-coast-bde-rca-af.html

1947 Garden Party http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1947---15th-coast-regt-rca.html

1948 Cdn Army Order 62 http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1948---15th-coast-regt-rca.html

1949 New CO http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1949---43rd-haa-regt-rca.html

2000 Hollywood North http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/soviet-salute-1976.html

1976 Soviet Salute http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/blair-cup-1977.html

1977 Chilliwack range ex http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/chilliwack-1977.html

2018 Open House http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/open-house.html

2018 Ex Caustic Shock http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/caustic-shock-ii.html

2018 Promotions http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html

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

Who Is It

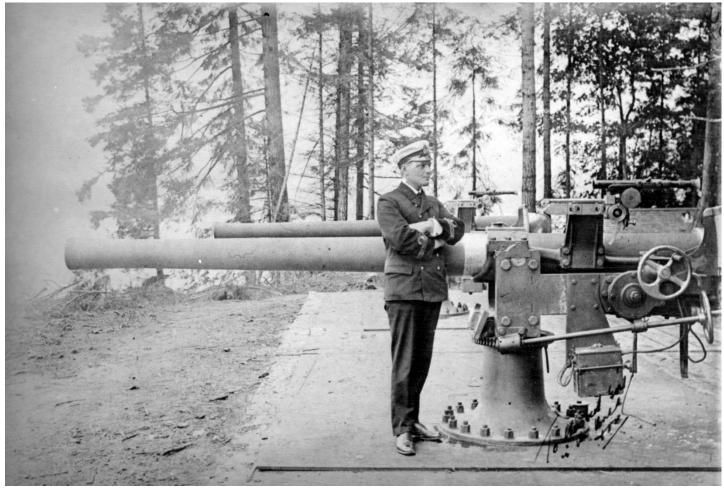
Last Week: WW2 Diamond T wrecker Model 969, built late in WW2, in service of the local



RCEME unit and being used during 1948 Fraser Valley floods. These wrecker had a Holmes twinboom design with a swinging boom and powered hoist cable on each side. When towing the booms were rotated to the rear, connected at the ends, and worked as one A-frame. When lifting the booms could be separated and rotated 90% forward to the side, an outrigger could be lowered to increase lifting capacity. A power take-off on the transfer case drove a transmission with two winches in the wrecker frame. Controls on both sides of the body

allowed each winch to raise or lower independently of the other. The body had low sides on the rear half which tapered to the floor in the front, making clearance for the boom to swing. A brace for the wrecker frame held a spare tire. Welding tanks, an air compressor, cables, block and tackle, chains, tow-bars, and other equipment were carried.

This Week: This week's quiz harkens back to a bygone era when persons were persons, as we say today. Indeed, this person looks the sort one could depend upon in a fray, and, as it turned out, he was. The fray referred to was a very large one that occurred even before the editor was born (just?), and that has gone down in history as one of the greatest.



You, too, can go down in history if you can help us identify this photograph. As you can see from the uniform of the gentleman in the picture, he is not of the land element, nor of the air element, that being in its infancy when the photo was taken. So, can you identity the three essentials we offer? Who, or what was his unit? What are those two large steel objects behind him? Where was the image recorded?

Your answers may be sent to the esteemed editor, (<u>bob.mugford@outlook.com</u>), or to the author, John Redmond (<u>johnd._redmond@telus.net</u>). Are you ready? Aye? Ready?

From the 'Punitentary'

What do you call an unemployed jester? Nobody's fool!

Murphy's Other Laws

A taxpayer is someone who does not have to take a civil service exam in order to work for the government.

Quotable Quotes

It is easy to sit up and take notice, what is difficult is getting up and taking action. *Honore de Balzac*

WO Mike Meehan's new book

A HISTORY OF THE RESERVES IN THE TIME OF THE KOREAN WAR (1950-1954)

Detailed coverage of the Summer Concentrations from 1950 to 1954. Special attention was accorded the biggest summer exercise of the decade, the Buffalo IV in 1953. The story of the recruitment of the 25th Brigade and the 27th Brigade. Reserve recruitment and training in the Korean War era. In depth coverage of the Blair Shoot, 1939-1968. Officer training in the Canadian Officer Taring Corp and Command Contingent. The reactivation of the Canadian Women Army Corp. A portrayal of Armouries and Messes in the early 1950s. Remembrance Day services; how and where we honoured our fallen comrades. The much loved and very important 9 O'clock Gun in Vancouver.

Critical analysis of the action of many facets of the reserves.

Includes interviews with reservists, data sourced from twenty-one Canadian newspapers, six journals and various regimental archives; fully referenced and indexed, 280 pages.

Price \$28 prepaid by November 1st, by cheque or money order, made payable to:

Mr. M. Meehan at 55 Bamford Court, Victoria, B.C. Canada V9B 0N7

Mailed copies after November 11, including postage add \$8.75 in Canada and \$15.00 in USA, both of these via letter mail. International small package air, add \$22.

Prepaid copies will be distributed at the Senior NCOs Mess of the 15th FD Regiment on November 11, 2016, between 12:00 Hrs. and 14:00 Hrs.



Help us celebrate CCMMS's 20th Anniversary and 100 years end of WWI

17:30 Registration & Reception 18:30 Dinner

Floata Seafood Restaurant | 180 Keefer St., Vancouver

Tickets: \$100 per person (includes a \$50 tax receipt)







RSVP 2018@ccmms.ca | 604-368-8010 More info: www.ccmms.ca



-Don Strank, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 292

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

November 7 7:30pm

Dave Dunnet Theatre at Oak Bay High School

presented by the Canadian College of Performing Arts and The Band of the 5th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery in partnership with the District of Oak Bay



Proceeds to support the Military Family Resource Center, the Oak Bay Public Art Fund, and the Canadian Heritage Arts Society.

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6,000 Red Poppies for Remembrance Veterans and Peace

6,000 British Columbians died during the First World War



Image by Canadian War Artist Mary Riter Hamilton

Mountainview Cemetery

November 10^{th} 3:00pm to November 11^{th} 3:00pm

<u>Peacemaking and Chaplains – 10 Nov</u>

PEACEMAKING AND CHAPLAINS THEN AND NOW

A Colloquium on the Legacy and the Prospects

Sat, Nov 10, 2018 — 9:30am - 4:00pm

Brentwood Presbyterian Church 1600 Delta Ave, Burnaby, BC

9:30-10:00 Gathering & Introductions
10:00-12:00 George Fallis & the Chaplains, 1914-1928
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Chaplains & Peacemaking in Our Times
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-3:45 Reflections on the day - led by Brian Fraser
3:45-4:00 Wrap Up

people in
Canada know as much
about the work and legacy
of chaplains in the Canadian
armed forces as Dr. Duff Crerar. We
are honoured that he has agreed to
be our primary resource person for the
first Fallis Foundation Colloquium on
peacemaking in our times. Dr. Crerar
will do two 30 min presentations that
will provoke conversations among
participants on the possibilities
of peacemaking in our times.
The event is free and
includes lunch.

Few



Tracing the growth of the Canadian Chaplain Service from its chaotic and controversy-ridden early days to its maturation as an efficient field force, Duff Crerar highlights both the role of the Service on the battlefield and the personal experiences of the chaplains. Refuting the widely held view that chaplains serving overseas were cloistered from front-line realities, Crerar describes the padres' experiences in camps, hospitals, and on the battlefield. He examines how they maintained their faith in the face of death and destruction, and explores the bonds forged between chaplains and troops.



Duff Crerar taught Indigenous, social and military history at Grande Prairie Regional College prior to his retirement in 2013. He helped to organize an oral history project among First Nations and Métis in the Peace River region and has co-edited a book on Treaty 8. He spent 25 years consulting with the Royal Canadian Chaplain Service and was called upon frequently to provide expert advice and education for the service. He is an elder at the Grande Prairie Church of Christ.

This colloquium is presented by The Fallis Foundation.

We are a not-for-profit society seeking to collaborate with others
to preserve and enhance the peacemaking legacy of the Rev Dr. George Fallis.



RUSI VANCOUVER SPEAKER

SERIES

14 November 2018 - From 5:00 to 7:00 pm Officers Mess - Bessborough Armoury

Subject: "Canada & The Great War: Unity and Discord"



Speaker: Cam Cathcart, President, RUSI Vancouver

Upcoming Topics & Speakers

This is the last presentation for 2018

Presentations will restart in the new year

RSVP NOT REQUIRED

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Hosted by RUSI Vancouver in cooperation with LCol Pierre Lajoie, Commanding Officer, and the President and Members of the Officers Mess.

Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver Society 2025 West IIth Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 2C7

With Glowing Hearts - Music & Songs of Remembrance





Fort Fraser Garrison

Please join us as we celebrate the Patron Saint of Scotland at our annual

Feast of St. Andrew

Mess Dinner

Saturday, 24 November, 2018 in the Officers' Mess, 15th Field Regiment RCA 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC 1800hrs for 1900 RSVP by 19 November to jobarb@shaw.ca

In the spirit of the season the garrison collects donations of toys, gift cards and cash for those less fortunate than we; please help out.

Proceeds of our Christmas Bottle Raffle will go to support the Union Gospel Mission's food program.

Mr. Richard Mackie, noted author and professor of both history and historical geography will speak to us about interactions between the Scots and First Nations people in early British Columbia

Tariff: \$65.00 per person. *RSVP requested <jobarb@shaw.ca> or 604-522-5766

Dress: Highland Evening Dress, Mess Kit or Business Attire. Ladies equivalent.

yours aye,

James Barrett CD, Major Officer Commanding the Garrison



St Barbara's Day Special Guest Night



The Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel J.P.P. Lajoie, CD and the Officers

of

15th Field Artillery Regiment The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

request the pleasure of your company at their annual

ST BARBARA'S DAY SPECIAL GUEST NIGHT

to be held at the BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

on Saturday, the First of December, 2018 at six o'clock for seven o'clock in the evening

Dress. Mess Kit or Formal attire, with decorations.

<u>Tariff.</u> \$100 - Seats will be reserved when payment is received. There will be no tickets available the night of the event.

If paying in person, please see the Adjutant during regular work hours or Wednesday night between 1900 and 2200.

RSVP by 22 November 2018 with payment

Payable to "Officers Mess 15 Fd Regt" 2025 West 11th Avenue Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

<u>Questions</u>. To VPMC, Lieutenant Chris Purdon mess15rca@gmail.com





I request the company of our Officers, Miladies and Guests at our annual

Garrison Burns Supper

to be held in
The Officers' Mess at Bessborough Armoury,
15th Field Regiment RCA
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Saturday, 26 January 2019 1800hrs for 1900hrs

Dress: Scarlets, Highland Evening wear, Black Tie or Business Attire Tariff: \$78 per Person

RSVP to jobarb@shaw.ca or 604-522-5766 ASAP! (before 19 January)

Places will be allocated on the sequence (date & time) of RSVP emails received at jobarb@shaw.ca

Members have priority, but please RSVP soonest as this event is usually oversubscribed.

Looking forward to seeing you there

James Barrett, Maj.
Officer Commanding