



Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Oct 31, 2017

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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. 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 are ongoing. We have been told that they will be finished by Remembrance Day. During renovations, lunches will be held in the WO & Sgts Mess.

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

Nov 5 & 11 With Glowing Hearts Concert

Nov 4 CCWMS Fundraising Dinner

Equitas Fundraiser

Nov 5 CCWM Exhibit opening

Nov 16 NOABC Surrender Lunch

Dec 2 15 Fd Offrs Mess St Barbara's Dinner - Info and invite in upcoming editions.

Dec 10 CO's Christmas Tea

Jan 1 New Years Levee

World War 2 - 1942

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

November 1942: The End of the Beginning: The Tide Turns at Three Points.

"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." -Winston Churchill, speaking on the victory at El Alamein and the Torch Landings, Nov 10, 1942

General: By sending U-boats south into the Caribbean, South Atlantic and Indian Ocean, some 110 Axis submarines sink 729,100 tons of Allied shipping and 78,600 tons are lost to mines and air attack. Allied bomber raids on Europe drop some 3,250 tons of bombs – 75% of it from British bombers. Yugoslavian Partisans form a quasi-functioning civil government in Bihac. The first atomic pile starts to be assembled at the University of Chicago.

Nov 1st: On Guadalcanal, US Marines go over on the offensive, moving east and west of their perimeter. First Panzer Army in the Caucasus fixes its aim on Ordzhonikidze and has taken Alagir. At El Alamein, Montgomery feeds his armour into the maelstrom in the German defences. He accepts high losses, but Rommel soon only has 35 Panzers left, with little fuel and less ammunition. He cables Berlin and says it's time to go. The highest awards for courage usually require the testimony of eyewitnesses before the medal can be recommended. On Guadalcanal, Corporal Anthony Casamento of the Fifth Marines is running a machinegun squad in an isolated post between two rifle companies, and his gun position is at the centre of a major Japanese counter-attack. All of the squad are killed or wounded, but Casamento continues to fire the machinegun alone despite numerous serious wounds. Once help finally arrives, he is evacuated to for a long spell in Navy hospitals. The Marines take note of his action, but it is not until 1964 that it is understood there are two surviving eyewitnesses to his action. In 1980, Corporal Casamento finally receives his Medal of Honor.

Nov 2nd: Australian troops take Kokoda Airstrip and can now get their supplies flown in – lifting an immense burden off everyone's shoulders but the Japanese. The grueling trek over New Guinea's Kokoda track is no longer necessary.

Nov 3rd: Rommel starts preparing to depart from El Alamein, but the British are slowed by traffic jams in the narrow lanes of the vast minefield. On Guadalcanal, 1,500 Japanese land on Koli point, sticking a spoke into the wheels of the American offensive. In US elections, the Republicans make gains in the Senate and Congress, but not enough to control either body.

Nov 4th: Panzerarmee Afrika begins its retreat as their last reserves are consumed (and von Thoma, Rommel's deputy, is captured along with 30,000 troops). They will also leave 1,000 guns and 450 tanks – in various states of disrepair behind them. Montgomery has 13,500 casualties, 250 damaged tanks and 100 destroyed ones. However, despite Montgomery's frantic urgings, the lead elements of the 8th Army are in no position to closely pursue their old enemy. All the same El Alamein is over and it is a complete British victory. US forces make a secondary landing on Guadalcanal. Churchill chairs a meeting of the Anti-U-Boat Committee to forge the closest possible cooperation between science and sailors among the Allies. Meanwhile, 40 U-Boats and Italian submarines congregate around Gibraltar and are aware that a major concentration of shipping is in the area. Wilhelm Ritter Von Thoma was a highly respected officer, brave and principled, with high decorations from Bavaria (for the First World War), Spain and the Knights Cross. There is reason to believe his presence in one of the worst fields of wreckage and carnage at El Alamein was an attempt to hazard his own life in combat in expiation for sending others there. In any event, Montgomery invited him to dinner the evening of his capture. When a complaint was made about this to Churchill (himself an admirer

of Von Thoma); the Prime Minister is alleged to have said, "Poor von Thoma, I too have had dinner with Montgomery." He dies of a heart attack after repatriation home in 1948.

Nov 5th: Rommel sheds most of his Italian infantry as a rearguard (appropriating their trucks) and some of them will fight until they are literally out of ammunition. The 8th Army is also slowed by fuel resupply and a large dummy minefield -- which, alas, they themselves laid some months earlier. German Panzers south of the Terek have almost reached Ordzhonikidze. Eisenhower reaches Gibraltar and meets with the rest of the command team. The Vichy on Madagascar ask for an armistice.

Nov 6th: Heavy rains and fuel resupply problems continue to slow Montgomery's pursuit, but what is left of 21st Panzer is caught and destroyed by the 7th Armoured "Desert Rats". The last elements of the hard fighting Italian Parachute Division Folgore surrender after literally running out of ammunition, but the British make it clear white flags and raised hands aren't necessary... this unit has earned significant respect and its performance is even praised a few days later in a broadcast by the BBC. The commander of one of its regiments, Major Aurelio Rossi will also be awarded Italy's highest distinction for bravery in battle, the Gold Medal of Military Valour, adding to the three silver medals he earned in the First World War.

Nov 7th: General Giraud is smuggled from Vichy to Gibraltar for talks with Eisenhower. 8th Army reaches Mersa Matruh, but all the road-mobile German and Italian units have fled west.

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

Chapter 33. Back to Ortona

- <u>31 Jan 1944</u> We moved off at 0700 hrs, reached our old position at 1000 hrs, and were soon ready for action. In the afternoon we had a shoot during which we fired for one hour at rate rapid 4 rounds per gun per minute. We had a bunch of targets to record, plus a lot of DF tasks. I worked until 2230 hrs.
- <u>1 3 Feb</u> The only firing, except for a short HF programme, was course shooting, as different officers practiced directing fire from the OP. What a war this is becoming!
- 4 Feb I had a rather unpleasant visit to the dentist, who filled a couple of teeth.
- **5 9 Feb** HFs every night. Rain, hail, and snow. New troop Captain is "Peanuts" Saunders.
- **<u>10 Feb</u>** Position is very mucky. We began a series of daily parades and small arms inspections, to everyone's disgust. HFs at night.
- <u>11 -12 Feb</u> HFs at night. More snow. Jerry dropped quite a few shells in the area, but no damage.
- 13 -14 Feb Sun came out, and last of the snow melted. Quiet.

- 15-19 Feb Nothing much doing. A few targets during the day and the usual HFs at night. The position is very muddy.
- **20 Feb** We fired a heavy HF programme in the evening, as well as several DFs in support of patrols. Jerry dropped some shells; one landed very close but fortunately it was a dud.
- **21 Feb** At about 2200 hrs Jerry started shelling, with a heavy concentration right on the position. We were forced to stay under cover and hoped for the best. Then we were told that C sub tent had been hit. All lines were out, and I was detailed to do a 1000-yard dash to RHQ to report and check for orders. When I arrived, I was covered with mud which I'd picked up when a couple of shells came unpleasantly close. I reported the situation and borrowed a jeep to get back. At the position the shelling had stopped. A check revealed three wounded casualties Sgt Warren, L/Bdr Frank Kinsley, and Gnr LeClaire, plus a lot of shell-happy people. The wounded were whisked off to the MO in the jeep I had borrowed. No 3 Gun had been hit by some shrapnel and was temporarily out of action. We indulged in some good strong tea. This was one of many times that the parcels from home are really appreciated. The tea settled our frayed nerves.
- **22 Feb** The position is pretty well battered. There are shell holes everywhere. The tents are tattered and torn by shrapnel, several trees are knocked down, and the area is littered with branches. Word arrived that a "very distinguished person" would be visiting tomorrow. The guns were oiled, papers and debris picked up, rubble was dumped in the muddiest spots, and paths were made of bricks, leading from the CP to the guns.
- **23 Feb** About 1500 hrs Sir Oliver Leese, Commander 8th Army, arrived, accompanied by a score of his satellites. Just as his car drew up we were called to fire a Mike Tgt, followed by a couple of bombards. When he entered the CP he saw a busy bunch. Lt McIsaac had a phone in each hand, the signaller was taking orders on a third phone, and I was working like mad on the arty board. No one had time to pay attention to him and he left. After he had left the position, our new CO, LCol HE Brown, came back and complimented us on the condition and drill of the troop.
- <u>24 26 Feb</u> A few HF tasks at night. Quiet during the day.
- **27 Feb** We did a few shoots with "Fearless Fosdick", including one in which we blew up an ammo dump. We had a very heavy 11-hour HF programme all evening and night. Quiet for the next two days, except for nightly HFs.
- <u>1 Mar</u> Happy Birthday to me! It is my 24th birthday and I'm spending it near Ortona, Italy. We fired our SOS task at 0300 hrs. I went to San Leonardo for a much-needed bath. We had stew for dinner and for supper, and in the evening, we fired a 3-hour HF task.
- 2-12 Mar The normal HF tasks at night, and a few targets during the day. Jerry scored hits on a couple of trucks behind us and one in front. Rain, hail, and snow have filled up the slit trenches with water. We dug drainage ditches to take away some of the water. Mud and water everywhere.

- **13 Mar** Bright and sunny. Jerry shelled the RHQ area, but no damage.
- <u>14 Mar</u> Went on recce to a position beyond Ortona. B Tp is to move to a dummy Regt'l position to relieve a troop of 2 Fd Regt. There are dummy vehicles and field and AA guns scattered all over the area in a most realistic manner.
- **15 Mar** The guns arrived at 0200 hrs and were put on line. During the day we fired on a number of targets, and at night we fired HFs, using flashless powder.
- 16 -17 Mar Did some Air OP shoots, and hit an enemy HQ and a moving staff car.
- <u>18 Mar</u> Col Brown came around in the afternoon. He inquired if a large demijohn in the CP was disinfectant, and we barefacedly told him it was, despite it obviously being "Vino Rosso".
- $\underline{19-26 \text{ Mar}}$ A few targets during the day and HF tasks at night. One of our sections is situated in another area, so that is extra work for the CP.
- <u>27 Mar</u> Our dummy position is about 2000 yards west of Ortona, and our DFs are at about 3000 yards. Every now and then we put a section into another area to confuse the enemy sound-rangers. The gun crews are sleeping in huts constructed of shell boxes filled with mud and roofed with tarps. The CP is in a ramshackle barn. Our phone set-up is worthy of special note. We have a phone to the guns, another to the alternate position, another to the Bty CP, another direct to the OP, one to Z exchange at Brigade, and still another to the flash simulators a grand total of six!

Each time we fire at night, using flashless charges, flash simulators are set off a few hundred yards away. These produce a brief brilliant flash similar to the regular charge flashes. Vino in large assorted barrels is in most of the empty houses nearby. Judging by its effect on some of the boys, it's a mite potent! Our old friend Lt Fisher is back in the Bty CP.

- **<u>28 Mar</u>** We moved back to the Regt'l area and were soon in action.
- **29 Mar** The area is fairly dry now. Fired on several targets, plus some DFs. Many rumors are afoot. A popular pastime is making up fantastic rumors and passing them off as fact. A typical one is that King George is going to visit us next month.
- $30-31 \, \mathrm{Mar}$ We have now been in this area for three months. Last summer it was exceptional if we were in a position for more than 36 hours. Up front, infantry activity is pretty well limited to patrol activity, and the artillery is mainly occupied with HF tasks, mostly at night, or on DF tasks when a Jerry patrol gets too nosey.

We have a good set-up for calling the gun crews to take post, an auto horn hooked up to a wireless battery. The Troop HQ is in a house. As well as sleeping quarters, we made a recreation room, with a dart board, checkers, magazines, books, and paper. Issue cigarettes are there for the taking, but most have a good supply from home on hand. The K of C visits once a week with supplies like soap and odds and ends. There is theoretically a bottle of beer a week, sometimes Canadian, sometimes British. A couple of evenings a week there are movies at

- RHQ mostly pretty old, but they break the monotony. We are pretty well fixed, but we're restless and feel this is no way to get the war over.
- <u>1 Apr</u> We were ordered to dig in even more and to make the area a fortified area. Ortona is being made into a strongpoint. Rumors that 2 Med and 11 Fd Regts are pulling out.
- <u>2 Apr</u>. Palm Sunday. We were driven to San Leonardo, where mass was celebrated in a battered church. There was a large crowd of devout worshippers. In the afternoon I borrowed a bike and rode to Ortona. It is indeed heavily fortified, with anti tank guns and miles of barbed wire. I then rode back along the coast road past Div HQ. There were large quantities of stores and lots of transports lining the road. Then I went to 2 Med Regt to visit Joe Lawless and Joe Duffy, two friends from Regi high school
- 2-4 Apr We did a couple of air shoots, and started work on a new CP dugout. HFs at night.
- <u>5 Apr</u> Went to recce a roving position. Italian women are in the fields, tilling and pulling weeds, and pruning the battered vine yards and orchards. At night we went out to rove, Sgt Bob Armishaw and I with one gun and Lt Roth with the other. At 2040 hrs we fired a few rounds simultaneously with the two guns a mile apart. We returned at 2300 hrs.
- 6-8 Apr New CP finished. We are now completely underground, and proof against anything except a direct hit. Rumor that 6 Br Armd Div is to relieve us. I don't know if it even exists.
- **9 Apr** Easter Sunday. Went to Mass in San Leonardo. The church was packed with troops.
- <u>11 14 Apr</u> Lt Roth left to recce a new position 1000 yards due west. I took a digging party to the position. It is strewn with S mines, but luckily nobody stumbled on one. We started preparing data for the new position. There is a total of about 400 targets to do, and many are linears. Jerry dropped a few shells, with a few within 250 feet, but no damage. C Bty was not so lucky, with two killed and one wounded. Conference that evening. We were told that something big was coming up, but no details. We were warned of the need to camouflage. All excess kit is to be turned in. We were told that 11 Cdn Fd Regt had 60 men killed in the area to which we will be going.
- **15 Apr** Lt Roth left on recce, and late in the afternoon we were told to "Move at once" to the new position. We moved and were in action in less than two hours. Some HF that night.
- <u>16 17 Apr</u> Fixed up the CP. Had a very cold bath in a nearby creek, but it took the dirt off. Fired a few targets, including Air Bursts concentrations, as well as a small fire plan. With today's Maple Leaf came an insert which folds up to become 32 pages of Readers' Digest. That's the best idea in some time.
- 18 20 Apr We were told 1 Cdn Div is being relieved by 10 Indian Div British artillery will occupy our position. Guns have been painted battleship grey and the tents greenish-brown.
- 21 25 Apr Regt moved out first to an area near Lanciano, and eventually dispersed in the fields near Moccone. Maintenance all one day. Had lectures on grenades and PIAT guns.

<u>26 -28 Apr</u> Practised "crash actions". Hundreds of bombers going north.

<u>29 Apr</u> Checked equipment and loaded up in preparation for a move.

Canadian Intelligence Corps Name Reinstated

Canadian Army 27 October 2017 Steven Fouchard, Army Public Affairs

Ottawa, Ontario — Military intelligence is generally a highly secretive affair, of course, but the Canadian Army (CA) is very publicly celebrating a re-branding of its intelligence corps. It will now be called the Canadian Intelligence Corps (C Int C), the name it held from 1942 until 1968. C Int C is still a part of the larger Intelligence Branch, a personnel branch formed in 1982, and is the organization designation used by the members who wear the Army uniform. Lieutenant-Colonel Mathieu Boutin, Deputy Director of C Int C, noted that this puts the Corps in the unique position of celebrating two anniversaries in 2017: the 75th anniversary of the original C Int C and the 35th anniversary of the Intelligence Branch. The name change is part of a wider initiative to put the CA back in touch with its historical roots that began in 2011 when the federal government of the day re-introduced the Canadian Army name. All of Canada's military branches were unified under the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) banner in 1968.



Members of the 3rd Field Security Section, Canadian Intelligence Corps, share a glass of wine with a French couple in Thaon, France on June 20, 1944. The Canadian Intelligence Corps name was dropped in 1968 and recently reinstated as a way to distinguish the Canadian Army's Intelligence Branch from others within the Canadian Armed Forces.

Photo by: Lieutenant Frank L. Dubervill. Dept. of National Defence/Library and Archives Canada

Since 2011, a number of other CA

corps have reverted back to historical names, including the Canadian Forces Medical Service, which was renamed the Royal Canadian Medical Service in 2013. The CA's Engineering and Signals branches are now known as The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers and Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. C Int C Director Colonel Steven Desjardins said that this reinstatement will bring Army intelligence in line with those other corps. While it does give C Int C a separate and distinct identity within the larger Intelligence Branch, he added, a strong sense of unity remains. "Our branch has a well-deserved reputation for excellence in operations, both at home and abroad," Col Desjardins said. "That could not have been achieved without a collaborative approach. Our effectiveness comes from our ability to work together seamlessly

and with one voice." Reinstituting the C Int C name, Col Desjardins added, will fully integrate Army Intelligence into the overall Army governance structure and strengthens the identities of both C Int C and the CAF Intelligence Branch.

Military intelligence has a long history in Canada, originating in pre-colonial times. Its precursors include cavalry units who performed scouting roles during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. One of those was formally dubbed the Intelligence Corps. In 1903, the forerunner of the Canadian Intelligence Corps and of the Intelligence Branch, the Canadian Corps of Guides, was created. This mounted Corps' role was to gather detailed and accurate military information on the area of operations in the event of war. In the First World War, Canadian Corps of Guides members served as intelligence staff officers and in various other roles, including analysis of data gathered from ground and air observation and prisoners of war. They were also the core members of the Canadian Corps Cyclist Battalion, an organization that performed reconnaissance duties for the Canadian Corps. In the Second World War, it was quickly recognized that professional military intelligence practitioners would again be required. As such, C Int C was officially formed on 29 October 1942. Its work was vital to many of the Allies' successes in the war and since then, C Int C members have been among battle casualties and provided their expertise in every conflict in which the Canadian Army has participated. "This is an opportunity to reconnect with our historical identity, honour past achievements, and build an exciting future rooted in a proud military heritage," said LCol Boutin.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

The war diary updates from 100 years ago and 78 years ago continue. Check them out at http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new

New pictures from our Freedom of the City parade in 1995. http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1995.html

MILCON 84 photographs have been added. http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1984.html

Limber Gunner 83 and Easy Rider 1983 photographs . http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1983.html

31 Battery wreath laid at the 1936 Vimy Ridge ceremony. http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1936.html

Sihks in the Regiment in 1954.

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

Who Is It

Last Week: Blackfriars Bridge-Longest Bailey Bridge In The World



"...Bailey Bridging made an immense contribution towards ending World War II. As far as my own operations were concerned, with the Eighth Army in Italy and with the 21st Army Group in North-West Europe, I could never have maintained the speed and tempo of forward movement without large supplies of Bailey Bridging.". Field Marshall Montgomery of Alamein

Donald C Bailey of the

Royal Engineer Experimental Bridging Establishment designed the Bailey Bridging system in 1940 to replace the different types of military bridging equipment that were in Allied use at the start of WW II. The Royal Engineers carried out the first operational deployment of a Bailey Bridge in Tunisia in 1942 during the North African Campaign. The Allies erected some 4500 Bailey Bridges during the Italian Campaign and in North-West Europe in 1944-45. The remarkable flexibility of this equipment resulted in it being an important element in the Allied Forces' success during the Second World War. In March 1945 the Allies needed high capacity bridges to cross the Rhine River to support their advance into Germany. On 25 March, Royal Canadian Engineers of 2nd Canadian Corps Troops moved into position to construct a Bailey Pontoon Bridge at Rees, Germany. The bridge was designed to carry Military Load Class 40 vehicles and was named "Blackfriars Bridge." Its length was 558 m (1814 ft) including the ramps at each end. The 34 m (110 ft) landing bays were constructed to Military Load Class 70 standard and the end floating bays were reinforced to provide extra strength. The full floating section comprised 34 connected spans of 42-foot length and one span of 32-foot length. Construction of 825 meters of new road was started immediately.

Construction of the 'home bank' was assigned to 30th Field Company while the far bank was the responsibility of 29th Field Company. 31st Field Company was tasked with the construction of the floating bays. Each company was augmented by British pioneers. Bridge construction began mid-day on 26 March but was delayed due to slow delivery of stores and heavy fog. All-told, some 227 truck-loads of bridging stores were man-handled, and some 9500 man-hours were employed in constructing the bridge. At 1803 feet total length, it was identified as the longest Bailey Bridge at the time. The bridge was opened for traffic about noon on 28 March 1945, only two days after construction began. The officer in charge of construction of Blackfriars Bridge was Lt WF Brunit from 30th Field Company. Lt Brunit was awarded the Military Cross for his courage and leadership on this bridging project - from the earliest reconnaissance until completion of the task.

This Week: We abandon tracks this week to take a spin with a wheeled jalopy or a rather battered type. We found this photo courtesy of a person who thinks it comes from the BC Archives (Royal British Columbia Museum). If so, we apologize if we are treading on toes, and will acknowledge ownership should someone tell us it's theirs. In any case, let's all help the owner of this fascinating photo by taking a close look at the vehicle pictured. What is it? Some of you might know it if you are an aficionado of obscure plastic model kits, or of equally obscure campaigns (see the cap on the chap to the right?). To give you a huge hint, it isn't a Ford V-8.



As for the lads larking in the highpowered limousine, they are Canadians, as one can easily see (handsome, fine figures, good teeth, honesty and virtue writ large on their visages). However, even on the highresolution copy we have, one can't really make out their units, save for the officer, who appears to be an elderly captain, or a full colonel of a regiment who might

take part of their name from a local mountain range (is that a huge hint, or what?). So, given that, other than naming the vehicle, can you tell us how these lads might have come to riding in it, and, pray tell, where the sleek sports car might have ended up? Answers, as always, may be sent either to the editor, bob.mugford@outlook.com or to the author, John Redmond (johnd_redmond@telus.net). Email the editor for a zoomable copy.

From the 'Punitentary'

Why was the math book so sad? It has too many problems!

Murphy's Other Laws

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

Quotable Quotes

"He that lives upon hope will die fasting." - Benjamin Franklin

Coast Hotels Offer for Veterans



Thank You, Veterans

enjoy 15% off best available rate

At this time of the year, we'd like to take a moment to thank those who served, and those who continue to serve in the armed forces of Canada and United States.

In appreciation of their bravery and sacrifice, we're proud to offer veterans 15% off Best Available Rate for stays from November 1 to November 30, 2017 at participating hotels.

Do you know an active military member or a veteran in your community? Help us extend our appreciation and share the love.

Note: Must present appropriate veterans or military ID upon hotel checkin to receive rate.

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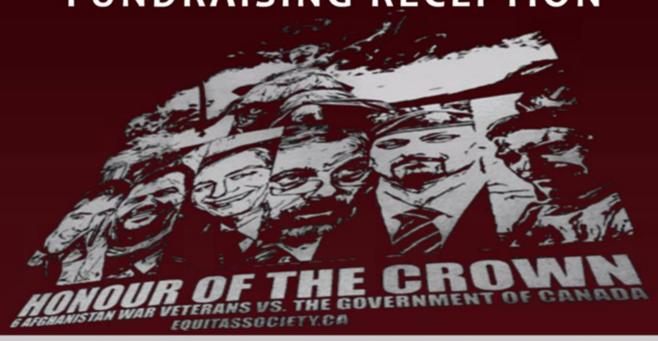
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Barry Westholm Sergeant Major (ret'd) "Transitioning Back To Civilian Life"

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Central America and Haiti on Missions including Disaster Response, United Nations and NATO. Barry's many positions and postings include Combat Arms, RCAF and Paratrooper, ending up as a Sergeant Major and Regional Master Warrant Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, Joint Personnel Support Unit (JPSU).

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4 Tickets to a Vancouver Canadians Game
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(no host bar)

Morgan Creek Golf Course 3500 Morgan Creek Way Surrey, B.C.

Tickets \$45.00

Our MC for the evening the ever popular Gordie Hogg

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Hear the remarkable stories of the Chinese Canadian Air Force men who fought, died, and survived some of the most harrowing situations of the Second World War.

Learn how other Chinese Canadian men and women contributed to the success of the air war.

We will use this event to honour: the 100th birthday of our oldest war veteran, Thomas Wong (RCAF); and the contributions of bomb aimer Monty Lee (94).

MORE INFO AT www.ccmms.ca

The Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir & Band of the 15th Field Regiment present

With Glowing Hearts: Songs of Remembrance

Sunday, Nov.5th, 2017 at 2:30pm

at the BETH ISRAELSYNAGOGUE

Oak St/West 28th Avenue, VANCOUVER

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at the SOUTH DELTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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Tickets at www.vwmc.ca or at the door, or call 604-878-1190.





The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia



The President and Directors

request the pleasure of the company of
you and your guest(s)
at the

Surrender Day Luncheon
on Thursday 16th November, 2017
1100 for 1200

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
3811 Point Grey Road, Vancouver.

Guest Speaker: C.C. Humphries Celebrated Maritime Author

MENU

3 Course luncheon Chefs Creation of the Day with vegetarian option.

Cost: \$60.00 per person RSVP per reservation form below by Sunday November 5th 2017

Dress of the day Blazer/Lounge Suit/Business attire (Ladies Equivalent)

2017 NOABC Surrender Lunch

Payment will be accepted either by mail or electronically.

Electronic

by on line transfer to - <u>dreese@telus.net</u>. (As code word please use the last name of our President (first letter capitalized.) plse ALSO email electronic copy of attached reservation form with online payment.

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is working on a book celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA

Input from current and serving members is needed to ensure that we capture stories from all that have been a part of the unit from its earliest days.

Would you like to be part of the team?

We're meeting every third Wednesday of the month from lunch until 2200 hours at the Regimental Museum.

Can you spare a couple of hours on 20 September 2017?

For more information email - LeonJ1@hotmail.com