

Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Feb 6, 2018

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

Feb 10	Men in Kilts on their Road to Israel
Feb 17	Regimental 99 th Birthday Party
Feb 21	VAA day. Museum open in the evening
Mar 02	15 Fd & Fraser Highlanders Whisky Tasting
May 26	VAA Artillery Day Gun Camp

Dues

A reminder that dues are payable as of January 1, for members of the Vancouver Artillery Association, RUSI Vancouver and Associate members of the 15 Fd Officers Mess. See details at the end of this newsletter.

World War 2 – 1943

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

Feb 7th: The Soviets take Azov at the mouth of the Don. US infantry creep forward on Guadalcanal, convinced that new Japanese defences have been prepared with their customary skill at camouflage in the dense jungle.

Feb 8th: The first Chindit raid is underway as 7th Indian Brigade sets out from Imphal – Wingate's idea is long range attacks through the Jungle, sustained by air, into the Japanese rear. These will have mixed success, but will go far to restoring British confidence about fighting the Japanese. The drive by Southwest and Voronezh Fronts liberates Kursk.

Feb 9th: Convoy SC 118 is out of the mid-Atlantic "black hole", but 20 of its 63 ships will remain there forever, as will 3 U-Boats. The Soviets liberate Belgorod. The Japanese slip out

their last 2,000 troops on Guadalcanal as US troops close in: the campaign is over especially so for 10,000 Japanese and 1,600 US dead. Roosevelt orders the minimum work week to be increased to 48 hours in 32 essential industries in order to amass material for the decisive campaigns ahead. Lyubov Shevtsova is an 18 year old student, but today she becomes another dead defender of the Soviet Union. She has been a leader of underground resistance in Voroshilovgrad and Krasnodon; helping with communications, propaganda work, and escapes for people sought by the Germans. She was arrested on January 8th, interrogated for a month, and today is executed after it has become clear that she shows little sign of cooperating. She becomes a Hero of the Soviet Union.

Feb 10th: The Soviets close to within 35 km of Kharkov.

Feb 12th: The Soviets re-enter Krasnodar and other Caucasus cities as they keep prodding 17th Army into more withdrawals.

Feb 13th: Novocherkassk is back in Soviet hands.

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 46. Into Holland via Germany

3 Apr 1945. Reveille at 0530 hrs. We packed our kit in the trucks. The vehicle park area was crowded with folks who had come to see us off. We finally moved at 0830 hrs. A few miles from the Dutch border, while doing road guide on his bike, Jack Erskine turned in front of a British truck and was knocked down. He appeared to be badly hurt. Luckily an ambulance came along, and he was rushed to hospital. Ken Atkins went back to the hospital on his bike, and when he returned we learned Jack was alive and had a good chance at recovering. We moved on into Holland and there was a noticeable difference in the people. They appeared to be either indifferent or unfriendly, except for a few kids that waved and smiled. A couple of MPs confirmed our impression. It appears that in this area, they were pro-German before the war, and still are. At Hertsgotenbosch we saw extensive damage. A great deal of the town had been smashed. From here on, we frequently saw blasted buildings, abandoned guns and ammo dumps, and burnt out vehicles. We moved on through Heesh, Uden, and Zeeland to the River Maas. We crossed over a long bridge secured by pontoons, and passed through the badly smashed village of Monk. We came to a small hamlet which was so badly smashed that not even a sign post was left. A small sign indicated this was the German frontier.

We moved into the Reichswald Forest with the rest of Div Arty. We are about 1½ miles inside Germany and about 12 miles SE of Nijmegen. For the record I haven't a single round of 9mm ammo for my Sten gun. We pitched our pup tents and tarps and turned in on the wet ground. We could hear frequent bursts of artillery fire in the distance. I guess we'll soon be in action.

4 Apr. I was warned for recce and got set to go, but word came that our area was not yet cleared and we stood down. We were issued with ammo for our Stens. I fired a few rounds to make sure it worked. It is quite effective at short ranges. The forest in which we are parked is

part of the outer defences of the Siegfried Line. Dotted throughout the thick woods are many steel and concrete dugouts, numerous log-lined shelters, and many vehicle pits.

5 Apr. Showers off and on all day. Rumour has it that 2 Cdn Corps to which we belong will be in reserve for 3 or 4 days.

6 Apr. Just after supper came the call: "Full recce move now". There was a frenzied scurrying around, and at 1900 hrs the Regt'l Recce party moved off via Cleve. I travelled with Lt Filliter, the ACPO, followed by Y, M1, GA and GB. We moved quickly to the Rhine at Emmerich. The town was a complete ruin, and every house was a pile of rubble. A route had been cleared by bulldozers. We crossed the Rhine on a pontoon bridge. Shortly after heavy rain began to fall. Our trip took us through a section of Germany and back into Holland. We were halted at 2030 hrs and warned of pockets of resistance in the general area. We posted the normal guards and settled down for the night.

7 Apr. We moved off at 0730 hrs. We by-passed Zutphen and moved to an area near Joppe, where we prepared our gun position. The guns arrived at 1600 hrs. At the same time Jerry began shelling the road very heavily. The shelling kept up for some time and one C Bty man was killed and several others were wounded. The guns were soon in action. We received a small fire plan late in the evening.

8 Apr. At midnight we opened fire to support the Regina Rifles, and this lasted for two hours. In the morning we engaged a number of targets in support of the infantry as well as a few bombards. Jerry fired bombards on us, but no damage.

9 Apr. Quiet till the afternoon, then a few bombards. The Maple Leaf which we received today reported that PM Mackenzie King said service in the Pacific will be on a re-volunteer system, and that the Army force will be quite small and operate with the US Army. I wonder what I will do? I'll probably try my luck in the Pacific. In the evening we picked up a Fire Plan at Div Arty in support of 3 Cdn Div, which is to take Deventer.

10 Apr. Got back to the CP after midnight and worked out the Fire Plan. Late in the morning we began a 38-minute smoke screen on the north side of Deventer, while other arty units fired HE at the same time. It sounded like a pretty large show for 3 Div.

11 Apr. Started work early on a Fire Plan. We were pretty busy with 135 targets to be worked out, and we were engaging opportunity targets at the same time. We were briefed on an attack by 1 Cdn Div which intends to cross the Ijssel River south of Deventer. 1 Bde will make the initial crossing under cover of a smoke screen and a big series of concentrations. 2 Bde will go next, then 3 Bde. Then the brigades will arrow out in different directions, with 3 Bde driving SW. We opened up in support of the attack at 1630 hrs, and engaged strongpoints until 1900 hrs. At 2015 we laid down a smoke screen. The Sitrep at 2130 hrs said both the PPCLI and the Seaforths were 1500 yards across the river. The battle went well, with light casualties and 52 POWs taken. M Tgts in evening.

12 Apr. CB and CM targets during the night. Recce ordered out at 0900 hrs. We crossed the IJssel on a pontoon bridge and headed west. We were halted at a PW collecting centre where a number of prisoners, some very young, were waiting to move to the rear. Just ahead the battle continued, and we had a good view of the attack. The infantry was stopped at a dike at Wilp by Germans who were well dug in on the dike and at the edge of a woods. The infantry brought up flame-throwers on Bren carriers and poured liquid fire into the strong points. About 75 Jerries raced out of the woods to surrender. When our side of the dike was clear, we went forward on foot to a point 2000 yards south of Wilp. We chose a position, and I set up the director, occasionally using a nearby slit trench when Jerry fire came too close. During the day opposition along the whole front stiffened. 1 Bde took 400 POWs in 24 hours. The guns came onto the position at dusk. We worked on target records.

13 Apr. At 0700 hrs, the RCR, the 48th, and the HPE were all about two miles west of the dike, with the Seaforths behind the HPE (and in our Regt'l area). The WNSR are being slowed down by their large number of POWs. We engaged many targets, and the shooting was reported as "very effective". We left on recce again at suppertime to an area three miles west of the dike. The guns arrived at dusk, and we worked on fire plans and DFs. The RCR are now at the edge of Apeldoorn.

14 Apr. Fired HFs for two hours during the night. Fired on a fire plan in the morning, followed by M Tgts and four more fire plans, with a smoke screen thrown in for good measure. Two more fire plans in the evening.

15 Apr. Fire Plans, smoke screens, and M Tgts all day and evening.

16 Apr. Getting little sleep with all the DFs and Fire Plans to work out, while firing a lot of M and Bty Tgts. We were ordered to turn one troop onto a Zero Line of 20 degrees to protect 2 LAA 2000 yards from us. So we have one troop on a Zero Line of 20, and the other on one of 230 degrees. Worked on a big bunch of DFs.

17 Apr. To bed at 0300 hrs, and up two hours later. Left on recce and travelled fast to an area near Uchelen, where the WNSR were moving forward. We were warned to expect a series of moves, as things had broken wide open and the infantry were moving quickly on tanks and trucks and on their flat feet. As soon as the guns arrived we left on recce again, and again the guns moved forward. The C & Y picked up about 40 POWs from our rear. Another recce at 2230 hrs, with B Tp right behind. A Tp was lost and did not arrive until early morning.

18 Apr. Recce moved at 1130 hrs, passing through 5 Div at Barneveld and turned north to an area near Prinsonkamp, about 10,000 meters from the Zuider Zee. The guns arrived at 1500 hrs. 3 Bty of 1 Med Regt is now attached to 1 RCHA. Another recce was called at 1730 hrs. We are told to be ready to fire 90 degrees right and left. We moved about five miles and the guns quickly followed. We worked on DFs, spread over an arc of 230 degrees. At 2330, Div HQ told us "no firing of any description tonight, including DFs, without reference to Div". Apparently, they cannot keep track of the rapid infantry movements.

19 Apr. 1 Cdn Army has spread out over most of Holland and most of the country is cleared. We recorded many targets, but did no firing.

20 Apr. We moved in the morning to an area SE of Nijerk. The people gave us a jubilant welcome, and they soon had national streamers hanging from their windows. We picked two rooms in a house for the Bty CP. Each Dutch house is amazingly clean and neat, and everything is polished to the highest degree. When they enter their house, people remove their clogs and leave them outside. Late in the afternoon we engaged a small enemy force near Amersfoort. We received a huge list of DFs to be recorded, at ranges of 900 yards and up. Major John Flynn came in and told us that the area ahead of us from the sea to Utrecht had been flooded by the Germans. As Jerry is flooding Holland as we advance, maybe we will hold here and wait for the war to end. Also, it was confirmed that the Germans have come back in certain areas behind us. Here they have found the Dutch flags hanging out of the windows, and they caught many of the armed patriots who had come out of cover. Shooting of civilians has been reported.

22 Apr. Quiet day. On stand-by for recce. It is reported the Russians are in Berlin.

23 Apr. Progress up front is slow against stiff opposition. The recce moved off at noon to an area just south of Nijerk. We replotted the DFs as the guns arrived.

24 Apr. We fired a number of M Tgts on the Jerries who are digging-in near the Amersfoort Canal. New DF lists during the night.

25 Apr. Quiet all day. The infantry are not doing much at the moment. It is reported the Russians and the Americans have linked up.

26 Apr. I went to RHQ to try a Class B survey test – have a fair chance of passing. The ACPO was called to RHQ and returned to say that we will maintain our present positions. We will fire only if the enemy attacks, which seems unlikely. Well that's that, or is it? Berlin is reported to be surrounded by Russians.

German Engineering Yields New Warship That Isn't Fit for Sea

Navy refuses to commission frigate after it failed sea trials; critics cite fiasco in conception and execution. William Wilkes The Wall Street Journal Jan. 12, 2018



Germany's Baden-Württemberg frigate, the first of its new F-125 class, failed sea trials last month.

Carsten Vennemann/Bundeswehr

BERLIN—Germany's naval brass in 2005 dreamed up a warship that could ferry marines into combat anywhere in the world, go up against enemy ships and stay away from home ports for two years with a crew half the size of its predecessor's. First delivered for sea trials in 2016 after a series of delays, the 7,000-ton Baden-

Württemberg frigate was determined last month to have an unexpected design flaw: It doesn't really work. Defense experts cite the warship's buggy software and ill-considered arsenal—as well as what was until recently its noticeable list to starboard—as symptoms of deeper, more intractable problems: Shrinking military expertise and growing confusion among German leaders about what the country's armed forces are for. A litany of bungled infrastructure projects has tarred Germany's reputation for engineering prowess. There is still no opening date for Berlin's new €6 billion (\$7.2 billion) airport, which is already 10 years behind schedule, and the redesign of Stuttgart's railway station remains stalled more than a decade after work on the project started. Observers have blamed these mishaps on poor planning and project management, which also figured in major setbacks for several big military projects.

Germany's next-generation F-125 frigate is supposed to replace the F-122, but naval experts say it lacks the firepower to defend Baltic sea lanes against the Russian navy or to counter well-armed terrorists. But experts say military efforts have also been hampered by the lack of a strategic vision for Germany's armed forces, resulting in vague, hard-to-execute briefs. Before the frigate project foundered, a contract to build a new helicopter hit snags, costs for a new rifle overran and an ambitious drone project simply failed to get off the ground. German military procurement is “one hell of a complete disaster,” said Christian Mölling, a defense-industry expert at the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin. “It will take years to sort this problem out.” The naval fiasco, on a project with a €3 billion price tag, is particularly startling since Europe's largest exporter relies on open and secure shipping lanes to transport its goods. The F-125 frigate program was supposed to deliver Germany's four largest military ships of the postwar era, fitted with cutting-edge software allowing high operability with a skeleton crew. But after the ship failed sea trials last month, naval officials refused to commission it. The German Navy said the Baden-Württemberg's central computer system—the design centerpiece allowing it to sail with a smaller crew—didn't pass necessary tests. The Kieler Nachrichten, a daily in the German Baltic fleet's home port of Kiel, has reported problems with its radar, electronics and the flameproof coating on its fuel tanks. The vessel was also found to list to the starboard, a flaw a project spokesman says has been corrected. The Baden-Württemberg is now set to return to port next week for an “extended period,” the navy said. A spokesman for Thyssenkrupp, the lead company on the project, said it still planned to deliver the ship this year. “The frigate-class 125 is a newly designed, technically sophisticated ship with highly complex new developments—including new technologies,” the spokesman said. “Delays can never be completely ruled out.”

A spokesman for the military procurement office said it was levying financial penalties from Thyssenkrupp for late delivery, but he declined to provide further details. Even if the ship can be fixed, however, some naval experts worry it would struggle to defend itself against terrorist groups supplied with anti-ship missiles. And in the face of a Russian naval buildup in the Baltic Sea, it lacks its predecessor's sonar and torpedo tubes, making it a sitting duck for submarines. Those failings, they say, result from Germany's military brass never settling on a defined brief for the vessel. When planning began in 2003, naval staff wanted an all-rounder that could tangle with Russian destroyers in the Baltic and serve as a base for humanitarian missions in tropical waters. Then, in 2005, they decided the ship didn't need all of its predecessor's heavy weaponry

and should focus more on attacking enemies on land, including by ferrying marines into combat. Given Russia's aggressive stance in the Baltic Sea, naval experts say that now appears to have been a miscalculation. The ship's great weight—already almost twice that of the frigate model it is replacing—makes adding further weapons very difficult. “These problems stem from Germany not having a strategic vision for its military,” said Ronja Kempin, defense-industry expert at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin. Defense experts say the frigate fiasco also shows the navy, German military engineers and the government's defense-procurement body, after years without big projects to manage, has lost the expertise to bring these to fruition. “Too complicated, too ambitious, too badly managed.” Marcel Dickow, a weapons-procurement expert at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin, said of the frigate. “They threw money at the project without thinking it through.”

The spokesman for Germany's military procurement office said while the ship project posed an “enormous challenge” for the contractors, its design specifications were “unambiguous and precise.” He added that the contractors have to solve outstanding problems with the vessel. “The [German military] will not take over the ship until all acceptance trials have been successfully completed,” he said. German military spending is now rising rapidly to meet the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's agreed commitment of 2% of gross domestic product. The defense budget is set to climb to €38.5 billion in 2018 from €37 billion in 2017 and €35.1 billion in 2016. But this growth follows years of fiscal attrition that have degraded the government's capacity to manage ambitious military projects. And while German firms like Heckler & Koch AG and Rheinmetall are market leaders in rifles, tanks and howitzers, competence in larger, more complex systems has eroded during the lean years.” There's a whole generation of German engineers who haven't worked on a major defense project,” said Mr Mölling, the defense expert. “It's not that they lost this skill; they never learned it.”

Engineering graduates shun weapons manufacturers in favor of “sexier” employers like conglomerate Siemens AG or car maker BMW AG, which offer better pay and career prospects, according to Mr Mölling. Likewise, defense companies have failed to attract the graduates needed to develop sophisticated new systems that are increasingly centered on software, said Sandro Gaycken, a director at the European School of Management and Technology in Berlin. Berlin could have bought warships from US, UK or French shipyards, but the government chose German bidders to buoy employment at German shipyards, according to Ms Kempin, the defense expert. Kiel-based naval engineer Lothar Dannenberg, who wasn't involved directly in the frigate project, blamed its failures largely on what he said was the incompetence of the procurement office. “We were left shaking our heads,” he said.

Burrard Bridge Commemorative Braziers Lighting Ceremony

23 January 2018 Dan Thomas

Several dozen members of the greater Vancouver commemorative community braved cool and damp weather on Tuesday January 23rd, 2018 to witness the official relighting of the renovated

Burrard Bridge electric braziers. Dignitaries included the Attorney General of Canada, the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, and the Mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson.

The commemorative braziers were installed atop pylons at the north and south ends of the Burrard Bridge in 1932 to represent the devices soldiers improvised in the trenches to keep warm during the Great War (as it was then known). The braziers' electric lighting systems had fallen out of service in recent years, however, and were renovated following a fundraising campaign that involved the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Vancouver and partner agencies.



Cam Cathcart, long-term Master of Ceremonies for the Victory Square Remembrance Day ceremony, officiated for the lighting event. Cam, who is also a great friend of The British Columbia Regiment (DCO) and president of RUSI Vancouver, reminded the audience that the troops we commemorate braved much worse weather and other conditions for weeks on end during the First World War.

Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne represented the Regiment among the Honoraries and other dignitaries, including veterans, serving Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP leaders, and a Cadet flag party. In addition to Ms. Wilson-Raybould, First Nations were represented by RCAF veteran and UBC Professor emeritus Richard Vedan, Secwepemc First Nation (Shuswap); and USMC veteran Jamie Thomas, Snuneymuxw First Nation (Nanaimo). Historically, a First Nations settlement had existed for many years near what is now the south end of the Burrard Bridge.



Never likely to rest on its laurels, RUSI Vancouver is now planning its biannual Strategic Studies conference for 6-7 April 2018.

Left to Right: Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Don Foster, 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA; Honorary Colonel (retired) Howe Lee, 39 Service Battalion; Honorary Colonel Ted Hawthorne, British Columbia (DCO); Commander (retired) King Wan; Richard "Dick" Dunn, Treasurer, Air Force Officers' Association.

Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates

New photos added to the 1998 yearbook from the Change of Command parade.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1998.html>

New photos added to the 1995 yearbook from our Open House celebration for the 75th anniversary. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1995.html>

Your webmaster is back and threw up some pictures of the military content from his recent Australian walkabout. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2018.html>

Master Bombardier (ret) Bill Barlow's recent trip to Fort Seloso in Singapore.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2017.html>

Don't forget the Regimental Birthday Party on 17 February 2018. Please RSVP so we know who's coming. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/regimental-birthday-party-2018>

Lest we forget – Captain Oliver Mowat –

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/lest-we-forget-captain-oliver-alexander-mowat-mc>

Lest we forget – Gunner Charles Gregg –

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/lest-we-forget-gunner-charles-gregg>

Lest we forget – Gunner William Curran –

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/lest-we-forget-gunner-william-joseph-curran>

Keep those stories, calendar events and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at

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Who Is It

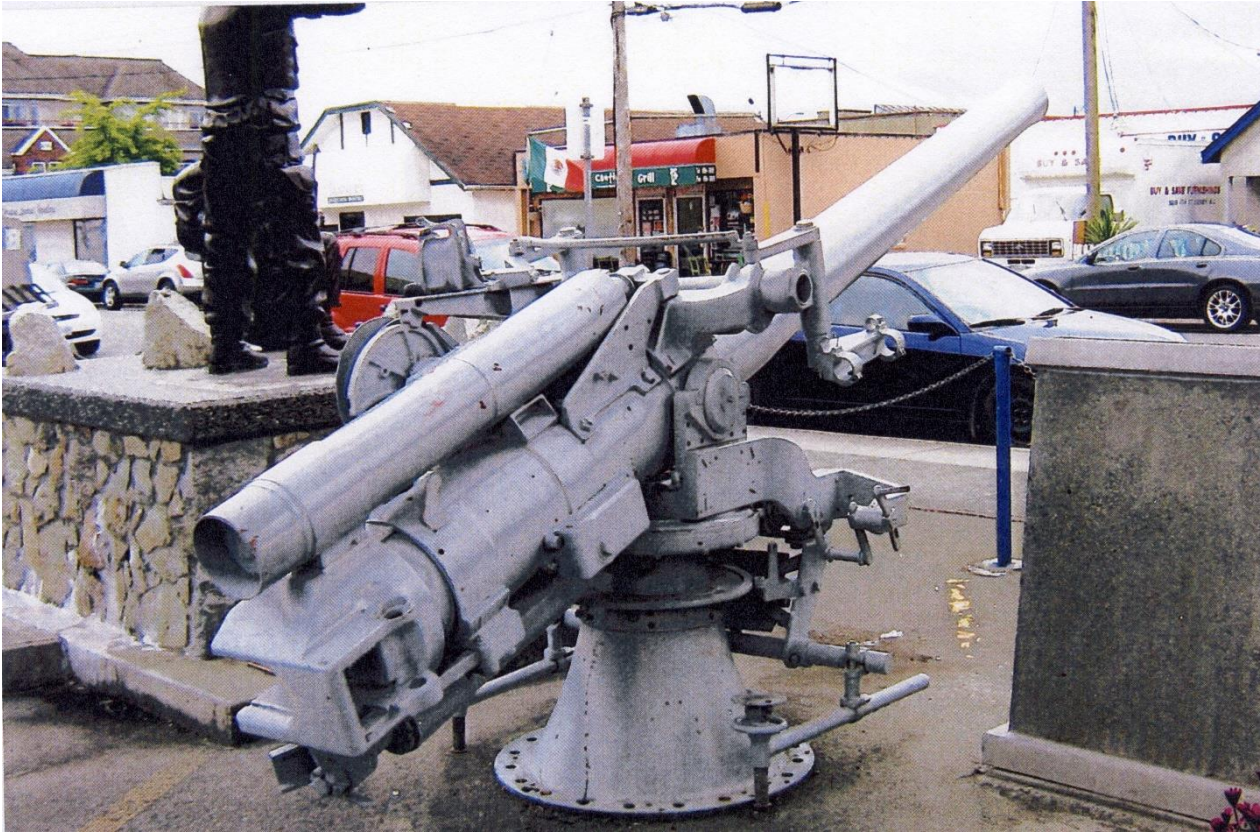
Last Week: 12-pounder 12-cwt QF Mk. V (3-inch-40) Breech loading Naval Gun (Ogden 3-inch Naval gun), from HMCS *Thiepval*, located at the harbour shore near the dock.



HMCS *Thiepval* was one of twelve Battle-class naval trawlers used by the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). After seeing service on Canada's east coast at the end of the First World War, *Thiepval* was transferred to the west coast, where she spent the remainder of her career. In 1924, *Thiepval* visited the Soviet Union and Japan as part of the support efforts for a round-the-world flight attempt. *Thiepval* struck a rock and sank off the British Columbia coast in 1930, and her wreck has since become a popular attraction for divers.

This Week: What! Not another gun!? Well, yes. They do seem to litter the quiz landscape these days. Did you know that there are at least 27 7.7cm German field pieces of Great War vintage occupying Canadian land that could otherwise be redeveloped into condos? Shocking!

This, however, is not one of the evil Kaiser's hospital-bombarding devices. What it is, however, is not too clear at the moment. It seems to be taking up development space somewhere, denying overseas investors a chance to dump their ill-gotten gains into our hot property market, although that might just be fake news. Do not be fooled by the fine flag flying



across the street; this is in the Dominion of Canada.

So, dear experts on Satan's blow-pipes, what is this object, and where is it? Is there a

history attached to it? Did it once fire upon our dastardly enemies, or was it used by them against our plucky sons and daughters of the Empire? Your guess is as good as mine, so send them (the guesses, not the IODE members) to the editor, or to the author, John Redmond (johnd_redmond@telus.net).

From the 'Punitary'

What happened when two egotists started a fight? It was an I for an I.

Murphy's Other Laws

The bigger they are, the harder they hit.

Quotable Quotes

There is nothing which we receive with so much reluctance as advice. - *Joseph Addison*

Dues 2018

Dues for the Vancouver Artillery Association are \$25, payable to the Vancouver Artillery Association. Send to:

Treasurer, Vancouver Artillery Association
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2C7

Dues for RUSI Vancouver are \$50 (\$25 for students), payable to RUSI Vancouver. Send to:

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Dues for Associate Members are \$60, payable to 15 RCA Officers Mess. Send to:

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Artillery Day 2018



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The
Vancouver Artillery Association
is hosting a
Gun Camp
on
Saturday, 26 May 2018

The intent of the Artillery Day Gun Camp is to deploy artillery detachments in public areas throughout the Lower Mainland of British Columbia where artillery units have had a presence today and in the past.

Do you own artillery ordnance that could be part of this display?

Contact Leon Jensen OMM CD for additional details – president.vcrgunners@gmail.com

Men in Kilts on their Road to Israel – 10 Feb 2018

You are invited to an “almost free” event which I hope as many of our friends, family members, business associates and lacrosse enthusiasts will come to support. It will be a fun and social evening with our **“Men in Kilts on their Road to Israel”**. Registration through Eventbrite. Here is the information:

Saturday, February 10, 2018 - 7pm – 1 am for a “CEILIDH” (pron Kaylee) - 2018 FIL World Cup Lacrosse Team Scotland MEN IN KILTS on their ROAD TO ISRAEL Social Dance Party at the Heritage Hall, 826 12th Street, New Westminster, BC – EVERYONE WELCOME!

This family friendly Scottish social dance party is being held to **congratulate and support several local athletes selected to join Team Scotland at the 2018 FIL Lacrosse World Cup Games to be held this summer in Israel**. All players must pay their own transportation expenses, purchase their own uniforms/equipment and registration fees for the Games. Come help support our “Men in Kilts on their Road to Israel” and wish them well. **Players chosen for the team tryouts include: Dean Stewart, Jordan and Jimmy McBride, Iain Vickers, Daniel McQuade and Matt MacGrotty (Captain)**. Join our Team Scotland fan base as we congratulate our World Class elite athletes from B.C.! Team selection still to be finalized.....waiting! Matt MacGrotty has already been confirmed and named Captain of Team Scotland.

Tickets only \$10 and everyone of all ages (including young children) invited to attend. Children 8 and under FREE. **Refreshments, Cash Bar (beer, wine, cider, scotch, and non-alcoholic beverages), Snacks, Silent Auction, Scottish Dancers, attendee participation dance with caller, Ceilidh band, bagpipes, DJ & FUN!** Arrive anytime after 7pm - Event ends at 1 am.

DRESS: Wear kilts, tartan anything, red and white for Canada or whatever you please to have a fun time with our lacrosse players and members of the Scottish community. The more kilts the merrier! Wear comfortable dancing shoes! There is a little Scottish in everyone!

Ticket registration and further details visit:

www.eventbrite.ca/e/2018-fil-world-lacrosse-team-scotland-road-to-israel-tickets-42160644623?aff=es2

Can't attend - please consider donating online through Eventbrite also. Visa and debit accepted for all payments. It's easy to support our local lads! Check back regularly for updates. **Please purchase tickets asap due to limited capacity.** Come support our local athletes – our lads..... **“MEN IN KILTS” on their ROAD TO ISRAEL!** Limited hall capacity, purchase tickets in advance to avoid disappointment. Pre-sales only – NO ticketing at the door. Again, donations accepted online.

Thank you in advance for supporting this great community event and show support for **our world class athletes as well as promote peace and harmony between nations and to build our lacrosse athletic spirit locally!**

Visit FIL World Cup Website for updates and to get information on team rosters: <http://worldlacrosse2018.com/>

Countdown to the 2018 World Cup Lacrosse Championship Games is on!
Catch the SCOTTISH LAX spirit!

Please distribute to your networks, friends, associates, lax community, etc etc. through facebook and social media, personal calls etc. Let's fill the hall with an overflowing crowd and enjoy a great evening of Scottish Socialization/Dance Spirit! Those attending the Sask Rush vs Vanc Stealth game at LEC – please join us for a fun after party with Team Scotland in New Westminster!

Best regards, **Karen**

Col Karen Baker-MacGrotty
Honorary Colonel The Royal Westminster Regiment

Regimental Whiskey Tasting



Hosted by:
*The British Columbia
Regiment
Officers' Mess and
Sgts' & WOs' Mess*



Proceeds to:
*The BCR(DCO)
Unit Fund*

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Time: Bars Open from 6:30pm - Midnight.
Whiskies presented 7:30-10pm.

Location: Upstairs Messes of the British Columbia Regiment
620 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC

Dress: Casual Dress/Kilt Encouraged (No Jeans Please)

Price: \$55/person (Includes 5x Full Measures of Whiskey)

****For those not partaking in the Whiskey Tasting, the option of a \$20/person donation to the Unit Fund is available. This includes unlimited soft drinks for the evening.**

RSVP: RSVP **MANDATORY**, as tickets are limited!
For information or to register, please email the PMC of the Officers' Mess, Maj Adam McLeod, at: adammcLeod@gmail.com

Payment by cheque or cash will be accepted at the door
Cheques are payable to: "BCR Officers' Mess"
No cancellations after January 27, 2018

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA & The 78th Fraser's Highlanders Fund Raiser and Scotch Tasting Night

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA and the 78th Fraser's Highlanders invite you, and any like-minded guests of your acquaintance, to attend our annual fund raising and whisky tasting event at the historic Bessborough Armoury. There will be food, draw prizes, and music. Did we say whisky?

Tickets are **\$55.00** per person for those sampling a selection of six excellent Whiskys, or a meager **\$25.00** if you are only having beer, wine, or soft drinks from our No-Host Bar. Credit Cards, or Cheques please, to make things easier for Bernie who will be at the door.

Only 50 tickets will be sold for the full whisky fleet!

Dress is business casual. kilts, and highland dress, of course, are welcome.

DATE:

Friday – March 2nd, 2018

TIME:

1800 hrs – 2300 hrs

LOCATION:

**15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA
2025 West 11th Ave Van, BC V6J 2C7**

**DO NOT MISS OUT!
TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET CONTACT:**

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All profits will go to support the activities of the 15th Field Regimental Society and the 78th Fraser Highlanders Fort Fraser Garrison. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations upon request.