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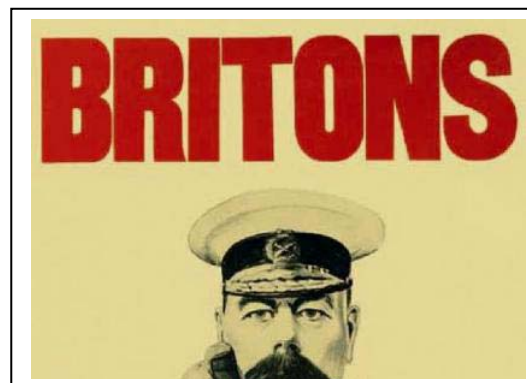
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200th Anniversary of the Burning of Washington

President's Comment

For most of July and hopefully for August, Edmontonians have enjoyed great weather. There are many activities happening right here in Edmonton from July through August, celebrating the PPCLI centennial. The PPCLI is one of three permanent force regiments. Two battalions of PPCLI are stationed here in Edmonton, and one in Winnipeg. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (Loyal Eddies) is the 4th reserve battalion. The Edmonton Journal have been publishing details of various activities about the PPCLI celebration. So, if you have a moment, I encourage you to go out there and experience for yourself the joy and pride of being a Canadian. Many believe that Canada ceased being a British colony and became a nation through the many heroic battles fought during WWI. The sacrifices made by our forefathers to make this possible must not be taken for granted and participation in our celebrations will add to the appreciation of Canadian heritage and values.

On another note, on Sunday, the 27th of July 2014, members of Branch #21 of the Korean Veterans Association and the Capital region Korean community, including a contingent of former Korean Marines, recognized the 61st Anniversary of the Cease Fire that marked the formal end of major conflict of the Korean War with a small ceremony at the Alberta Legislature. Often referred to as the Forgotten War, the legacy of the Korean conflict continues to divide the Korean people and remains a source of tension and conflict that has rippled across the world. Remembering the service and sacrifice of all members of the international force that served during those difficult years is an important duty for all of us that have benefitted from the security and prosperity that followed throughout the region upon completion of this conflict.



Invitation

Members of EUSI are invited to attend the launch of the "Alberta and the Great Wars" at the Provincial Archives of Alberta at 8555- Roper Road, Edmonton, at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 20th, 2014. Limited seating only. RSVP early to paaevents@gov.ab.ca. please indicate your are a member of the Edmonton United Services Institute.

REMINDERS

Battle of Panjwail Commemorative Dinner to be held on Saturday September 13, 2014, at the Ramada Hotel in Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton. Invitation and RSVP are attached with this newsletter. Please RSVP early

BRING A GUEST TO THE BATTLE OF PANJWAIL MESS DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

The 2014 EUSI Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 0800 AM at the Ramada Hotel at Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton. The Theme of the symposium is Canada's northern land and marine sovereign. Guest Panelists include Mr. James Bezan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence and The Chief of Defence Staff. For those of you who heard Dr. Robert Huebert last year on Canada' defence and security policy on cyber attack, he has again accepted invitation as a panelist this year. We have added Dr. Jean-Christophe Boucher of the MacEwan University. Bring your family and a friend. I especially appreciate it if you can invite a student or young Canadians to this year's symposium. For college professors and high school teachers, you will find the symposium rewarding for your students. I will buy you all a breakfast and there is no cost to the event.



The Young Soldier by Wilfred Owen

It is not death
Without hereafter
To one in dearth
Of life and its laughter,
Nor the sweet murder
Dealt slow and even
Unto the martyr
It is the smile
Faint as a (waning) myth,
Faint, and exceeding small
On a boy's murdered mouth.

Valleyview War Memorial



Get trained!

HUMOUR

An Army grunt stands in the rain with a 35lb. ruck on his back, 15lb. weapon in his hands, after having marched 12 miles, and says, "This is shit".

An airborne infantryman stands in the rain with a 45lb. ruck on his back, weapon in hand, after having marched 18 miles, and says with a smile, "This is good shit".

A Ranger lies in the mud, 55lb. ruck on his back, weapon in hand, after swimming 10 miles to shore, crawling through a swamp and marching 25 miles at night past enemy positions, says with a grin, "This really is good shit".

A Special Forces trooper, up to his nose in the stinking, bug-infested mud of a swamp with a 65lb. ruck on his back, weapons in both hands, after having jumped from an aircraft at high altitude, into the ocean, swimming 12 miles to shore, killing several alligators to enter the swamp, then crawling 30 miles through the brush to assault an enemy camp, says, "I love this shit".

A pilot sits in an easy chair in his air conditioned, carpeted, quarters and says, "The cable's out! What kind of shit is this???"



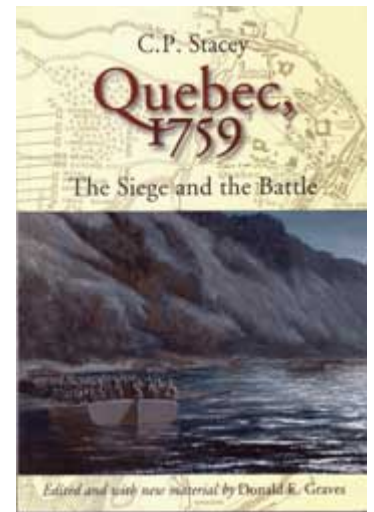
CANADIAN MILITARY READING

Quebec, 1759 The Siege and the Battle

By C.P. Stacey.

A superb account of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham -- a turning point in the history of North America. The capture of the town of Quebec by British forces under James Wolfe in 1759 brought about the ultimate British victory in the contest with France for dominance in North America. It opened the door to the independence of the thirteen English colonies some twenty years later, and the brief dramatic battle outside the walls of Quebec set the course for the future Canada.

The drama and significance of the battle, and the lionization of Wolfe, have diverted attention from the pertinent and intriguing questions that the historian must ask, and which Stacey was one of the first and most astute to answer. Who made the plans? When were the critical decisions taken? Why did they succeed and how nearly did they fail? What sort of man was General Wolfe? Was Montcalm a good or better soldier? Stacey's text offers important new evidence and discussion of these and other questions in an approach that is even-handed, knowledgeable and wonderful reading.





**CANADIAN GEAR
CC-177 Globemaster**



Canada's four CC-177 Globemaster III strategic airlifters were delivered in 2007-2008. The CC-177 in Canada helps provide everything from the rapid delivery of troops and cargo transport to oversized combat equipment from coast to coast to coast and to anywhere else worldwide. Rapid, reliable and flexible, the strategic and tactical CC-177 is equipped with advanced digital avionics, has a maximum range of approximately 5,500 nautical miles and can carry a payload of up to 160,000 pounds (72, 727 kilograms) due to its four engines (Pratt & Whitney 2040 series) that produce 40,440 pounds (18, 343 kilograms) of thrust. To illustrate the power of these aircraft, one CC-177 can haul three CH-146 Griffon helicopters with refuelling tanks, or one Leopard 2 tank, or as many as 102 paratroopers. But perhaps most useful of all, the CC-177's ability to fly long distances and land in remote airfields makes it a premier transporter for military, humanitarian and peacekeeping missions.



What's Out There?

Kirov Class Guided Missile Cruiser (Russia)

The Russian Kirov Class Heavy Missile Cruise Ship are the world's largest 'cruisers' and might best be termed "battle cruisers". Originally designed as a large antisubmarine warship to search for and engage enemy ballistic missile submarines, the Kirov's role was expanded to engage large surface targets and provide air and antisubmarine protection to naval forces after the introduction of the Granit antiship missile system.



SECURITAS

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DINNER INVITATION AND RSVP

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BATTLE OF PANJWAYI MESS

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Major (ret'd) Alexander H. Tsang CD, President
And the Board of Governors of
The Edmonton United Services Institute

Requests the Pleasure of Your Company with Guests at

A Dinner commemorating the Battle of Panjwayi and the end of Canadian Military Deployment
in Afghanistan

To be held at
The Ramada Hotel
11834 – Kingsway, Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta
5:30 P.M. for 6:30 P.M.
Saturday, 13 September 2014

Dress: Mess Kit

Black Tie with Miniatures
Business attire with Medals

Tariff: \$ 80.00 per person, with \$5.00 goes to Project Heroes.

RSVP: With Cheque payable to EUSI by 5 September 2014. Mail to: 11035 – 163 Avenue NW, Edmonton,
Alberta T5X 2A2

The Battle of Panjwayi, Afghanistan is possibly the last conventional large scale combat NATO forces conducted against the Talibans, with many casualties. Thereafter, the Talibans will not engage NATO forces in large scale combat. Instead, the Talibans converted to suicide bombers, IED's (improvised explosive devices) and other guerilla tactics. The Battle of Panjwayi commemorative dinner features Lieutenant Colonel Nick Grimshaw who was a company commander during the Battle.

Project Heroes is an Edmonton based project in which three artists paint the portraits of Soldiers who gave their life in Afghanistan, Accompanying each portrait is the soldier's personal history, family and aspirations. Project Heroes will have its grand opening on November 7, 2014 in Edmonton. Thereafter, the exhibition will travel across Canada, with most of the paintings donated to the appropriate museum. Your generous support is appreciated.



Major (ret'd) Alexander H. Tsang CD, President
And the Board of Governors of
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Cordially invites you to attend the 2014 Symposium on Threat to Canada's Northern Land
and Marine Sovereignty.

To be held at
The Ramada Hotel
11834 – Kingsway, Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta
0800 AM
Saturday, October 18, 2014

Cost: There is no admission cost

Breakfast: Will be served at 0800 hours, with the speech starting promptly at 0900 hours

Panelists: Mr. James Bezan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, General Thomas J. Lawson, Chief of Defence Staff, The Honourable Laurie Hawn, MP, Edmonton Central, Commander, Joint Task Force North, Dr. Robert Hubert, Professor, Calgary University, Dr. Christophe-Jean Boucher, Professor, MacEwan University, Mr. Joseph Howard, Military Analysts on International Law and Dispute Resolution.

Mediator: Captain Grant Cree, Journalist and Photographer.

With “Global warming”, Canada’s northern land and marine territory is becoming more accessible. With both friendly and unfriendly foreign powers posing challenges to our territorial boundaries, this Symposium will examine the underlying economical and resource interests associated with accessing Canada’s Northern territories. The symposium will lead discussion on National Defence and Security policies, and strategies in protecting Canadian interests.

The EUSI actively urges attendance by our high school, college, and university students. If you believe that we all share a duty to ensure Canadian resources must be protected and developed responsibly with high regard to preservation of our environment, then come and join us and be part of the solution.
