



EDMONTON UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE

PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

JULY 2014

The information in this newsletter is for informational purposes only. The Edmonton United Services Institute assumes no liability for any inaccurate, delayed or incomplete information, nor for any actions taken in reliance thereon.

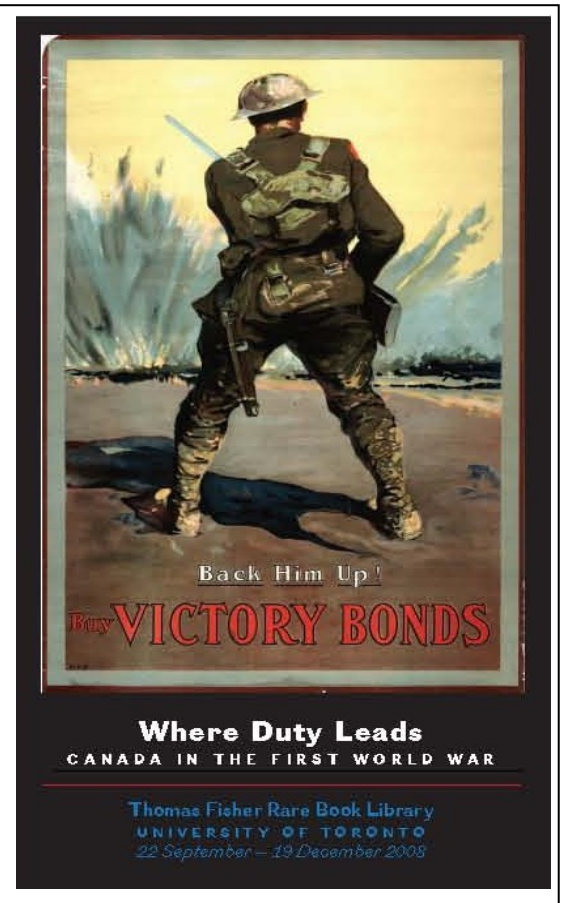
President's Comment

A hundred years ago, on June 28, 1914, Bosnian-Serb Gavrilo Princip assassinated the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Archduke Ferdinand and his pregnant wife, Sophie, in Sarajevo. Thus, ignited the spark that led to First World War a month later.

There were some interesting tidbits about WWI and some historical events that affected Canada in significant way. For example, Japan and Italy were both allies, while Turkey and Bulgaria were enemies fighting for the Central Power. Came World War II, both Japan and Italy became the enemy and Bulgaria and Turkey were the friendly force. It just proves that in politics, there are no permanent enemies or allies.

For the kid who whines why should he study history, for one thing, He, will know the reason why we have to pay income tax, which was introduced to finance the war effort. Funny thing is that Canada is not at war but income tax has been here to stay since then. And do you know that Newfoundland was not part of the Canada Dominion during WWI? The most significant inference is that Canada matured from a British Colony and eventually became a Dominion due to the efforts and sacrifices of our young men and women. With a population of about 6 millions, Canada contributed 600,000 soldiers with almost half died or seriously wounded.

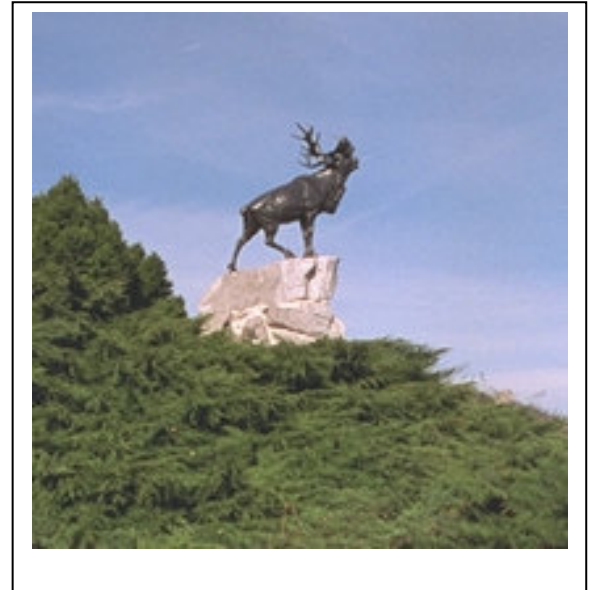
So, on Canada Day, when we celebrate this our great nation, thank our forefathers for the contributions they made and ask not what Canada can do for us but what can we do for Canada.



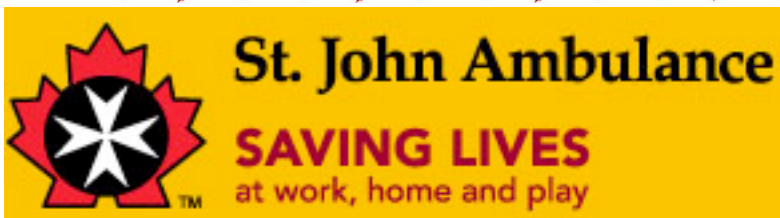


Dirge for a Soldier

Close his eyes; his work is done!
 What to him is friend or foeman,
 Rise of moon, or set of sun,
 Hand of man, or kiss of woman?
 Lay him low, lay him low,
 In the clover or the snow!
 What cares he? he can not know:
 Lay him low!
 As man may, he fought his fight,
 Proved his truth by his endeavor;
 Let him sleep in solemn night,
 Sleep forever and forever.
 Lay him low, lay him low,
 In the clover or the snow!
 What cares he? he can not know:
 Lay him low!
 Fold him in his country's stars,
 Roll the drum and fire the volley!
 What to him are all our wars,
 What but death bemoaning folly?
 Lay him low, lay him low,
 In the clover or the snow!
 What cares he? he can not know:
 Lay him low!
 Leave him to God's watching eye,
 Trust him to the hand that made him.
 Mortal love weeps idly by:
 God alone has power to aid him,
 Lay him low, lay him low,
 In the clover or the snow!
 What cares he? he can not know:
 Lay him low!



Beaumont-Hamel Memorial



Get trained!

HUMOUR

The company sergeant major is briefing the recruits: "For the next ten weeks the commanding officer will be your father, and I will be your mother. Incidentally we are not married, so you know what that makes you..."

"When I joined the military it was illegal to be homosexual, then it became optional, and now it's legal. I'm getting out before it's mandatory." Sgt. Harry Berres, USMC

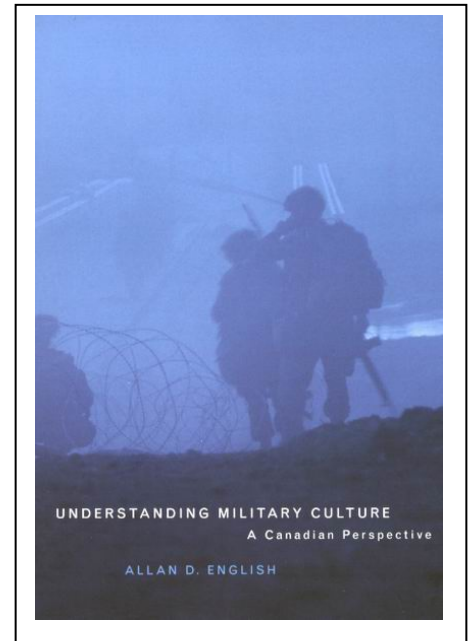


CANADIAN MILITARY T READING

Understanding Military Culture - A Canadian Perspective

Allan D. English

This book examines culture, the "bedrock of military" effectiveness, from a theoretical and a practical point of view. In comparing Canadian and American military cultures, it concludes that while the culture of the Canadian Forces has been "Americanized" to a certain extent, the culture of the US armed forces, due to changes in their personnel and roles, has experienced a certain degree of "Canadianization" at the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st centuries. Culture has been described as the "bedrock of military" effectiveness because it influences everything an armed service does. The recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have highlighted the importance of culture as a concept in analyzing the ability of military organizations to perform certain tasks. In fact, a military's culture may determine its preferred way of fighting and dealing with other challenges, like incorporating new technologies, more than its doctrine or organizational structure. This book examines military culture from a theoretical and a practical point of view. It focuses on the Canadian and American military cultures, and it provides the first detailed examination of the culture of the Canadian Forces. It also compares their culture to that of the US armed forces. The book concludes that while the culture of the Canadian Forces has been "Americanized" to a certain extent, the culture of the US armed forces, due to changes in their personnel and roles, has experienced a certain degree of "Canadianization" at the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st centuries.



CP-140A

CP-140A Arcturus is used to monitor Canada's East Coast. This long-range patrol aircraft protects our coastlines from foreign threats and illegal activity. The Department of National Defence brought in CP-140As in 1991 to bolster the CP-140 Aurora fleet. The Arcturus shares the same airframe as the Aurora, but is not equipped for anti-submarine warfare (ASW). Because it lacks the Aurora's heavy ASW electronics, the Arcturus is a lighter and more fuel-efficient aircraft.



What's Out There?

Al-Khalid MBT (Pakistan)

The Al-Khalid is essentially a hybrid tank design with systems, armament and subsystems originating from a variety of global sources though the tank system itself, as a whole, is a locally-produced product native to Pakistan. Engines are of Ukrainian origin while production is handled within Pakistan. In most respects, the Al-Khalid can be viewed as the "ultimate" evolution of the successful Soviet T-54 system. Design was handled on both the part of NORINCO Factory 617 of China and Heavy Industries Taxila (HIT) of Pakistan with a partnership officially inked in January of 1990.



IT IS TOO LATE TO SHARPEN SWORDS, WHEN THE DRUMS OF WAR ARE BEATING



Securitas

MAJOR (RET'D) ALEXANDER H. TSANG CD

DINNER INVITATION AND RSVP

PRESIDENT, EDMONTON UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE

ALEXANDERHTSANG@HOTMAIL.C

BATTLE OF PANJWAYI MESS

ATTACHED BELOW

**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 lives 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.

RSVP

Name: _____ Rank/Title: _____ Organization _____

___ will attend ___ regret I cannot attend

THE 2014 BATTLE OF Panjawayi Dinner on 13 September 2014

My Guest/s are: _____

Regimental March: _____

Enclosed is my cheque for \$80.00 x ___ persons = \$_____

Made payable to: EUSI.

Mail to : Major Alexander H. Tsang, 11035 – 163 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5X 2A2

TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THEN: 5 September 2012

Ph: 780.456-3392

For EUSI members:

PLEASE provide your current Email address in order to receive your electronic EUSI newsletter.

PLEASE also provide your current address and telephone number for slow mail newsletter

Rank/Title _____ Last name _____ Initial _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Non members: Please provide your Email address or Mailing address if you would like to become a member.

Email address: _____ Mailing Address _____