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**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 has been declared The Day Commemorating the War in Afghanistan.**

**President's Comments**

The long awaited spring season has arrived. We actually reached 22 degrees on the first day of May. However, the seven day forecast calls for possibility of snow this weekend. I just love this Canadian weather. To avoid being labeled a sexist, I will not make a comparative comment. It is time to start getting your bedding plants and vegetable gardens ready. In Edmonton, most people will wait until the May long weekend before planting.

On May 13, the EUSI and RAUSI (Royal Alberta United Services Institute) of Calgary will be sponsoring the S. Bruce Smith School Edmonton by taking 50 or so high school students from Edmonton to visit the Calgary Military Museum. A number of veterans and serving soldiers will be escorts. Any veterans who would like to participate in this project, please contact Alex Tsang

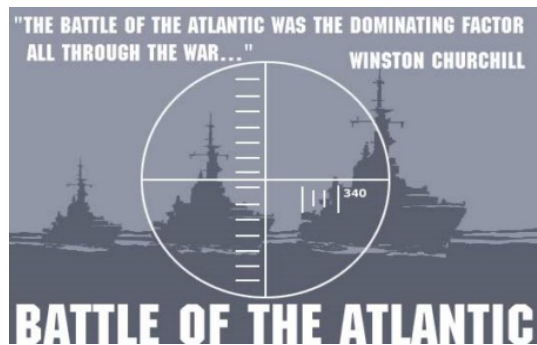
**Last Post**

I am sorry to announce the lost of the following comrades:

A long time member F/O Nick Wengreniuk WW II, 3rd Div 9th Bde

Colonel Shad Ames. Shad was the Northern Alberta Militia District in late seventies and last served as the Honorary Colonel for the 20<sup>th</sup> FdR RCA.

**Thanks you for having served Canada.**



## New Member

Welcome abroad, Lt. Jason Pascoe, Australian Army, currently parading with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

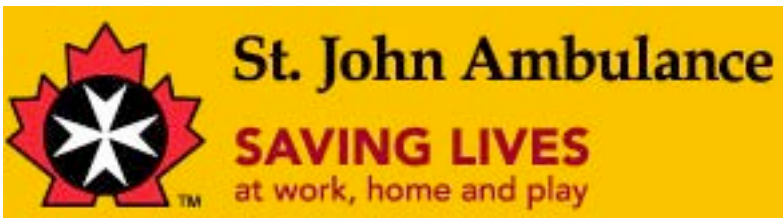
## Donations

Thank you from L/Col J.H. Quarton, Life Member EUSI. A small donation (\$25,00) but we could welcome more of this sort from our members.



### **EUSI COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARD**

Do you know someone who has his or her feet planted firmly in both the military and civilian communities in Edmonton, someone who has made a difference in bringing these two cultures together? If so please nominate them for the EUSI Community Appreciation Award. Just get their contact information and a short citation explaining their contribution to any of the EUSI Directors.



Get trained!



## **HUMOUR**

A captain and several of his officers were returning to the ship after a long evening ashore. As they climbed the gangway the Captain threw up all over himself. Pointing to a seaman above him he shouted, "Give that man five days in the brig for vomiting!" The following morning the captain was checking the log and saw that the young seaman had been sentenced to ten days and asked the chief mate why. "Well Sir, when we got you undressed we found that he'd also crapped in your pants."

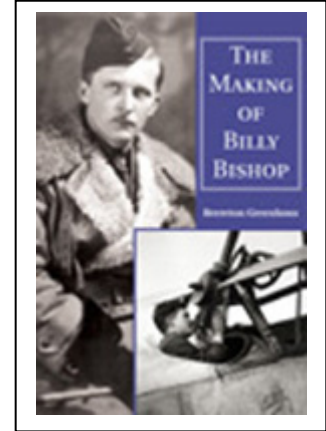


## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

### The Making of Billy Bishop

Brereton Greenhous

It's a war story that is told every time the career of Billy Bishop is discussed: On June 2, 1917, the young pilot single-handedly took out a German airfield in an early morning raid at the height of the Great War. For this, he was awarded the Victoria Cross, and a place in Canadian history. And yet, the attack never happened. In this explosive new biography, Brereton Greenhous exposes the myth of Billy Bishop. While his bravery never comes into question (Bishop was as courageous as any of the men who risked their lives in those early warplanes) his credibility as a storyteller does. From exaggerations and half-truths to flat-out lies, stories of Bishop's legendary exploits contain as much fiction as they do fact. Greenhous reveals many startling truths: he presents evidence that some of the medals Bishop wore late in his career were unearned, uncovers a number of examples of Bishop embellishing or inventing combat stories, and, most significantly, shows that the only account of the ace's raid on the German airfield came from Bishop himself. Even official German records of casualties fail to corroborate the Canadian's claims.



### Mess dinner commemorating the Battle of Panjwayi, Afghanistan – 13 September, 2014

The EUSI will be hosting a mess dinner on September 13, 2014 to commemorate the Battle of Panjwayi, Afghanistan. The guest speaker is LCol Nick Grimshaw, who was a Company Commander in the battle. The Battle of Panjwayi is possibly the last large scale battle in Afghanistan that NATO forces engaged the Taliban. After this fierce battle, the Taliban realized that they cannot win fighting NATO forces in large scale combat. They switched to small hit and run tactics, plus suicide bombers and IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices) which proved much more difficult to contain. In his book, "The Canadian Army, The Taliban and the Battle that Saved Afghanistan" Canadian author, Chris Wattie, a reservist Captain and a reporter with The National Post, documented his experience as platoon commander engaging the enemies during the battle.

The mess dinner will also feature a silent auction with profits go to Project Heroes. Project Heroes is an Edmonton based civilian project in which three local artists painted the portraits of the soldiers who gave their life in Afghanistan. The portraits will have accompanying description of the lives, families, and inspirations of these soldiers. Project Heroes will have a grand opening at Prince of Wales Armoury on November 7, 2014. Thereafter, the show will be taken across Canada. Project Heroes is in dire need of funds to keep going. I expect all EUSI members to support this dinner. Anyone who want to make a cash donation to Project heroes or items for silent auction, please contact President, EUSI, Major (ret'd) Alexander Tsang, at [Alexanderhtsang@hotmail.com](mailto:Alexanderhtsang@hotmail.com)

### Symposium 2014

The EUSI will host the 2014 Symposium on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at the Edmonton Kingsway Ramada Hotel. This year's topic is Threat to Canadian Northern Land and Marine Sovereignty. With climate warming and northern passage ways become more accessible, there have been incidents in which Canadian territorial sovereignty were compromised. Foreign nations have made claims against Canadian waters. What can

Canada learn from the recent Russia/Ukraine disputes? What are the underlying economical and natural resources concerns? These are issues that concern Canadians. Invited guest speaker include The Chief of Defence Staff, General Lawson, The honourable Laurie Hawn, Dr. Robert Huebert of the University of Calgary, Dr. Jean-Christophe Boucher of MacEwan University, Commander of Joint Task Force North, and Major Joseph Howard, a military analyst. The symposium will discuss threat, real or perceived against Canadian northern territories, international laws governing international waters and disputes, Canadian policies, strategies, and resources required to protect Canadian interests. Admission to the symposium and breakfast is free and commences at 0800 hrs for the entire morning.

Please pencil in your calendars now to support these two important EUSI functions.



## CANADIAN GEAR

**HMCS EDMONTON**  
coastal defence vessel (MM)

**INDUSTRIA DITAT**  
(Industry enriches)

**SHIP STATS:** Displacement: 970 tonnes  
Length: 55 m Beam: 11 m  
Speed: 15+ knots  
Complement: 37 sailors



Canadian Uniforms



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