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## PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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### President's Comment

**On March 31, 1949, Newfoundland joined Confederation,** and became the 10<sup>th</sup> Province of Canada. We have enjoyed the east coast lobster ever since and trying to convince that they actually speak English.

**9<sup>th</sup> April is Vimy Ridge Day and 25<sup>th</sup> April is Anza Day.**

Whereas Vimy Ridge Day is significant to Canada in that our heroic forefathers against all odds, defeated the enemy and Canada emerged as a Nation Anzac Day also defined Australia and New Zealand in similar ways. When war broke out in 1914,

Australia had been a federal commonwealth for only 13 years. The new national government was eager to establish its reputation among the nations of the world. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

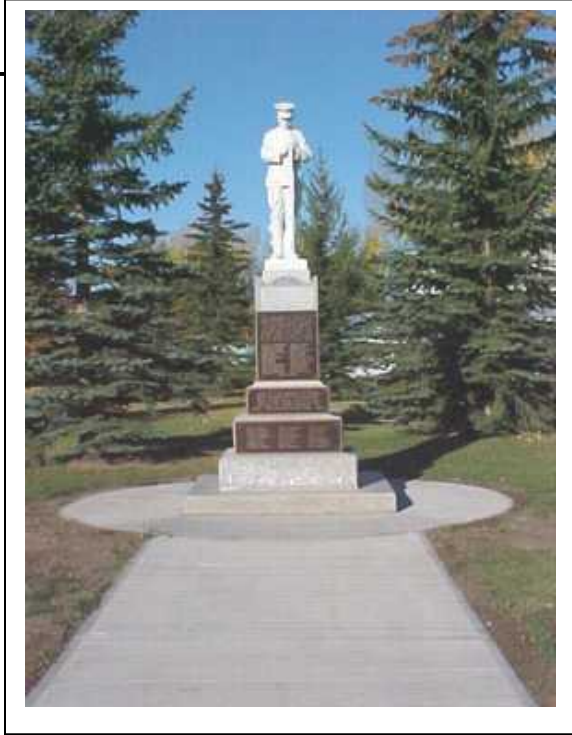
The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated, after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers had been killed. News of the landing on Gallipoli had made a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in the war.

The ANZAC Day Mess dinner will be held on April 18, 1830 Hrs at the Chateau LaCombe Hotel. Tickets are \$105, incl GST.

The Anzac Day Parade will be held at 0630 hrs at Churchill Squarw on April 25, starting with pancake breakfast.



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**Nanton Cenotaph**

**Song of the Soldier's Wives. by Thomas**

At last! In sight of home again,  
Of home again;  
No more to range and roam again  
As at that bygone time?  
No more to go away from us  
And stay from us? -  
Dawn, hold not long the day from us,  
But quicken it to prime!  
Now all the town shall ring to them,  
Shall ring to them,  
And we who love them cling to them  
And clasp them joyfully;  
And cry, "O much we'll do for you  
Anew for you,  
Dear Loves!--aye, draw and hew for you,  
Come back from oversea."  
Some told us we should meet no more,  
Should meet no more;  
Should wait, and wish, but greet no more  
Your faces round our fires;  
That, in a while, uncharily  
And drearily  
Men gave their lives--even wearily,  
Like those whom living tires.  
And now you are nearing home again,  
Dears, home again;  
No more, may be, to roam again  
As at that bygone time,  
Which took you far away from us  
To stay from us;  
Dawn, hold not long the day from us,  
But quicken it to prime!



## HUMOUR

**The Polish Divorce** A Polish man moved to the USA and married an American Girl. Although his English was far from perfect, they go along very well.. But one day, Marek rushed into a lawyer's office and asked the lawyer if he could arrange a divorce for him. The lawyer said that getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked Marek the following questions:

Have any grounds?

Yes, an acre and haff and nice little home.

No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?

It made of concrete.

I don't think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge?

No we have carport, and not need one.

I mean what are your relations like?

All my relations still in Poland.

Is there any infidelity in your marriage?

We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player.

Does your wife beat you up?

No, I always up before her.

Is your wife a nagger?"

No, she white.

Why do you want this divorce then?

She going to kill me.

What makes you think that?

I got proof.

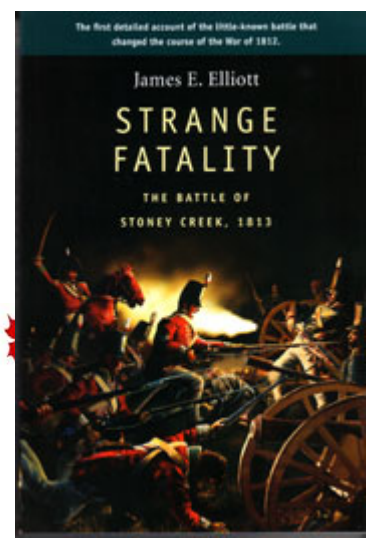
What kind of proof?

She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at a drug store and put on shelf in bathroom.

I can read, and it says: Polish Remover



Get trained!



## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

### Strange Fatality, The Battle of Stoney Creek, 1813

By James E. Elliott

Journalist and author James Elliott has compellingly reconstructed one of the least understood actions of the War of 1812. From the rise to brigadier of blacksmith John Chandler, to the Highland heroics of Alexander Fraser, *Strange Fatality* explores the dynamics of a night battle that stemmed the tide of invasion, cost two generals their freedom and unseated the highest ranking soldier in the American army.

On a spring morning in 1813 the largest amphibious force in American history to that point – 6,000 troops aboard 140 vessels – stormed ashore near the mouth of the Niagara River, quickly routed the British garrison and captured Fort George. It was a textbook operation, the second consecutive American victory and a promising sign that events of 1813 would redress the military calamities of 1812. The badly mauled British army, short of provisions and ammunition, reeled westward, its leadership uncertain where, or how, the retreat would end.

Having conquered the past and present capitals of Upper Canada, American forces were poised to deliver the critical body blow the War Hawks in Congress had dreamed of when they predicted a four-week war to subdue the upper province. The fate of Upper Canada hung in the balance.

Ten days later, in a field near the hamlet of Stoney Creek, the promise of that triumph was smashed in a terrifying night action, which hinged on a single bayonet charge that carried the American artillery and decapitated the invading army. Little known or appreciated, even by Canadians, Stoney Creek was one of the most decisive reversals of military fortune in the War of 1812.



## CANADIAN GEAR

### CH-148 CYCLONE



The CH-148 Cyclone will replace the CH-124 Sea King as Canada's main ship-borne maritime helicopter. This state-of-the-art aircraft will fill the Canadian Forces' operational demands well into the 21st century. The Cyclone will conduct Surface and Subsurface Surveillance and Control, utility and search and rescue missions. It will also provide tactical transport for national and international security efforts. This twin-engine helicopter is compatible with the latest high-tech naval frigates and includes several new safety features. Its aluminum and composite airframe is built with lightning-strike and high-intensity radio frequency pulse protection. The aircraft also incorporates flaw tolerance and

engine burst containment. The Cyclone has a day-and-night flight capability, and can fly in most weather conditions in temperatures ranging from -51°C to +49°C. With a maximum cruise speed of 250 km/h, the CH-148 is approximately 10% faster than a Sea King. The Cyclone can also fly 450 km without refuelling.



## What's Out There?

### Type 054A (Jiangkai-II Class) Missile Frigate (China)

The Type 054A was designed primarily for air defence role, featuring a medium-range air defence missile system with a 32-cell vertical launch system (VLS) on the bow deck. The frigate is also capable of anti-surface strike with its YJ-83 anti-ship missiles.



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