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While I hope you all have enjoyed a great early summer with hardly any rain at all for the month of July, my sympathy is with our prairie farmers who have to deal with the consequences of the extreme drought and poor crop yields. No doubt, your BBQ steak will be smaller in size and bigger in price.

For the history buffs, **July 27, 1929** was the signing of the Geneva Convention. On **July 28, 1914**, Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia, thus began the First World War.

15 August, 1945 Japan announced unconditional surrender to the Allied Forces, thus ending Canada's Pacific War.

19 August, 1942, the Dieppe Raid, also known as the Battle of Dieppe, Operation Rutter and, later, Operation Jubilee, was an Allied attack on the German-occupied port of Dieppe during the Second World War. The raid took place on the northern coast of France on 19 August 1942. The assault began at 5:00 a.m. and by 10:50 a.m. the Allied commanders were forced to call a retreat. Over 6,000 infantrymen, predominantly Canadian, were supported by The Calgary Regiment of the 1st Canadian Tank Brigade and a strong force of Royal Navy and smaller Royal Air Force landing contingents. It involved 5,000 Canadians, 1,000 British troops, and 50 United States Army Rangers.

Objectives included seizing and holding a major port for a short period, both to prove that it was possible and to gather intelligence. Upon retreat, the Allies also wanted to destroy coastal defences, port structures and all strategic buildings.

However, none of these objectives were met. Allied fire support was grossly inadequate and the raiding force was largely trapped on the beach by obstacles and German fire. Less than 10 hours after the first landings, the last Allied troops had all been either killed, evacuated, or left behind to be captured by the Germans.

A total of 3,367 of the 6,086 men (almost 60%) who made it ashore were either killed, wounded, or captured. The Royal Air Force failed to lure the Luftwaffe into open battle, and lost 106 aircraft (at least 32 to flak or accidents), compared to 48 lost by the Luftwaffe. The Royal Navy lost 33 landing craft and one destroyer. The events at Dieppe influenced preparations for the North African (Operation Torch) and Normandy landings (Operation Overlord).

casualties and losses

Ground forces

Canada:

907 killed,
586 wounded,
1,946 captured^[3]

United

Kingdom:

275 commandos

Royal Navy

1 destroyer

33 landing craft

550 dead and
wounded

Royal Air Force

64 Supermarine

Spitfire fighters

20 Hawker

Hurricane

fighters

6 Douglas

Boston bombers

10 North

American

Mustang Mk 1

fighters

62 killed, 30

wounded, 17

captured

Ground forces

Germany:

311 killed,

280 wounded

Luftwaffe

23 Fw 190

25 Dornier Do

217





Dieppe Raid 1942 Plaque for No.4

Commando at Saint-Marguerite-Sur-Mer



Dieppe War cemetery

Allied dead were initially buried in a mass grave, but the bodies were subsequently disinterred and reburied at Vertus Wood on the edge of the town.^[59] The present Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery headstones have been placed back-to-back in double rows, the norm for a German war cemetery, but unusual for Commonwealth War Graves Commission sites. When the Allies liberated Dieppe as part of Operation *Fusilade* in 1944, the grave markers were replaced but the layout was left unchanged to avoid disturbing the remains.

Honours and awards

Three Victoria Crosses were awarded for the operation: to Captain Patrick Porteous, No. 4 Commando; the Reverend John Weir Foote, padre to Royal Hamilton Light Infantry; and Lieutenant Colonel Charles Merritt of the South Saskatchewan Regiment. Porteous was severely wounded; both Foote and Merritt became prisoners of war. Despite the failure of the operation, Major General Roberts was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.



The Conference of Defence Association publish a monthly newsletter and current issues. To request your newsletter and updates, send an Email to Meaghan C/O mhobman@cdainstitute.ca or Col(ret's) Tony Battista C/O exexdirector@cda-cdai.ca. The next debriefing in on Aug 6 with the new CDS, Gen Jonathan Vance.



Goodbye Young Soldier



We said goodbye tonight to a soldier whom I did not know
 He did his duty well but sadly he had to go
 He did not travel this far to leave behind family & friend
 He came to do his duty, he did not know it would be his end
 His short life was just that, a soldier's ultimate commitment he gave
 This earth deserved him longer , he went too early to his grave
 He is one of many heroes, another poor young soldier
 or he is not alone, no years left in which to grow older
 What comfort lies for those he left never again to be by their side
 A gallery of happy memories and deservedly this Nation's pride
 So farewell young soldier, whilst here you did just right
 I hope your life was not a waste, farewell young soldier, sleep tight



What's Out There?

Kreml Class Aircraft Carrier Cruiser

The 67,500-ton Kreml class aircraft carrier supports strategic missile carrying submarines, surface ships and maritime missile carrying aircraft of the Russian fleet. The ship is capable of engaging surface, subsurface and airborne targets. Superficially similar to American carriers, the design is in fact "defensive" in support of SSBN bastions. The lack of catapults precludes launching aircraft with heavy strike loads, and the air superiority orientation of the air wing is apparent.



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2015 EUSI Symposium – Due to the pending Federal election. After consultation with stakeholders, the planned 2015 symposium will be poseponed to early Spring, 2016. TBA.



Get trained!

HUMOUR

One morning the RSM was inspecting a recruit course on the parade square. He came across a particularly pudgy recruit and poking his pace stick into the recruit's abdomen he said, "Private, on the end of this pace stick is a fat slob." The recruit replied, "Not on this end sir

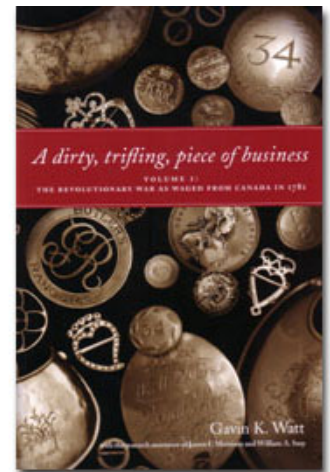


Canadian Military Reading

A dirty, trifling, piece of business, Volume I: The Revolutionary War as Waged from Canada in 1781

By Gavin K. Watt

By 1781, the sixth year of the American rebellion, British strategic focus had shifted from the northern states to concentrate in the south. Canada's governor, Frederick Haldimand, was responsible for the defence of the Crown's largest colony against the threat of Franco-American invasion, while assisting overall British strategy. He cleverly employed his sparse resources to vigorously raid the rebels' frontiers and create anxiety, disruption, and deprivation, as his Secret Service undermined their morale with invasion rumours and threatened their Union by negotiating with the independent Republic of Vermont to return to the British fold.



CANADIAN GEAR

C8 ASSAULT CARBINE



The C8 assault carbine is a compact version of the standard C7 rifle. The C8 features a telescoping butt-stock and a shortened barrel, while retaining all normal placement of common parts to the C7. This weapon is standard issue to armoured crews and can be issued to troops on special missions that require compact weapons.



Invitation to the Battle of Britain Dinner and Ad Astra RCAF Monument dedication Ceremony

An invitation to the September 19, 2015, Battle of Britain Dinner and the unveiling of the RCAF Monument dedication for September 20, 2015 are attached below. Only limited seating capacity is available and it is filling up very fast. To ensure you have a seat, please RSVP ASAP to the president, EUSI.

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SECURITAIRE

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

INVITATION TO THE 2015 BATTLE OF BRITAIN DINNER



*The Presidents of
Edmonton United Services Institute,
700 Wing, Air Force Association of Canada
And
The Griesbach RCAF Commemorative Society
And their members
Request the pleasure of your company*

*To the 75th Anniversary of
The Battle of Britain Dinner*

*At
The Chateau Louis Hotel and Conference Centre
11727 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, AB
Saturday, September 19th, 2015
18:30 for 19:00 hours*

*R.S.V.P. by 30 June 2015
Major Alex H. Tsang
11035-163 Ave,
Edmonton, AB. T5X 2A2*

*Men: Mess Kit or
Black Tie
Decorations
Cost \$95.00*

DUE TO TYPING ERROR AND COMPUTER GLITCH. RSVP IS BY AUGUST 30, 2015.
DUE TO LIMITED SEATING, PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEATING ASAP.

Invitation to the Unveiling of the RCAF Commemorative Monument



*The President of
The Griesbach RCAF Commemorative Society
and its members
request the pleasure of your presence to
witness and participate in*

*The Official Unveiling and Commemoration
of The Griesbach RCAF Commemorative Park,
Unveiling of The RCAF Street Names
and Battle of Britain Parade
Sunday, September 20th, 2015
Commencing at 13:00 Hours
Guests are requested to be in attendance by 12:45pm*

*To be held at The Village at Griesbach
Veterans Way and McCrea Avenue.*

*Dress: Military Uniforms with Decorations or
Business Attire.*

*There will be a reception for all attendees following
the dedication at The Ripness Centre.*

*Limited parking is available on the streets
surrounding Roundel Lake.*