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## PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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### President's Comments

#### Remembrance Day Ceremony

Akin to 2016, during Remembrance Day, Capt (ret'd) John Pinsent and myself will be laying a wreath at the Edmonton Aviation Museum on behalf of EUSI. The EUSI sponsored Levee last year held at the HMCS NONSUCH had one of the highest attendance that I can remember of. At a rough count, there were well over 250 individuals attended. This year, we will again be hosting the Remembrance Day Levee at HMCS NONSUCH where there is ample parking and we can exchange war stories in the mess, where the beer is still the cheapest. The gully at NONSUCH is now fully functional and light refreshments will be served. Event will be open at 1215 hours and every one is welcome. Thank you all, for coming to this worthwhile event.



#### Canada 150 Gala Dinner , October 28, 2017

EUSI hosted WWII, Korean war and RCMP veterans and their family on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at a Gala Dinner to publicly thank our veterans for their services to the Dominion of Canada. The Gala Dinner was held at the Jafferson Armoury, with key note speech delivered by BGeneral Trevor Cadieu, Commander of 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. Ms. Nicole Goehring, Provincial legislature military liaison MLA sent her regrets due to a terrible flu. Retired Inspector Ross Hogg of the RCMP Veteran Association was another lively speaker and talked about the bygone days of policing in rural areas. Our Emcee of the evening was no other than Colonel (retired) John Conrad, former Commander of 41 Brigade and an author of two best-selling novels. This event may be the last significant function where some of the veterans will be able to attend. So, thank you for those who came out to acknowledge our veterans.



ON YONDER HILL

On yonder hill, the poppies sway  
In chilled, yet friendly wind today  
Their petals drift like young men's lives  
Taken far from root, to fall 'neath skies  
Their petals grew, fell, fade away  
As if they have a line to say  
To teach us all that glory brief  
To often ends in soldier's grief  
On yonder field, furrows score the ground  
That once so clamoured, emits no sound  
Each bay a story long could tell,  
Of laughter sapped in youth's own hell  
Of dreams unrealised, futures strewn,  
Of pipe and Drums last defiant tune,  
Of Ordered slaughter, new hopes lost.  
To lie there, yonder, under wooden cross



### RCAF Memorial



### Canada Historica Memorial Project

This is the third year EUSI has been involved in this national project by providing speakers to schools, colleges, community centres, and at various Royal Canadian Legion branches. So far, this month, that I am aware of, HCol (ret'd) Ian Taylor will be speaking at the Mother Margaret High School on November 9, in the morning. I will also speak in the same evening at the University of Alberta, to political science students.



### HUMOR

Four Italian brothers left home for college, and they became successful doctors and lawyers. One evening, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the 75th birthday gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who moved to Florida.

The first said, "You know I had a big house built for Mama "

The second said, "And I had a large theatre built in the house."

The third said, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her."

The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this preacher who told me about a parrot who could recite the entire Bible.

It took ten preachers almost 8 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it.

Mama only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed.

After the celebration Mama sent out her "Thank You" notes.

She wrote: "Milton, the house you built is so huge that I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home; I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks."

"Michael, you gave me an expensive theatre with Dolby sound and it can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing, and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you so much."

Love,  
Mama



## Historical Tidbits

### FLYING THE ATLANTIC DURING THE LATE 1930s

*Check Out What It Was Like Aboard The Boeing Clipper....*



Clipper passengers took their meals at real tables, not their seats.

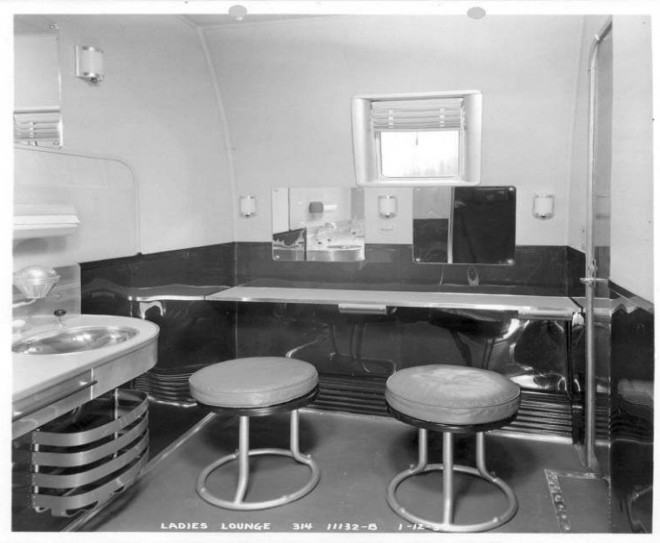
For most travelers in the 21st century, flying is a dreary experience, full of inconvenience, indignity, and discomfort. That wasn't the case in the late 1930s, when those with the money to afford trans-oceanic flight got to take the Boeing Model 314, better known as the Clipper.

Even Franklin Roosevelt used the plane, celebrating his 61st birthday on board.

Between 1938 and 1941, Boeing built 12 of the jumbo planes for Pan American World Airways.



The 314 offered a range of 3,500 miles — enough to cross either the Atlantic or Pacific —and room for 74 passengers onboard. Of course, modern aviation offers an amazing first class experience (and it's a whole lot safer), but nothing in the air today matches the romanticism of crossing the ocean in the famed Clipper. The Model 314's nickname Clipper came from an especially fast type of sailing ship used in the 19th century. The ship analogy was appropriate, as the Clipper landed on the water, not runways



The ladies lounge had stools where female passengers could sit and do their makeup.



Get trained!



**CANADIAN GEAR**

**ERYX**





Eryx is the army's Short Range Anti-Armour Weapon (Heavy) or SRRAW (H). It is a portable system consisting of a firing post, which includes a day sight and thermal imager, a tripod, and the missile in a disposable launch tube. The Eryx is normally fired from a light weight tripod but can be fired with the missile launch shoulder resting on the soldier's shoulder.

The Eryx is operated by a two person crew, a gunner assisted by a loader. The Eryx provides the infantry section and the armoured reconnaissance assault troop with deadly accuracy and lethality to a 600 metre range. With its tandem high explosive shaped charge warhead, the Eryx can defeat the armour of all known tanks, including those protected by explosive reactive armour. It is also effective against fortified positions including bunkers, reinforced buildings and other earthworks.

The Mirabel Thermal Imaging sight allows the Eryx to operate under all weather and light conditions. The soft launch feature of the missile gives the system the flexibility to be fired in open ground, wooded areas and even from small rooms in buildings. The missile system can be carried by two soldiers or transported in any of the military's vehicles



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