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While I hope you all have enjoyed a belated summer with abundance of rain since June, my sympathy is with our prairie farmers who have to deal with the consequences of the over saturated growing season and poor crop yields. Already my BBQ steak is smaller in size and bigger in price.

This summer, we saw a number of Change of Command within 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. From the Division to Brigade, to Regimental Commanding Officers, new Comds and COs took over operations of their respective formations and units. Welcome to Western Canada and Edmonton, the most military friendly Municipality. Organization such as the EUSI, 700 Wing Edmonton Association, and the Edmonton Salutes Committee do our best to welcome our soldiers posting to or deploying from Edmonton. We also maintain a very close relationship with our namesake HMCS Edmonton, which is operating out of Esquimalt, Vancouver Island.

On July 19, the Edmonton Salutes Committee again participated in the KDays parade. If you missed, MCpl(ret) Chris Stewart and his Domestic Niner, Linda, as well as Yours Truly, were part of the entourage atop of the vintage Deuce and a Half on parade.

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.

**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	
<b>Ground forces</b>	
<b>Canada:</b>	
907 killed,	
586 wounded,	
1,946	
captured <sup>[3]</sup>	
<b>United Kingdom:</b>	
275	
commandos	
<b>Royal Navy</b>	
1 destroyer	
33 landing craft	
550 dead and	
wounded	
<b>Royal Air Force</b>	
64 <u>Supermarine Spitfire</u> fighters	
20 <u>Hawker Hurricane</u> fighters	
6 <u>Douglas Boston</u> bombers	
	<b>Ground forces</b>
	<b>Germany:</b>
	311 killed,
	280 wounded
	<b>Luftwaffe</b>
	23 <u>Fw 190</u>
	25 <u>Dornier Do 217</u>



10 North  
American  
Mustang Mk 1  
fighters  
62 killed, 30  
wounded, 17  
captured



**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.<sup>[59]</sup> 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.



Beverly Cenotaph, Edmonton

### 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  
For 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

**The Beverly Cenotaph in Edmonton east area has under gone a big renovation. It is nothing like what is shown in this historical picture. If you have time, go check it out.**

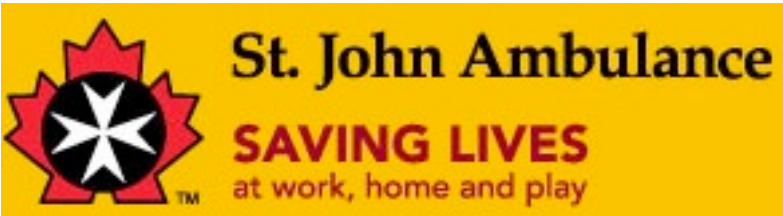


What's Out There?

### 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.





Get trained!

## HUMOUR

Sgt (retired Korean veteran) A.E, Bince is a wealth of knowledge and submitted the following:

[Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented.](#) It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'.. ...And thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was, Tom Sawyer.

Each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great King from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs -Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar ??

What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

Answer: All were invented by women.

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's Father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink.

Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, Ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the Landlord would yell at them

"Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down."

It's where we get the phrase: 'Mind your P's and Q's.'

Many years ago in England , pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service.

"Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.



**EUSI Annual Symposium** will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at HMCS NONSUCH. The theme of the symposium is Canada/Chinas/USA trade relations. We have a strong academics on the panel, as well as other stake holders. This is a dynamic topic, considering what is happening in the international stage at present. Not quite enough for you? We also have a presentation on Canadian military deployment in eastern Europe. Still not enough? The evening mess dinner will likely feature a recently retired Lieutenant General, and a silent auction with proceeds going to very worthwhile causes. So mark your Calendar and be there for the day. Lunch is provided and no charge. Also, no charge for admission for the symposium either. We strongly encourage you bring your family member or friends, especially of they are attending high school or college. Our next generation of Canadians.



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