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## PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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### President's Comment

The EUSI President's ENEWS was suspended for May, June and July, due to my weakened health while undergoing immunotherapy for cancer. I was deployed to Ethiopia, Sudan in 2007 as Deputy Formation Commander for Ops Augural enforcing peace accord in Sudan. Between 2009 and 2011, I worked for UN as an agent documenting war crimes in Northern and Central Africa. This mission took me to some of the remote areas in Chad, Uganda, Democratic of Congo, and Nigeria. Sometimes, I did not have access to clean water, food or cooking fuel. Consequently, when I completed my deployment and was found to have contracted some kind of virus in Africa but doctors were not able to say what virus. I was then put on annual MRI for my abdomen and liver. In March, the annual MRI indicated there were nodules found in my liver that may be cancerous. I was prescribed a clinical experimental immuno-therapy rather than the conventional radiation or chemo-therapy. I was jogging 14 kilometers and leg pressing 350 lbs on April 24, one day before my treatment to begin. For the next two months, it was just hell from the reaction of the treatment. I rapidly lost 30 lbs and all my joints were in pain and I could not walk a few steps without a cane. A rash with tremendous itch would come and go every few hours, followed by chills. After two sessions, my treatment was suspended on May 4. I now have more testing scheduled for late July and early August. At present, my health is recovering slowly and my strength is returning slowly. I am sharing this very personal information because many friends and ENEWS subscribers have wondered why the Enews stopped coming in the last three months. Also I wanted to make a point that a soldier does not have to be engaged in combat to exposed himself or herself to grave personal danger. So the next time, when people suggested a soldier or veteran does not deserve the compensation promised by our government, as suggested by our PM, I would be the poster boy to denounce such hypocrisy.

On another note, on Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2021, it is the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cease Fire of the Korean War. In the past, a ceremony would be held in the Alberta Legislature with participants from the local Korean community and members of the Branch #21 of the Korean Veterans Association and a contingent of former Korean Marines. Anniversary of the Cease Fire that marked the formal end of major conflict of the Korean War, often referred to as the Forgotten War, the legacy of the Korean conflict continues to divide the Korean people and remains a source of tension and conflict that has rippled across the world. Remembering the service and sacrifice of all members of the international force that served during those difficult years is an important duty for all of us that have benefitted from the security and prosperity that followed throughout the region upon completion of this conflict. It also served to remind us that since the cease fire, North Korea military has grown to more than one million strong and has acquired nuclear capability that threatens US soils. Increasingly, the North Korea regime has expressed desire to unify the Korean Peninsula and using military means if needed.

**The 2021 EUSI Symposium and Mess Dinner** will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 0800 AM at the Alberta Aviation Museum at Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton. The Theme of the symposium is Unmanned Air Vehicles/Drones as Offensive and Defensive System. Increasingly, drones have been utilized as very effective weapons that can be launched from thousands of kilometers away. An Iranian General was dispatched a few years ago in Syria by an American drone. A convoy of Syrian vehicles were destroyed two years ago by drones. Defensive systems against drones is also being developed by USA, Russia and China. The latest laser guns have features that can scan and track drones for destruction. Some of these technologies are being used in civilian airports to knock down commercial or hobbyist drones interfering with commercial flights. Drones have also used in Belgium to deliver live saving equipment to hard to reach areas and where timing is critical. In Calgary recently, drones were used to scan vast river banks to locate drowning victim/body. Earlier, in Nigeria, drones were deployed to scan thick forest areas, looking for Boko Haram extremists who kidnapped many school children for ransom. My contacts told me the mission was successful and most of the victims were rescued. I believe drones as a defensive and offensive weapon system will drive military strategies un many counties. Typically, Canada is not ahead of the game and little resource is allotted to research into drones. Following almost two years of inertia, EUSI is ready to again engage the public and raise awareness on military matters. I am positive that our plan of in person conference will be able to materialize and we can again exchange greetings face to face come October.

**The Post Symposium Mess Dinner** will be held at the Aviation Museum, commencing at 1830 Hrs. Dinner will be catered and plenty of parking available. Tariff is \$120.00 each, which include morning coffee and tea, lunch and evening dinner.

Invitation to the symposium and dinner are attached.

Bring your family and a friend. I especially appreciate it if you can invite a student or young Canadians to this year's symposium. For college professors and high school teachers, you will find the symposium rewarding for your students. I will buy you all a breakfast and there is no cost to the event.



### **The Young Soldier by Wilfred Owen**

It is not death  
Without hereafter  
To one in dearth  
Of life and its laughter,  
Nor the sweet murder  
Dealt slow and even  
Unto the martyr  
It is the smile  
Faint as a (waning) myth,  
Faint, and exceeding small  
On a boy's murdered mouth.

### **Valleyview War Memorial**





Get trained!

## HUMOUR

### How Do Court Reporters Keep Straight Faces?

These are from a book called Disorder in the Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

**ATTORNEY:** What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

**WITNESS:** He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

**ATTORNEY:** And why did that upset you?

**WITNESS:** My name is Susan!

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**ATTORNEY:** What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

**WITNESS:** Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

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**ATTORNEY:** Are you sexually active?

**WITNESS:** No, I just lie there.

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**ATTORNEY:** What is your date of birth?

**WITNESS:** July 18th.

**ATTORNEY:** What year?

**WITNESS:** Every year.

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**ATTORNEY:** How old is your son, the one living with you

**WITNESS:** Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

**ATTORNEY:** How long has he lived with you?

**WITNESS:** Forty-five years.

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**ATTORNEY:** This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all

**WITNESS:** Yes.

**ATTORNEY:** And in what ways does it affect your memory?

**WITNESS:** I forget.

**ATTORNEY:** You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

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ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

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ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

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ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you shitting me?

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ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Getting laid

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ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honour, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

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ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

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ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

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ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

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ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral...

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ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM  
ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?  
WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

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ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?  
WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

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And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?  
WITNESS: No.  
ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?  
WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.  
ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?  
WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.



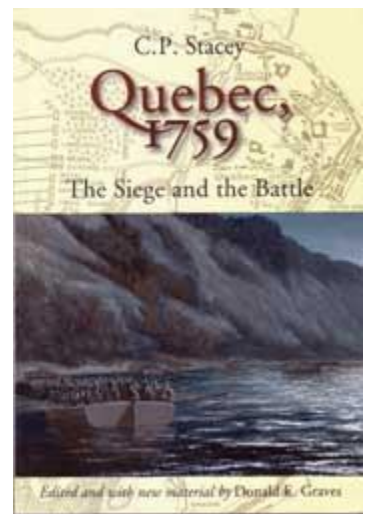
## **CANADIAN MILITARY READING**

### **Quebec, 1759 The Siege and the Battle**

By C.P. Stacey.

A superb account of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham -- a turning point in the history of North America. The capture of the town of Quebec by British forces under James Wolfe in 1759 brought about the ultimate British victory in the contest with France for dominance in North America. It opened the door to the independence of the thirteen English colonies some twenty years later, and the brief dramatic battle outside the walls of Quebec set the course for the future Canada.

The drama and significance of the battle, and the lionization of Wolfe, have diverted attention from the pertinent and intriguing questions that the historian must ask, and which Stacey was one of the first and most astute to answer. Who made the plans? When were the critical decisions taken? Why did they succeed and how nearly did they fail? What sort of man was General Wolfe? Was Montcalm a good or better soldier? Stacey's text offers important new evidence and discussion of these and other questions in an approach that is even-handed, knowledgeable and wonderful reading.







## Aide To Civil Powe CF Members To Assist With Wild Fire In BC

The Canadian Armed Forces is sending up to 350 soldiers from Edmonton to the B.C. Interior to fight wildfires. The Alberta-based troops will begin arriving in the Okanagan region this week to provide direct assistance to B.C. Wildfire Services operations, the Canadian Armed Forces said Thursday.

The soldiers, part of an immediate response unit, will work in the Vernon area, around 440 kilometres northeast of Vancouver.

They will work alongside firefighters, helping to monitor the fire line, taking part in "mop-up" procedures and removing burning and hazardous material along the fire's edge.

The troops are expected to remain in B.C. until at least Aug. 30.

Additional military aid could be dispatched to the province if needed, the CAF said.

The B.C. government filed an official request for federal assistance on July 19.

Ottawa announced its plans to send soldiers into B.C. earlier this week.

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said in a social media post that the government had approved a request for help. B.C. declared a state of emergency on July 20. Wildfires have forced hundreds of people from their homes and put thousands more on evacuation alert.

As of Wednesday, nearly 300 wildfires were burning across the province, including more than 100 wildfires concentrated in the Interior.

Resources on the ground have been strained. The B.C. Wildfire Service has said it is being forced to focus on wildfires that threaten lives and safety due to the strain.

Last Thursday, the service warned that it was "unable to commit to all new ignitions" with existing manpower and equipment.

A handful of wildfires are burning in the forests surrounding Vernon. The Regional District of North Okanagan has declared a state of emergency.

The Brenda Creek Wildfire that started last Wednesday grew rapidly over the weekend and has now burned around 500 hectares, triggering a series of evacuation alerts and orders. More than 60 properties have been evacuated due to a wildfire on the east side of Mabel Lake.



## What's Out There?

# Soviet laser pistol



The **Soviet laser pistol** was a prototype handgun-shaped energy weapon designed for use by cosmonauts in a low- or zero-gravity environment that renders conventional firearms ineffective. The weapon was magazine fed and used pyrotechnic flashbulb technology to project its beam. Another type of the gun was a six-shot laser revolver



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