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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.

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.

Critics

Historians and critics speculated that the Dieppe Raid was poorly planned by Field Marshall Montgomery. Some even accused him of using the Raid as a “testing operation” to test German defence in preparation for the “real” invasion later on in Normandy. What was true was that Canadians paid a hefty price and suffered the most casualty. While many European countries received compensations from Germany for their war time resources, Canada received nothing. Thus is the way of the relationship with our allies. You want to say otherwise, look up on the cancellation of oil pipelines, retaliation for trade tariff, or withdrawal of troops in Afghanistan without prior notification. Even Denmark took half a century to settle disputes over a tiny little island in the North Seas.

Korean War Commemoration

The fourth Sunday of July was historically the day for the commemoration for The Cease Fire of the Korean War. In Canada, this commemoration was terminated and the Federation of Korean War Veterans in 2021. The reason given was because there are insufficient Korean Veterans alive to participate in this event. So, our federal government promptly cancelled all Korean War Commemoration activities, on behalf of EUSI, I attended the Korean War Veterans Day, sponsored by the Edmonton Korean Canadian Association. The Edmonton Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association has remained active and at least ten members were in attendance. CWO(retired) John McDonald, a Korean veteran and past president of the Edmonton Chapter of the Korean veterans Association advised me that their chapter has twenty six active members. This is amazing but also sad that we as Canadians simply opted to dismiss this very important event in our history. Perhaps, later someone will try to rewrite history and accused Canada of contributing to colonialism. Don't forget, North Korea is getting mightier with their military each day and Korean War was NEVER Declared End of War, merely ceasing fire. As the situation in Ukraine and Taiwan become more alarming, our resources should be on building an effective fighting force, and not on painting our hair green or having a tattoo on our faces, as the new DND dress code wants to encourage. Tell me old fashioned. I am a minority Canadian who served for over thirty two years, I have never felt being excluded or the need to be recognized for individualism. I was treated and respected as a soldier and interacted with other CAF members like wise. Many of my fellow veterans felt the same as I do and that if one needs to wear his/her hair green, put a tattoo in the face or be given special treatment because he/she is different, then I suggest he/she get another profession.





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



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.



Editor's Note: To prepare for the War on Ukraine, there has been extensive modification on the Kreml Aircraft Carrier. Catapults have been added to permit launching Soviet Mig 22s, which inflicted damages on the Ukrainian Black Sea Fleet. Ukrainian Navy has been able to keep most of her naval capabilities when Ukraine separated from USSR. However, the Ukrainian navy has also been unprepared for the Russian assault. Military strategists suggested that offensive is better than defensive, but Ukraine has not been able to launch any effective offensive naval actions.



MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears, and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

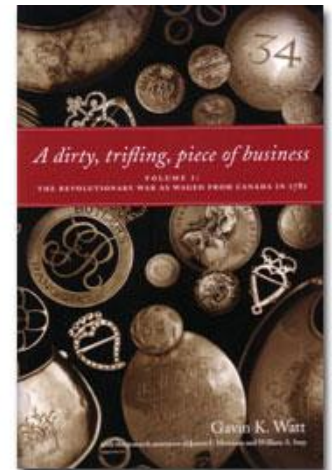


Canadian Military Reading ***A dirty, trifling, piece of business, Volume I:***

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.



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