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## PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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**May 9<sup>th</sup>, has been declared The Day  
Commemorating the War in Afghanistan.**

### President's Comments

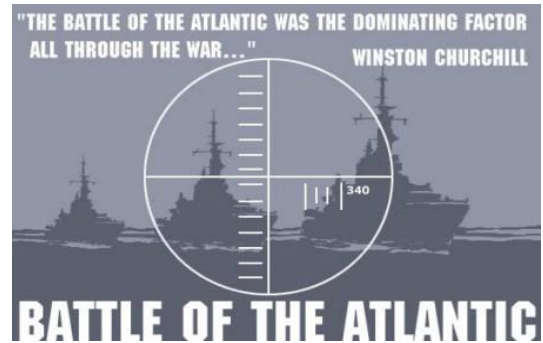
The long awaited spring season has arrived. We actually reached 17 degrees on the first day of May, with more balmy weather to come next week. It is time to start getting your bedding plants and vegetable gardens ready. In Edmonton, most people will wait until the May long weekend before planting. With price of produce and other grocery items soaring in price, grow your own seems logical and healthier. I just wish the city council allow me to have a few chickens and perhaps a bee hive.

The war in Ukraine is getting more intensified. The destruction of the country and loss of human lives are beyond comprehension. The need for extended aid to Ukraine will take all forms. I have a lot of admiration for our former Premier, Ed Stelmach and deputy Premier, Thomas Lukaszuk, for their efforts to send aids to Ukraine. My sister in law, a well known artist living in Holland has donated near a hundred of her drawings and color paints to be auctioned off for fund raising for Ukraine. I will have to get them framed and be market ready here in Edmonton. I urge all freedom loving EUSI members to do your share, whatever it may be to help Ukraine to fight against tyranny.

My deepest condolence to the families of the four RMC cadets  
Who lost their lives on a car accident. Canada's loss of four valuable members.

### Last Post

I am sorry to announce the lost of Padre, captain (ret'd) Jon Estes. Jon was a padre for 15 Edmonton Services Battalion. He served under a number of Commanding Officers, including myself. He was also the Minister for the Baptist church at Wildwood. Jon would always bring donuts for the troops whenever he paraded with the unit. He will be missed. RIP, Jon, and thank you for your service to God and to Canada.



## New Members

1. Mr. Leo Boyd, president of the Edmonton chapter of the RCA Association of Canada has joined EUSI.
2. Mr. Mark Balodis, former Intelligence analyst.

Welcome aboard, brothers..



### **EUSI COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARD**

Do you know someone who has his or her feet planted firmly in both the military and civilian communities in Edmonton, someone who has made a difference in bringing these two cultures together? If so, please nominate them for the EUSI Community Appreciation Award. Just get their contact information and a short citation explaining their contribution to myself or the Director of Awards.



Get trained!



## **HUMOUR**

A captain and several of his officers were returning to the ship after a long evening ashore. As they climbed the gangway the Captain threw up all over himself. Pointing to a seaman above him he shouted, "Give that man five days in the brig for vomiting!" The following morning the captain was checking the log and saw that the young seaman had been sentenced to ten days and asked the chief mate why. "Well Sir, when we got you undressed we found that he'd also crapped in your pants."

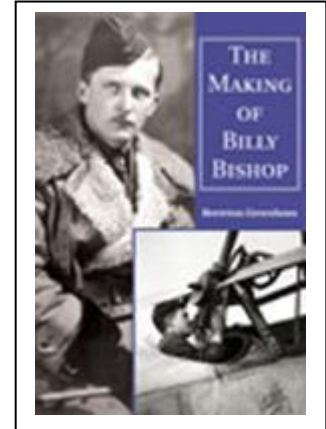


## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

### The Making of Billy Bishop

Brereton Greenhous

It's a war story that is told every time the career of Billy Bishop is discussed: On June 2, 1917, the young pilot single-handedly took out a German airfield in an early morning raid at the height of the Great War. For this, he was awarded the Victoria Cross, and a place in Canadian history. And yet, the attack never happened. In this explosive new biography, Brereton Greenhous exposes the myth of Billy Bishop. While his bravery never comes into question (Bishop was as courageous as any of the men who risked their lives in those early warplanes) his credibility as a storyteller does. From exaggerations and half-truths to flat-out lies, stories of Bishop's legendary exploits contain as much fiction as they do fact. Greenhous reveals many startling truths: he presents evidence that some of the medals Bishop wore late in his career were unearned, uncovers a number of examples of Bishop embellishing or inventing combat stories, and, most significantly, shows that the only account of the ace's raid on the German airfield came from Bishop himself. Even official German records of casualties fail to corroborate the Canadian's claims.



## UPCPMING EVENTS

6 May, Friday - Conference of Defence Associations Institute Roundtable "Promises and Pitfalls of Foreign Military Training - Implications for the Canadian Armed Forces." 1000-1200 EST. Virtual. To register: <https://cdainstitute.ca/fmt/>

## War In Ukraine

### Canada announces artillery and other additional military aid for Ukraine

From: [National Defence](#)

#### News release

April 22, 2022 – Ottawa, Ontario – National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces

As the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, committed earlier this week, Canada has provided heavy artillery to the Security Forces of Ukraine, as Ukraine has requested. To this end, Canada has now delivered a number of M777 howitzers and associated ammunition to the Security Forces of Ukraine, in conjunction with our American Allies. While this equipment comes from the inventory of the Canadian Armed Forces, the capability will be replenished.

The M777 lightweight 155-mm towed howitzer is lighter and smaller, yet more powerful than any gun of its kind. The M777 provides indirect firepower capable of accurately hitting targets at a range of distances up to 30km.

Additionally, Canada has provided Ukraine with a significant number of additional Carl Gustaf anti-armour ammunition, as Ukraine has requested, and this capability will also be replenished.

Finally, Canada is also in the process of finalizing contracts for a number of commercial pattern armoured vehicles, which will be sent to Ukraine as soon as possible, and a service contract for the maintenance and repair of specialized drone cameras that Canada has already supplied to Ukraine.

Since January 2022, Canada has committed over \$118 million in military equipment to support Ukraine. In Budget 2022, Canada also allocated \$500 million in additional military aid for Ukraine for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

**Editor's Note:** those who are senior citizens will remember that Canada in the 1980s believed artillery no longer deemed useful in the modern warfare, especially the cold war with the Warsaw Pact was ending. Hence, many batteries were mothballed. Air defence units were out of strategy planning considerations. Big guns were put into storage. Then, the war in Afghanistan seemed to mark a return to artilleries and tanks. I believe DND planners overlooked that the big guns were always marked for Europe, specifically, Russia. In my early days in the army, our training always had the "Fanticans" as bad guys and our imaginary regiment always had big guns as part of our arsenal. The good old days. .



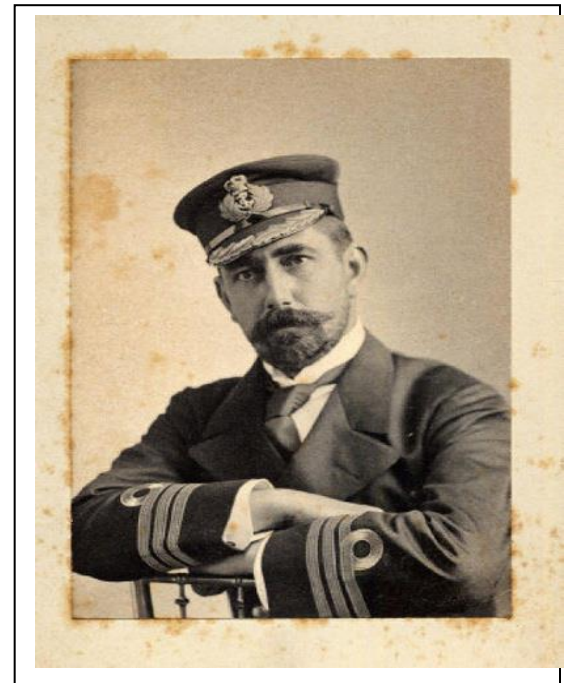
## CANADIAN GEAR

**HMCS EDMONTON**  
coastal defence vessel (MM)

**INDUSTRIA DITAT**  
(Industry enriches)

**SHIP STATS:** Displacement: 970 tonnes  
Length: 55 m Beam: 11 m  
Speed: 15+ knots

Complement: 37 sailors



Canadian Uniforms



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