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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

Vol III, The Gunners of Canada 1967-2014 — Assistance to the Author



Development of this authoritative history of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery has restarted with a new author, Dr. Andrew B. Godefroy. In addition to other research activities, he is keen to hear from anyone regarding their service and experiences with the RCA from the era of integration and unification (1960s) onwards to the end of the Canadian combat mission in Afghanistan in 2014.

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Vol 3, Les artilleurs du Canada — Appui à l'auteur



Le développement de l'histoire du Régiment royal de l'artillerie canadienne (ARC) continue avec un nouvel auteur, le Dr. Andrew B. Godefroy. Pour augmenter ses autres recherches, il serait très heureux d'avoir les contributions des artilleurs, actuels ou retraités d'après leur service et leurs expériences dans l'ARC durant la période de l'Intégration et de l'unification (les années 60) et suivantes jusqu'à la fin de la mission de combat en Afghanistan en 2014. **LIRE PLUS**

Towards a New Defence Policy for Canada



We are pleased to provide you a link to the text of the speech delivered on Tuesday 3 May by the Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Harjit Sajjan, at the event co-hosted by the CDA and CDA Institute, concerning the new Defence Policy. The CDA Institute will be following up with further commentary as soon as possible: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2017/05/towards_a_new_defencepolicyforcanada.html

Vers une nouvelle politique de défense pour le Canada.



Nous sommes heureux de vous fournir un lien vers le texte du discours prononcé par le ministre de la Défense nationale, l'honorable Harjit Sajjan, lors de l'événement co-organisé par l'Institut de la CAD et la CAD concernant

la nouvelle politique de défense. L'Institut de la CAD suivra de nouveaux commentaires dès que possible.
https://www.canada.ca/fr/ministere-defense-nationale/nouvelles/2017/05/vers_une_nouvellepolitiquededefensepourlecanada.html

Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News May 2, 2017



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THE LAST POST

Maj (Retd) Dr. Alain Beaulieu, late RCEME, 119 AD Battery.



Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. A friend and colleague, Alain passed away at home very recently and unexpectedly. Alain served in his first posting as the Tech Adjt of 119 AD Battery in the late 1980s, then with the Low Level Air Defence Project and was part of DLAEEM 7 responsible for Air Defence Equipment in the early 1990s. He was a long time member of the Air Defence Artillery community and will be remembered for his professionalism, enthusiasm and sense of humour. A celebration of Alain's life will take place at the Senior Staff Mess of the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston on Friday 12 May at 1:30 PM

BATEMAN, Amelia Euclida



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Amelia Bateman on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. Born in Shediac, NB on June 28, 1932 to the late Fred and Annie (MacDonald) Mills. She was the wife of the late Carl Bateman. Amelia is survived by her daughters, Theresa Cormier (Joe) of Barachois, NB, Linda Gallagher (Julien) of Strathmore, AB, Louise Piper (Manfred) of Queenstown, NB, Rosemary Bateman (Peter Gorman) of Edmonton, AB; son, Patrick Bateman of Saint John, NB; two half-sisters; two half-brothers; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. **READ MORE**

COOPER, Gerald Joseph



It is with sad hearts that we announce the passing of our brother and uncle, MWO (Ret'd) Gerald Joseph Cooper, peacefully on April 7, 2017, in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, at the age of 73.

GORE, Margaret 'Scottie' Elizabeth



It is with very heavy hearts that the family wishes to advise you of Scottie's unexpected passing on Monday, April 10, 2017 in Yarmouth Regional Hospital. Born April 8, 1945 in Yarmouth, Scottie married her pen pal, true love and most of all her best friend Gordon Gore on 28 November 1964 and for the next 20 some years travelled with Gordie as he pursued his career in the Canadian Army, returning to Yarmouth in 1986. **READ MORE**

HAYES, Wade



Warrant Officer of the 4RCHA. Peacefully on Sunday April 9, 2017 at St. Mary's of the Lake hospital at the age of 80. Beloved husband of Lenore Hayes of 58 years. Loving father of Rob (Kristie) and Brian (Melanie); cherished grandpa to Shane (Ashley), Aysia (Steve), Ryan (Sarah), Nathan (Fran), Karli (Jamie), and Terry; Great-grandpa to Shyann, Dallas, and Oliver. Sadly missed by many brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces. In keeping with Wade's wishes, cremation has taken place and no service or funeral will be held. We would like

to thank the staff of palliative care at St. Mary's of the Lake for excellent care and compassion. Donations to the War Amps would be appreciated

Smith, Colonel (Retired) Arthur Harcourt Carington "Harky", MMM, SBStJ, CD, D.Sc.Mil



On Monday, April 24, 2017, Harky slipped away while holding hands with Mary Lee, his wife of 55 years. He was also with his son, Christopher and sister, Eve. In addition to Mary Lee (Lovee), he leaves his daughter in-law Wendy, son Christopher (Lydia Bugden), grandchildren Tyler, William, Sydney and Maggie and his sister Eve. A ceremony to celebrate Harky's life will be held on May 13, 2017 at 1100hrs at Christ Church Cathedral, 414 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario. If desired, donations in Harky's memory to the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada or to Christ Church Cathedral are very much appreciated. The full obituary can be read at: <http://v1.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/Deaths.20170429.93387969/BDAStory/BDA/deaths>

STRILCHUK, Maj (Ret'd) Dennis A. CD



We are sad to announce the passing of Dennis on April 10, 2017, at Capital Care Lynnwood, Edmonton after a lengthy illness. Dennis is survived by his parents, Dennis Sr. and Rebecca; brother, Terry; nephew, Michael; and step-nieces, Patricia and Katrina. He will be missed by many uncles, aunts and numerous cousins as well as his two special military friends, Mike and Tom. Dennis graduated from O'Leary High School and joined the Canadian Armed Forces at the age of 18. He was commissioned in the Canadian Army and served with the First and Third Regiments, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (Shilo, Manitoba and Lahr, West Germany) and in many bases across Canada including Army headquarters in Montreal, National Defense Headquarters in Ottawa, the Combat Training Centre and the Royal Canadian School of Artillery at Gagetown, NB, and as a United Nations Military observer in the Gaza Strip, Angola and Mozambique. **READ MORE**

DEFENCE NEWS

India's acquisition of 100 K9 SPHs approved



Janes.com

India's Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved the INR42 billion (USD646 million) procurement of 100 modified South Korean Hanwa Techwin K9 Vajra-T 155 mm/52-calibre tracked self-propelled howitzers (SPHs) for the Indian Army on 29 March. Officials said the contract for the K9 Vajra (Thunderbolt) SPHs to be built by Techwin's joint venture (JV) with Larsen & Toubro (L&T) at the latter's Telegaon plant near Pune, western India, was to be signed by 31 March: the close of financial year 2016-17. **READ MORE**

Seniors and the Ontario 2017 Budget



The Government of Ontario has committed \$100 million over three years for its new dementia strategy, a plan the province committed to developing in last year's budget. The funding commitment was outlined in the government's 2017/2018 spending plan, its first balanced budget since the 2008 recession. **READ MORE**

Les aînés et le budget de l'Ontario 2017



Le gouvernement de l'Ontario s'est engagé à verser 100 millions \$ sur trois ans pour sa nouvelle stratégie en matière de démence, un plan que la province a promis de créer dans le budget de l'année dernière. Cet engagement de financement a été souligné dans le plan de dépenses 2017-2018 du gouvernement, le premier budget équilibré depuis la récession de 2008. **LIRE PLUS**

Reminiscences of Gunner Harold S. Gamblin, 4th Canadian Siege Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, 1915-1918



Enlistment: I enlisted in the 4th Canadian Siege Battery on the 26 th day of October, 1915. It was mobilized and stationed on Partridge Island, which as you know is in the outer part of Saint John Harbour. **READ MORE**

Belgium Artillery Museum



Gunfire is a military museum built around artillery and armored vehicles. From the beginning of the camp of Brasschaat, the artillery part has been the military component that was decisive for what happened in the camp. **READ MORE**

Exercise Summer Shield wraps up in Latvia as Canadian military prepares to move in permanently



Edmonton Sun

Canada's troops will live out of tents during the first few months of their June deployment in Latvia as the host nation feverishly prepares to accommodate a 1,200-soldier battle group aimed at deterring Russian aggression in the Baltics. Commanding officer of the Edmonton-based 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Lt. Col. Wade Rutland, said large-scale construction work is underway at the Adazi military complex to prepare for the arrival of troops in early June. **READ MORE**

Veterans' centre advisory panel to be created



County Weekly News

The federal government is hoping local residents will play an important role in the decision over creating a Veterans' Centre of Excellence in Quinte West. **READ MORE**

Old rifle range ignites quest for answers



NS News

"What's the deal with this rifle range that's here?" It started with this innocuous question, asked by a neighbour to Blueridge resident Donna Sacuta one day in 2014. The neighbour followed this up with some additional queries: "How come we can't do anything on it? How come the trail doesn't go anywhere?" **READ MORE**

Soldier's Bible reunited with Canadian family more than a century after found in trenches



CBC News

After spying a very old Bible on a shelf in his mother's home in Texas, Andy Carr got curious about its origins. The family keepsake had belonged to Carr's great-uncle, who picked it up on a battlefield in Ypres, Belgium, in 1915. Inside, there was a handwritten dedication to someone named Herbert V. Naylor. **READ MORE**

Spin for a Veteran aims to vanquish homelessness among military vets



Calgary Herald

They were furiously spinning their wheels but making progress in vanquishing homelessness among Canada's military veterans. A group of Canadian Pacific staff and seven teams of competitors mounted stationary bikes at CP's headquarters in the city's southeast, spelling each other off to keep an unbroken chain of pedalling for 24 hours. **READ MORE**

Lockheed Martin targets Q-53 radar at U.S. Army's SHORAD need



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Lockheed Martin is integrating a short-range air defence (SHORAD) into its AN/TPQ-53 counter-fire radar. Additionally, in March 2017, the U.S. Army awarded the company a five-year indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity (ID/IQ) USD1.6 billion order-dependent contract to manufacture radar systems for the army, Foreign Military Sales (FMS), and provide support. **READ MORE**

Local Army Cadets honoured at 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in France



Airdie Echo

Local Army Cadets 3016 Calgary Highlanders travelled to Italy and France from April 3 to 12, 2017 to visit Canadian Battlefield Memorials of WW1, and attended the ceremony commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. This heroic battle of WWI has been described by many historians as a major turning point in Canadian History and a symbol of the birth of a Nation. **READ MORE**

Opinion: Canada's veterans deserve a courageous ombudsman



Huffington Post

Canada's military veterans are suffering another condition of late: envy. They watch National Defence Ombudsman Gary Walbourne, relentlessly petition government to improve the lives of soldiers. Veterans long for their Ombudsman, Guy Parent, to have the same backbone. **READ MORE**

Russia working on new medium-calibre ammo



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Russia has confirmed that it is working on what it calls "special shrapnel" ammunition for use by 30 mm and 57 mm cannons, with the latter likely developed with a view to engaging unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). The work is being carried out by Russia's NPO Pribor research and industrial association, which is affiliated with Rostec subsidiary TechMash (Russia's largest ammunition manufacturer), and is still in its early stages, with no projected initial operational capability (IOC) as yet. **READ MORE**

Military exercise tests capacity to rescue Canadians overseas



CBC News

Vancouver Island will play the fictitious failed state of "Macadamia" in a military exercise designed to test the Canadian military's capacity to rescue Canadians from a nation in turmoil. When Canadians are in trouble abroad, the first federal department in charge of evacuation is Global Affairs Canada (the former foreign affairs department). **READ MORE**

A veteran fights to get his disability recognized



Globe and Mail

Mike McNeil does not remember leaving the paved road in his one-man mine-detection vehicle in Afghanistan in November, 2009. Mr. McNeil, who was then a corporal in the Canadian military, does not remember the explosion of the 140-kilogram improvised bomb that lifted the multitonne trailer he was towing onto his truck and hurled a door panel into his head so hard it dented his Kevlar helmet. **READ MORE**

Canadian women making history: Breaking the gender barrier in Canada's military



BC Local News

A specialist in aviation medicine, Wendy Clay is most impressive for the many firsts she achieved as a woman in the military. This UBC medical school graduate was the first female officer cadet in the Royal Canadian Navy, the first woman to achieve her pilot's wings in the Canadian Air Forces, the first woman to earn a degree in aviation medicine, and, perhaps most notably the first female Surgeon General in the Armed Forces. **READ MORE**

42nd Field gunners at Vimy Ridge



Daily Observer

When thousands came together on Vimy Ridge to mark the 100th anniversary of the battle that represented a pivotal moment in Canada's history, gunners from Garrison Petawawa took part in the milestone. **READ MORE**

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- [Pictures of North Korea's biggest ever drill capture totalitarian state's military might](#) (Independent)
- [Gunner Bertram Howard Cox](#) (By Grandsons, Steve and Frank Schmidt)
- [Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members News — April 25, 2017](#)
- [Russia unveils Arctic air defence systems](#) (IHS Jane's 360)

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