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RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

The latest photos from France



One-hundred Canadian Gunners are in France and Belgium to participate in a tour with the evocative title of "Gunners Return to Vimy and the Battlefields of Normandy." For 10 days, they will be visiting the historic battlefields, memorials and cemeteries that mark the contribution and sacrifice of thousands of Canadian Gunners in World War One and during the Second World War. Check out the latest photos! **READ MORE**

Sheldrake's Log: Montreal Gunners Newsletter



Artillery Association of Montreal

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Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members News — April 11, 2017



Check out the latest news and updates from the Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver. **READ MORE**

Control measures used at the Battle of Vimy Ridge



The Canadian Corps conducted Relief-in-Place and FPOL operations frequently during The Great War (1914-

1918). Check it out! [READ MORE](#)

4 CMBG Germany photos



Harold A. Skaarup | www.SilverHawkAuthor.com

The site below is a library of photos of 4 CMBG Germany during the Cold War. When you open the link, you should see "Welcome to my website." over to the right hand side, there should be a list of titles that you can open, leading to even more photos. [READ MORE](#)

DEFENCE NEWS

Vimy at 100: Myth vs. Reality



CBC Radio

It's been a century since Canada's bloody victory at Vimy Ridge during World War One. Since then, Vimy has become synonymous with the birth of Canada as a nation. But historian Tim Cook, author of *Vimy: The Battle and the Legend*, peels back the layers of myth-making around Vimy to reveal its complex — at times contradictory — history: How the celebrated victory was of little military significance, how it's barely mentioned in Quebec textbooks, and how it took 50 years before the myth-making really gathered momentum. In a public talk delivered at the Canadian War Museum, he speaks about the enduring strength of Vimy as a national symbol.

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Book — *Vimy: The Battle And The Legend* by Tim Cook



Available for purchase via Chapters Indigo

Why does Vimy matter? How did a four-day battle at the midpoint of the Great War, a clash that had little strategic impact on the larger Allied war effort, become elevated to a national symbol of Canadian identity? Tim Cook, Canada's foremost military historian and a Charles Taylor Prize winner, examines the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the way the memory of it has evolved over 100 years. [READ MORE](#)

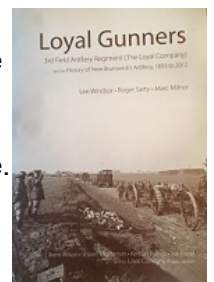
New book about the History of New Brunswick artillery



WLU Press

A new History of New Brunswick artillery has been published: *Loyal Gunners — 3rd Field Regiment (The Loyal Company) and the History of New Brunswick's Artillery, 1893-2012*, by Lee Windsor, Roger Sarty and Marc Milner. Published by Wilfred Laurier University Press.

The book can be found on Wilfred Laurier University Press' [website](#), on page 21 of the catalogue.



P.E.I. man researches Borden-Carleton veterans of Battle of Vimy Ridge



Charlottetown Guardian

Pieter Valkenburg, branch service officer for Borden-Carleton Legion Branch No. 10, is researching the names on the cenotaph outside the Legion. Advertisement His objective is to make a historical record and a wall of remembrance for the fallen men. Two of the men on the Borden-Carleton cenotaph were in the Battle of Vimy Ridge. One was in the wrong place at the wrong time due to a name mix-up and died; the other survived the battle, only to perish a month later. Their bodies were never recovered — the only memory of them in Europe is an inscription on the Vimy Ridge Memorial. [READ MORE](#)

The man with the plans



St. Albert Gazette

If you're a fan of DC superhero comics, the real Arthur Currie is an entirely different character than who you're thinking of. Aquaman is not the focus of the new exhibit at the Musée Héritage Museum. General Sir Arthur

Currie is a true legend and was a defining presence during the First World War, including the Battle of Vimy Ridge. It's one thing to start as a gunner on the bottom rung with no other hopes of climbing up the ladder. Instead, he rose up through the ranks to eventually become a more important figure on the world stage. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST



HAMPSON, Lisa, Maj, CO of 7 Int Coy and wife of LCol Jim Hampson, CO 30 Fd, 19 Mar 17

DANCEY, Brian (Satch), 18 Mar 17

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.

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

PETROSSIE, Jan Sheldon



Age 63, Halifax, passed away suddenly at home on Feb. 12, 2017. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Marcel and Jennie (Fleet) Petrossie. Jan had served with the Canadian Armed Forces until his retirement in 1993. **READ MORE**

Gunner Passing Major (Ret'd) Dennis Strilchuk



Major (retired) Dennis Anthony Strilchuk Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery passed away from complications of Alzheimers disease and pneumonia at 0100 hrs MDT 10 April at the Lynwood Capital Care facility Edmonton.

Dennis served in First and Third Regiments RCHA, W Battery RCSA, Fighter Group HQ, DG INT, HQ FMC (PA to Gen Wheatly), HQ CTC (PA to BGen Sheraton), UNMO in the Gaza strip and as an UNMO in Angola and 2I/C 20 Field Regiment RCA.

Funeral service details under development and shall be published once formalized.

TARASCO, Vincent (Nunzio)



Legacy.com

MVO, CD1

May 7, 1938 — April 8, 2017

Vince passed away peacefully at Laurier Manor in Ottawa where he was attended by caring and compassionate staff, for which we are truly grateful. Vince was born in Toronto into a poor but loving Italian family. Vince married Carol Ann (nee Rose) Tarasco in 1960 and together they raised three children: Sue (Keith Kelly); Mike (Angela); and Greg. **READ MORE**

TRENDING ARTICLES

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Nous aimerions avoir de vos nouvelles! Dans le but d'améliorer le contenu global des « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC », nous aimerions voir certaines de vos nouvelles dans les prochaines éditions. Veuillez soumettre des articles d'information, des liens ou des événements à venir au directeur exécutif de l'AARC, à l'adresse courriel suivante: exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. Assurez-vous que les articles sont opportuns et pertinents, et comprennent des photos sous-titrées. Les soumissions pour le « Bulletin électronique » hebdomadaire de l'AARC devraient être reçues au plus tard à 16 h HNE le lundi, afin d'être publiées dans l'édition de jeudi. Les commentaires / suggestions concernant les « Nouvelles en bref de l'AARC » publiées chaque semaine doivent être envoyés à exdir.rcaa.aarc@gmail.com. L'Association de l'artillerie royale canadienne se réserve le droit d'accepter ou de rejeter les soumissions reçues. Les articles apparaîtront selon nos délais de rédaction.

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