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### RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

## Ex MAPLE STRIKE 17-01: 1-12 May 2017



By Capt A.S. Brideau, BK A Bty 1 RCHA

Aircraft circled overhead for two weeks during Ex MAPLE STRIKE, a bi-annual close air support exercise, in the CFB Wainwright Range Training Area. Canadian Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, along with international partners from France and Germany, were heavily supported throughout the exercise. **READ MORE**

## Monthly Regimental Briefing Note



56th Fd Regt RCA

Please check out the latest news and updates from 56 Fd Regt RCA. **READ MORE**

## Ottawa Gunners Annual General Meeting



The AGM will be held on Friday 9 June 2017 commencing at 1030 hrs in the Infantry Room at the Army Ottawa Officers' Mess. The Agenda is [attached](#). For further information contact Maj (Ret'd) Garry Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, The Ottawa Gunners, 613-362-1069 or at: [sectreas.ottawagunners@gmail.com](mailto:sectreas.ottawagunners@gmail.com).

## 30th Fd Regt RCA 1821 British Artillery Echlin Sword Appraisal



In the fall of 2016, the Bytown Gunners Firepower Museum received a call from a local historical collector stating that he had recently purchased an old artillery sword at an auction in Pittsburgh, PA. Engraved on the sword was information about the original owner, who happened to be the Regimental (Major), Surgeon of the 2nd Ottawa Field Battery (that unit was/is located in the city of Bytown or Ottawa). After discussing the subject with the new owner, it was decided that the sword should be purchased and returned to the Bytown Gunners, 2nd Ottawa Field Battery regimental museum. The attached appraisal story provides additional information related to this event. As a footnote, it turns out that this officer was later appointed as the Canadian Surgeon General in the early 1990s. **READ MORE**

## 30th Fd Regt RCA 1 July 2017



Gun Salutes on Parliament Hill (East of the Centre Block): 1st Salute @ 12:00 hrs, 2nd; Salute @ 14:00 hrs.

## RCAA AGM and RCA Board



RCAA AGM and RCA Board is scheduled for 12-14 Oct. 17 at the Morrison Artillery Park, Ottawa. The meet and greet will be on the evening of Thursday 12 Oct., the RCA Board on Friday 13 Oct. with the dinner that evening and the RCAA AGM will be on Saturday 14 Oct.

## L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC



L'AGA de l'AARC et le conseil de l'ARC se tiendront du 12 au 14 octobre 2017 au Parc de l'Artillerie Morrison à Ottawa. La soirée de rencontre et bienvenue sera le soir du jeudi 12 octobre, le conseil de l'ARC le vendredi 13 octobre suivi du dîner en soirée et l'AGA de l'AARC sera le samedi 14 octobre.

## Vancouver Artillery Association and RUSI Vancouver Members News — May 23, 2017



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

## 2nd Field Artillery Regiment Association



For Armed Forces throughout the world, November is the traditional time of Remembrance. Every year, many former and serving personnel of 2nd Field Artillery Regiment meet to celebrate and remember their fallen comrades on the first weekend in November. In 2011, the 2 Field Artillery Regiment Association was formed as a direct result of such an event. **READ MORE**

## 40e régiment d'artillerie



Armée de Terre

Régiment d'artillerie de la 2e brigade blindée, le 40e RA a été créé en 1894 à Saint-Mihiel. Dès 1914 il s'illustre lors de la bataille de la Marne, sur la Somme, en Champagne, à Verdun et sur l'Aisne. Il totalise 5 citations à l'ordre de l'armée et se voit attribuer la fourragère aux couleurs de la médaille militaire (jaune et vert). **LIRE PLUS**

## 93e régiment d'artillerie de montagne



Armée de Terre

Créé en 1924, le RAM est l'héritier du 1er régiment d'artillerie de montagne. Transportant à l'époque ses canons à dos de mulet, le 93e RAM se distingue particulièrement en 1944 où il participe victorieusement aux combats les plus hauts d'Europe au col du Midi, à 3593 mètres d'altitude. **LIRE PLUS**

### DEFENCE NEWS

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## Joint Terminal Attack Controller



Frontline Defence

Imagine you are fighter pilot flying over a battle at about 10,000 feet with orders to deliver ordnance. The area where the battle is taking place covers no more than about a square kilometre of space, with buildings and soldiers and vehicles spread out all over that area with weapons firing. How are you going to identify the exact point of your target? Enter the JTAC. **READ MORE**

## Game of drones — militant use of UAVs and implications for the West

Jane's 360

In this piece, we examine the use of weaponized UAVs in the Middle East, and the implication for security in the West. [READ MORE](#)

## Lt. Gen H R McMaster on new ways of warfare

RUSI

The Director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center, U.S. Army spoke at the RUSI Land Warfare Conference 2015. [READ MORE](#)

## Indian Army gets M777 howitzers 30 years after Bofors scandal

The Economic Times

After a 30-year wait for new artillery guns since the Bofors scandal, the Indian Army recently received the first two ultra light howitzers from the U.S. as part of an order for 145 long-range guns which will be mostly deployed along the border with China. The M-777 A-2 ultra-light howitzers (ULH), having a maximum range of 30 kilometres and manufactured by the BAE Systems, were being taken to Pokhran firing range in Rajasthan for test firing. [READ MORE](#)

## UVision unveils new Hero-400EC high-precision, extended-range loitering munition system

Defence Blog

UVision Air, a global pioneer of lethal aerial loitering systems of all sizes, recently unveiled the Hero-400EC, its new enlarged, extended-range, extremely precise loitering munition system. The system's unique cruciform aerodynamic design delivers high-accuracy and reduces collateral damage. Its electric motor enables it to loiter silently above a target, ready to instantly respond to pop-up threats. [READ MORE](#)

## Elbit announces new version of Spear lightweight mortar system

Jane's 360

Elbit Systems announced a new version of its 120 mm Spear mortar system recently, just before it was displayed at the International Land Warfare and Logistics Conference in Latrun, Israel. Elbit sources said the Spear MK2 has already been purchased by three clients in the Asia-Pacific region and Europe. Like the original version, the Spear MK2 can be installed on various light vehicles such as a Humvee and comes with fire control, barrel-laying, and navigation systems so that it can be operated autonomously by a small crew. [READ MORE](#)

### THE LAST POST

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## MACUMBER, Erma Venetta. Wife of Bill Macumber, formerly of 1 RCHA

We are saddened to announce the passing of Erma Venetta Macumber at the Hants Community Hospital. Erma was born in Harmony (near Truro), on Jan. 3, 1936 to the late Harold and Verna MacCabe. In her younger years, Erma worked at Windsor Textiles, and also Avon Valley Greenhouses in Falmouth. She loved nature. She loved watching birds, and squirrels and she especially loved planting pansies. She enjoyed going shopping and having her Saturday coffee with her daughter and granddaughter. She was a loving person who loved life. She had a good sense of humour and loved laughing with her family. She will greatly be missed. [READ MORE](#)

## PLOURDE, Gunner Christian

An Artilleryman who was serving proudly with 1 RCHA, passed away peacefully shortly after noon on 5 May 2017. He was surrounded by his wonderful friends and family, and did so knowing that he parted with dignity,

courage and grace in the face of tremendous adversity. The funeral will take place at 11:00 AM, Saturday 13 May at the Cathédrale Immaculée-Conception, Edmundston, NB. Further information is available at <http://www.jbcote.com/fr/avis-de-deces/plourde-christian.1047?page=1>.

## TRENDING ARTICLES

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Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- [IDEF 2017: Turkey develops wheeled 155 mm self-propelled artillery system](#) (Jane's 360)
- [The Air Force's MQ-9 Reaper drone just got a whole lot deadlier](#) (Task & Purpose)
- [Museo Militaria](#) (Museo Militaria)
- [IDEF 2017: Boran lightweight towed howitzer nears qualification](#) (Jane's 360)
- [Artillery Day at Fort Wellington, Ontario, Saturday 27 May 2017](#) (Ontario Travel)

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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