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Gunner News







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It has been extremely busy since our last issue and, as a result, there is heaps of interesting stuff in this newsletter, ranging from a wee essay I wrote for ANZAC Day to the memories of Gunners who served in Kapyong and Long Tan. There is also a revised history of the 1st Battle of Coral, written from the GPO's perspective, that differs from the 'official' history. And then there are bits of poetry and other stuff that I thought you might find interesting. I have even recorded the confession of a one time policeman who later served the guns, plus a well known Gunner from my generation features. **READ MORE**

Ex Fenian Raids







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On the 150th Anniversary of the Fenian Raids, 30 Field Regiment RCA participated with The Brockville Rifles, the band of the Governor General's Foot Guards and Parks Canada in a commemoration at the Fort Wellington National Historic Site in Prescott, Ontario. The formal commemoration opened with the National Anthem, a welcome and introduction of official guests including Mayor Brett Todd, Town of Prescott, BGen James Selbie, Col Comdt RCA, Col Tim Young, Regimental Colonel RCA, LCol Jim Hampson, CO 30 Fd Regt, and Mr. Hugh Ostrom, Superintendent, National Historic Sites Ontario East, Parks Canada. **READ MORE**

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This is your opportunity to pre-order "Guns of the Regiment" the definitive history of the guns used by the Royal Canadian Artillery since its inception. READ MORE

DEFENCE NEWS

JTF2 is 'jewel in the crown' of Canada's special forces







Toronto Star

They deployed to Vancouver in 2010, ready to intervene if terrorists took aim at the Winter Olympics. When a gunman murdered a soldier at the National War Memorial and stormed Parliament Hill in 2014, these soldiers readied their gear and helicopters prepared to move the team into action. They are Canada's insurance policy against the worst-case scenario when a terror strike proves more than local police forces can handle. READ **MORE**

Canadian forces get new centre for bomb disposal training







Hamilton Spectator

A Canadian soldier who lost his leg to an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan says improved training facilities for soldiers in New Brunswick could reduce deaths and prevent injuries to soldiers searching for the hidden menaces. Master Corp. Mark Hoogendoorn was reacting to news Monday that the Department of National Defence will spend \$36 million on new training facilities for identifying and disposing of improvised explosive devices and other explosives. READ MORE

Trudeau refuses to commit to open competition to replace Canada's aging CF-18 fighter jets









National Post

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau refused to say whether his government will hold an open competition to replace Canada's CF-18 fighter jets — despite having made it one of his key election promises. The Liberals said during last year's election that they would hold a competition for new jets but not buy the F-35 if they formed government. During a press conference to mark the rise of Parliament for the summer, Trudeau was asked for an update on those two commitments. READ MORE

How Veterans Affairs uses social media to bring 100-year-old battles to 🕈 💆 🛅 🔤 life









CBC News

A team at Veterans Affairs is marking the anniversary of a battle that took place 100 years ago, but they're using 21st century technology to bring it to life for this generation. From Facebook Live to Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, the social media team from Veterans Affairs Canada is finding new ways to promote commemorations. **READ MORE**

New commanders to take over Canadian Army divisions







Ottawa Citizen

Three of four Canadian Army Divisions will have new commanders this summer, according to the army. From now until July 11, a series of ceremonies will take place to mark the changes of command for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Canadian Divisions, the army noted in a news release. Each ceremony will be presided over by Lieutenant-General Marquis Hainse, Commander Canadian Army. READ MORE

Funding announced for CFB Goose Bay







Western Star

Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajian announced \$12 million in funding to upgrade its airfield. "In our 2016 federal budget we announced that the department of national defence will invest \$200 million in infrastructure for 6/22/2017 RCAA News Brief

Canadian armed forces bases and other defence properties across the country," he said. READ MORE

Corner Brook's Veterans Affairs office will be first to re-open







Western Star

Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr will be in Corner Brook to re-open the veterans office. The Corner Brook office was one of nine shut by Stephen Harper's Conservative administration in 2014 after budget cuts announced in 2012. During an address to the Greater Corner Brook Board of Trade, Gudie Hutchings, the Liberal Commons member for Long Range Mountains, announced the minister will be in the city next week to open the office located in the J.R. Smallwood Building. **READ MORE**

THE LAST POST

JOHNSTON, Willis A. (Woody) MWO (Ret'd), 5 June 2016

MCGEAN, John Howard Basil (Baz), 24 May 2016

KELLY, Raymond Gerald, 23 May 2016

MILANI, John R. Maj (Ret'd), 21 May 2016

THOMPSON, Garfield Baily (Tom) Sgt (Ret'd), 19 May 2016

MOORE, Allan David, 15 May 2016

BREWSTER, Gerald Douglas, 13 May 2016

DUGAN, William (Willie) Daniel, 7 May 2016

BEACH, Basil, 9 April 2015

STAUBER, Thomas Alfred Sgt, Korea, 14 April 2016

PIOTTO, Silvio, Joseph 'Steve', Korea, 5 April 2016

HILLYARD, H.H. (Bus), WWII, 2 April 2016

MACKINNON, John Francis, 31 March 2016

KENNEDY, Michael Edward Capt (Ret'd), 20 Mar 2016

MONTAGUE, Steve Bdr (Ret'd), 7 Mar 2016

DELWO, Ronald Gerald, 6 Mar 2016

TRENDING ARTICLES

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

- Pre-order Guns of the Regiment (Service Publications)
- Defence Minister, an Afghan war vet, in a conflict of interest for quashing detainee inquiry (National Post)
- Life through a military lens: Capturing armed forces with the click of a camera (CBC News)

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