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Newsletters normally are emailed on Monday evenings. If you don't get a future newsletter on time, check the websites below to see if there is a notice about the current newsletter or to see if the current edition is posted there. If the newsletter is posted, please contact me at bob.mugford@gmail.com to let me know you didn't get your copy.

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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

The **2023 Army Gala. May 6, 2023**, at the Sheraton Wall Centre www.militarygala.ca

Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

Feb 22 Wed 'Zoom' meeting.

Mar 01 Wed 'Zoom' meeting.

Mar 07 **Tuesday** Lunch at 15Fd Offrs Mess & RUSI Vancouver Speaker Series

Oldest and Youngest Gunners at Soldier's Christmas Dinner 2022



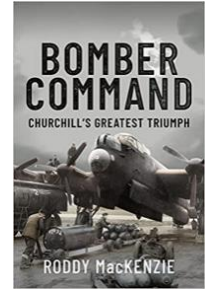
Military customs and traditions enrich Regimental life for members of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA. Such was the case when the Oldest and Youngest Gunners sat at the head table during the Soldier's Christmas Dinner last year. The dinner was held on Saturday, December 10th.

Gunner Victoria Haussmann, on the right, was the Youngest Gunner for 2022. On the left is Sergeant Donato Calogero, the Youngest Gunner from 1982, forty years earlier.

photo Major Alex Haussmann

Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph

Hardcover – Available Feb 8 2023 by Roddy MacKenzie



See poster section for more details.

RUSI Vancouver Presentation – Tuesday, 7 March 2023

RUSI Vancouver will hold its second event coming out of the pandemic on Tuesday, 7 March 2023. Note that this presentation is on a **Tuesday**, not the normal Wednesday as this is the only day that our presenter is available. There will be a catered lunch at Bessborough Armoury Officers' Mess, starting at noon, followed by a presentation at 1330hrs.

Our presenter, Lieutenant Colonel Hope Carr, headed the deployment a new Canadian Training Assistance Team (CTAT) to Ghana. The CTAT team consists of a gender-balanced task force of four CAF members currently deployed on Operation PRESENCE (Elsie) and will contribute to Ghana's ongoing efforts to increase the meaningful participation of uniformed women in United Nations Peace Operations. The Task Force recently completed its initial engagements and is now working closely with the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF) on a Garrison Tour of all GAF units across the country, intended to enhance understanding of gender issues and gender barriers impacting GAF. Upon completion of this first deployment, the assessments of the Task Force Commander will drive the composition, frequency and activities of future CTAT deployments commencing in 2023.

As bilateral partners in the Elsie Initiative since 2018, Canada and Ghana share best practices, and together develop and test innovative approaches to increase women's meaningful participation in uniformed military roles in UN peace operations. The ongoing deployment of the task force is part of Canada's commitment to support the GAF under this partnership.

Lieutenant Colonel Carr will provide a presentation on the activities of the CTAT and the associated activities leading to the deployment.

Lieutenant Colonel Hope Carr



Lieutenant Colonel Hope Carr has served in the Canadian Armed Forces Army Reserves for 25 years in both a full and part time capacity. She joined the Canadian Army as a Logistics Officer in 1995 before transferring to the Public Affairs branch in 1999. Lieutenant Colonel Carr has served as the Senior Reserve Public Affairs Officer for the Canadian Armed Forces and Deputy Director Army Public Affairs and Senior Reserve Public Affairs Advisor for the Canadian Army. Lieutenant Colonel Carr is the only Public Affairs Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces to be appointed as a Task Force Commander. She held this role in Canada's North for Op NANOOK-TATIGIIT in 2019, Task Force Training Peace Support Operations (TF TSPO) as part of Op Presence in Rwanda and Entebbe in 2021 and 2022 and Task Force Elsie in Ghana in 2022 and 2023. Lieutenant Colonel Carr was named one of Canada's Top 20 Women in Defence in 2021.

Since 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Carr has provided information warfare and communication training and guidance in her civilian capacity for more than 100 exercises in support of NATO, the EU, Partnership for Peace countries, the Canadian Armed Forces and US military in training locations around the world.

Tuesday Lunch – March 7, 2023

Lunch will consist of Roast Beef (Sirloin Tip), mashed potatoes (with gravy), mixed carrots and peppers with a small selection of desserts. The bar will be open as usual. Lunch will be restricted to 30 attendees. (If there is a good response that limit may be raised to 40.)

Lunch starts at **1200hrs**, and Lieutenant Colonel Carr's presentation will take place in the lecture room at **1330 hrs**.

This lunch is open to all military personnel, veterans and their guests.

Cost will be \$25 per person. **Reservations and payment in advance is required.**

Those wishing to attend must RSVP HLCol Don Foster @ dgfoster60@gmail.com

Prepayment for lunch tickets required by 1 March. A little over a week to go before ticket sales end. **Get yours now!**

E-transfer may be made to: 15rca100th@gmail.com

If you cannot e-transfer please make payment arrangements with HLCol Don Foster.

There will be **no cash or credit card** option available at the door.

Dress: Jacket and tie, equivalent for women. Military dress of the day for Serving personnel always acceptable.

For further information, contact HLCol Don Foster at (604)809-6242 or dgfoster60@gmail.com or – Colonel (Retired) Keith Maxwell at (604) 865-0612 or kdm Maxwell@gmail.com

MND Announces \$1.24 billion Upgrade to CH-149 to Cormorant Fleet

Mishall Rehman Military Family Magazine 6 Feb 2023



Two CH-149 Cormorant helicopters sit on the tarmac at Summerside Airport, Slemon Park in Prince Edward Island during a boat camp exercise on June 13, 2015.

*Master Corporal Johanie Maheu,
14 Wing Imaging @ Greenwood, NL*

The CH-149 Cormorant fleet is set to receive an upgrade thanks to a new contract valued at

\$1.24 billion awarded by the Government of Canada to CAE Inc of Montreal, Canada and Leonardo UK Ltd of Yeovil, United Kingdom. National Defence Minister Anita Anand made the announcement on behalf of Minister of Public Services and Procurement Helena Jaczek. “I am pleased that today’s contract award announcement to CAE Inc and Leonardo UK Ltd will enable our government to continue to provide the Royal Canadian Air Force and its members with the advanced equipment they need to do their job, at the best value for Canadians,” said

Helena Jaczek, minister of public services and procurement. The upgrades and training systems will be delivered starting in 2026 and are expected to be fully operational by 2029.

*A CH-149 Cormorant helicopter from 103 Search and Rescue Squadron takes flight from 5 Wing Goose Bay Newfoundland and Labrador to Canadian Forces Station Alert during NORAD Exercise AMALGAM DART, March 18, 2021.
Canadian Armed Forces photo.*



According to the Department of National Defence, the CH-149 Cormorant fleet has provided crucial services to Canada since 2001. However, upgrades are now necessary to ensure its continued reliability. The contract with Leonardo UK Ltd will upgrade the current fleet to “the most advanced version of the helicopter.” Helicopter upgrades are valued at \$1.168 billion. This \$1.168 billion will provide for “the most advanced” version of the CH-149 fleet: the AW101 612. This model is also used by Norway and recently used to conduct its rotary-wing SAR missions. Additionally, the contract will acquire additional airframes or parts to increase the fleet size from 13 to 16. The aircrafts will be, according to DND, crafted using new and used parts from VH-71 and the current CH-149 fleets inventory. This is to ensure that costs are reduced. According to DND, this will ensure SAR operations can continue Comox, BC, Gander, NL, Greenwood, NS while adding to the SAR capacity in Trenton, ON. “The top item in my mandate letter from the Prime Minister is to ensure that the Canadian Armed Forces has the capabilities, equipment and culture needed to implement the objectives in our Defence Policy. The CH-149 Cormorant helicopter is a critical asset for search and rescue operations in Canada – and these contracts provide the best solution for Canada to upgrade its fleet and provide the accompanying training tools to our aviators so that they can continue to keep Canadians safe – now, and in the years to come,” said Anand, Minister of DND.



*The agreement outlines the purchase of a domestic flight simulator. This will ensure that Canadian military aircrew aren't leaving the country to train, and military personnel are training on simulators similar to Canadian aircraft. This portion of the contract is valued at \$78 million.
Canadian Armed Forces photo.*

Under the contracts, aircrew training is expected to return to Canada and will no longer need to travel to the United Kingdom. In addition, the agreement outlines the purchase of a domestic flight simulator. This will ensure that Canadian military aircrew aren't leaving the country to train, and military personnel are training on simulators similar to Canadian aircraft. This portion of the contract is valued at \$78 million. Under the Industrial and Technological Benefits Policy, Leonardo UK Ltd and CAE Inc are working with several Canadian companies as part of their industrial commitments to Canada. Specifically, the sectors targeted include defence system integration, training and simulation, aerospace systems and components. "Through these contracts, our government will provide the Canadian Armed Forces with the equipment it needs while ensuring long-term economic benefits for Canadians. This procurement will advance Canadian innovation in our world-class defence and aerospace industries while creating jobs and contributing to economic growth in Canada," said François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.

The Army Once Had a Simulation Round for a Tactical Nuclear Blast

Max Hauptman Task & Purpose Feb 7, 2023



11th Airborne Division troops watch an atomic explosion at close range on November 1, 1951.

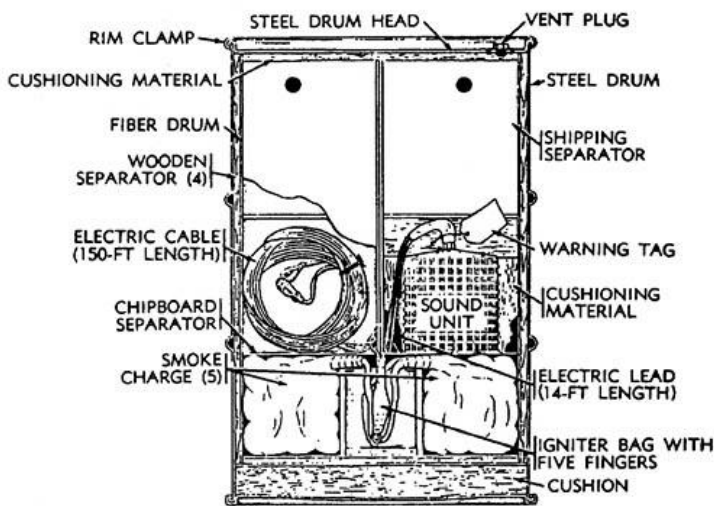
(Getty Images photo).

In the winter of 1981, CBS correspondents Dan Rather and Harry Reasoner traveled to West Germany to observe a little bit of US Army training for a television segment titled *The Defense of the United States: The Nuclear Battlefield*. There, they followed a unit in the field training for the possibility of a fight that would be waged on a nuclear battlefield. "Each training exercise that we deal with nuclear weapons, we have an ideal device in the field that we use for this type of training," said one of the instructors. "We have that nuclear burst simulator. It puts out a brilliant flash. We train our people to count. No guarantee they're going to do it when the actual situation occurs, but we at least try to reinforce the training to condition them to do it." That ideal device? The M-142 atomic explosion simulator. The M-142 is a 55 US gallon steel drum packed with explosives and a smoke charge designed to simulate a five-kiloton nuclear detonation. According to the training manual, operators are supposed to "remove any overhead obstructions, loose rocks, or any other objects within 5 feet" and remain at least 150 feet upwind of the blast

and behind a barricade. Observers should be no closer than 450 feet away. And when it goes off, it creates a 75-foot diameter, 130-foot-tall mushroom cloud that will last for about a minute and a half.



Simulator is contained in 55-gallon steel drum. "Sound Unit" is presumably a special separate pyrotechnic charge designed to create extremely loud detonation sound. With the above size unit, observers are to remain no closer than 450 feet to point of detonation. This design supersedes information contained in TM dated December, 1983 ATOMIC EXPLOSION SIMILATOR M142 From Army TM 9-1370-207-10 March 1991



In a 1973 training video, a soldier can be seen setting up one of the atomic explosion simulators. As the video says, the simulator “may be used to test unit reaction during and following nuclear attack, including NBC [Nuclear Biological Chemical] reporting.” However, it’s unclear just how effective the M-142 was in preparing soldiers for a nuclear blast. “Did you recognize anything over that

way a few minutes ago?” says one of the instructors to a tank crew in the 1981 CBS segment. “Just a puff of smoke, sir,” responds the tank commander. After debating over the fact that the M-142 didn’t produce a bright flash as a nuclear blast would, the instructor asks, “What’s the signs of a nuclear weapon? Think you’d see a brilliant flash of light?” “I’m not familiar with that subject, sir,” says the tank commander. “Oh, you’re not? Well, that was a nuclear weapon. Your tank is dead, for three zero mikes.” The M-142 was first introduced in 1963. And while it’s fallen out of use, you can still request a quote on ordering one. Just hope that no observers at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California get the same idea.

Ed note:- I remember being a driver/signaller on the Umpire staff in Wainwright, AB, for WainCon in the early 60s when some kind of a device was used to simulate an atomic explosion by the friendly side. The troops were forewarned but, unfortunately, many left what cover they had to watch the event. The umpires were busy for an hour tagging everyone they saw as dead.

BCR & 15 Fd Cadet Corps Professional Development Day

Sherman Armoury 4 February 2023 LCol Jim Barrett



BCR & 15 FD Cadet Corps Attendees

Since 2015, all five BCR Cadet Corps along with cadets from 2472 15 Field RCACC have participated in Professional Development Training Sessions aimed at the Senior Cadets and Adult Staff of our Cadet Corps. Hosted by 15 FD for 2023, and organized by the OIC, Capt Jiri Motak of 2472 15 FD RCACC, the location was moved to the Sherman Armoury in Richmond when the Bessborough Armoury was unavailable due to a 39 CBG BMQ Course. Over 38 cadets attended including cadets from our 2781 BCR Powell River Corps who travelled down on Friday Evening. Our thanks to Wilson Yuen of our BCR Irish who let our Powell River contingent into the Armoury for the night. Also in attendance were cadets from Vancouver's 2290 BCR, BCR Port Moody along with their OC Capt Dean McLennan and Training Officer, OCDT Michael Dailey. From 3300 BCR Capt Mitch Hayes attended as a presenter and taught a session on Leadership. The BCR Irish attended as well as their CO, Capt Mike Azzano and a number of staff and Volunteer Instructors.

HLCol Bill Diamond BCR addresses the assembled Senior Cadets and Officers

Our first presenter of the day was Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Bill Diamond, BCR (DCO) who discussed the role of the Honorary Colonels and how they support both their Regiments and Affiliated Cadet Corps. He



acknowledged and presented retired LCol Jim Barrett with his HLCol's Coin in recognition of his work as the BCR Association President, the BCR Cadet Governor, and for his ongoing service as a Civilian Training Advisor with our 2781 BCR (DCO) Powell River Cadet Corps.

LCol Jim Barrett & HLCol Bill Diamond

A presentation on Mental Health was given to the cadets by representatives from Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Pacific) Psycho-Social Mental Health Unit based out of 39 CBG Headquarters in Vancouver on how the CAF supports its soldiers and with Social Worker Preetika Mehra.

CAF Health Services Presentation



LCol Jim Barrett presented on styles of Leadership communications, Orders Formats from Warning Orders to Administrative Orders and Operation Orders (OP Os) and how to extract information from the same with the aim of



senior cadets presenting their own orders to cadets. The presentation included a hands-on scenario based on two different OPOs.

Training concluded with Capt Haye's presentation on Leadership.

In his role as BCR Cadet Governor, LCol Barrett held a short meeting to discuss commonality of issued affiliated BCR Kit and discussion was held to firm up the planned joint ACR at the Sherman Armoury for all five corps currently scheduled for 10 Jun 2023.



L-R BCR Cadet, Capt Mitch Hayes and Capt Jiri Motak

Capt Motak is to be congratulated for his work to pull this Pro D Day together for 2023, and to Port Moody's Capt Dean McLennon for volunteering to host next years event on the first Saturday of February 2024.

Vancouver Gunners Website Update

Catherine and I have signed up for the OP Husky Tour. Want to join us? Check out the OP Husky pages for an exciting opportunity coming up this summer.

<https://www.facebook.com/OperationHusky2023/>

2023 Yearbook Update

Congratulations to Sergeant Starr Switzer! She was recognized as being "the epitome of the perfect 'Human Resources Administrator' trade representation!"

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/human-resources-administrator-occupational-coin>

Artillery Communications Course

Several members of 15th Field Artillery Regiment were students on the course run by 5th Field Artillery Regiment at the Bay Street Armoury in Victoria. Check out some more pictures in the 2023 Yearbook and send me names of anyone you recognize.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/winter-warfare-2023>

The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery Website

Check out the new information posted on the website. The RCAA is posting some of the citations earned by Gunners over the years. True Heroes!

<https://rca-arc.org/military-cross/>

<https://rca-arc.org/distinguished-conduct-medal/>

<https://rca-arc.org/military-medal/>

Our zoom channel will be open on Wednesday from noon at <https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6. **Remember – Stay healthy and stay safe!**

Who (or What) Is It?

Last Week: HMS *Venturer* (P68). *Venturer* was the lead boat of the British V-class submarine, a development of the successful U class. She was built at the Vickers Armstrong yard in Barrow-in-Furness.



Construction commenced in August 1942, and she was launched eight months later in May 1943 and commissioned on 19 August 1943. On completing trials and working-up, *Venturer* commenced operations patrolling

the Norwegian coast for coastal traffic and U-boats leaving or entering base. She was successful on several occasions, sinking three Axis vessels during 1944. She also sank the German submarine *U-771* on 11 November 1944 7 nautical miles (13 km) east of Andenes, Norway, off

the Lofoten Islands. Her most famous mission, however, was her eleventh patrol out of the British submarine base at Lerwick in the Shetland Islands, under the command of 25-year-old Jimmy Launders, which included the first time in the history of naval warfare that one submarine intentionally sank another while both were submerged. On the basis of Enigma decrypts *Venturer* was sent to the Fedje area and ordered to seek, intercept and destroy *U-864* which was in the area. *U-864* was carrying a cargo of **65 tonnes of mercury** (the area is still heavily contaminated) as well as Junkers Jumo 004B jet engine parts (used in the Messerschmitt Me 262) to Japan, a mission code-named Operation Caesar. On 6 February 1945, *U-864* passed through the Fedje area without being detected, but on 9 February *Venturer* heard *U-864*'s engine noise. Launders had decided not to use ASDIC since it would betray his position and spotted the U-boat's periscope as her captain looked for his escort. In an unusually long engagement for a submarine, and in a situation for which neither crew had been trained, Launders waited 45 minutes after first contact before going to action stations. Launders was waiting for *U-864* to surface and thus present an easier target. Upon realising they were being followed by the British submarine and that their escort had still not arrived, *U-864* zig-zagged underwater in attempted evasive manoeuvres, with each submarine occasionally risking raising her periscope.

Venturer had only eight torpedoes as opposed to the 22 carried by *U-864*. After three hours Launders decided to make a prediction of *U-864*'s zigzag and released a spread of his torpedoes into its predicted course. This manual computation of a firing solution against a three-dimensionally manoeuvring target was the first occasion on which techniques were used and became the basis of modern computer-based torpedo targeting systems. Prior to this attack, no target had been sunk by torpedo where the firing ship had to consider the target's position in three-dimensional terms, where the depth of the target was variable and not a fixed value. The computation thus differs fundamentally from those performed by analogue torpedo fire-control computers which regarded the target in strictly 2D terms with a constant depth determined by the target's draught. The torpedoes were released in 17-second intervals beginning at 1212hrs and all taking four minutes to reach their target. Launders then dove *Venturer* suddenly to evade any retaliation. *U-864* heard the torpedoes coming, dove deeper and turned away to avoid them. The first three torpedoes were avoided, but *U-864* unknowingly steered into the path of the fourth. *U-864* exploded, split in two, and sank with all hands, coming to rest more than 150 metres (490 ft) below the surface. Launders was awarded a bar to his DSO for this action.

This Week: In the past, the Canadian Army was a pioneer of such weapons of war as self-propelled guns. The Priest, armed with a US 105mm howitzer, was used by the artillery regiments who stormed ashore at Juno Beach on D-Day in 1944. In fact, one of our museum founders, the late Captain (ret'd) Keith Brown, was one of those involved, serving in the 19th Field Regiment (RCA). His regiment later transitioned to the all-Canadian Sexton and was involved in fighting up to the end of the war. The Sexton continued to serve in Canada for a while post-war, and abroad for several decades. Armed with the famous 25 pounder and built upon the chassis of the Canadian Ram tank, it was a well-respected piece of military hardware. The last ones to see action were used by Portugal in their African wars of the 1970s, although who knows what will show up in Ukraine or Syria (remember the latter one?).



Nonetheless, Canada has failed to maintain the tradition of employing self-propelled guns, having retired the 155mm-armed M-109 in 2005. It remains to be seen if developments in the Russo-Ukraine war will result in a re-evaluation of our current reliance on towed guns. Other countries, however, have kept developing self-propelled artillery, with some of the more interesting examples coming from smaller nations, such as Sweden. This week's photo, although not from the land of Ikea, is from one of those smaller countries that punch above their weight. It is, frankly, one of the uglier vehicles ever produced, but seems to have done the job. Your task, as usual, is to identify it.

Send your identifications to the editor, Bob Mugford (bob.mugford@gmail.com), or the author, John Redmond (johnd.redmond@telus.net). Tanks again (yes, it isn't a tank, but one can't say "SPG again").

From the 'Punitary'

What happens when construction workers party? They raise the roof.

Murphy's Other Laws

The intel you've got is never the intel you need.

Quotable Quotes

If you keep going with a definite purpose, you will find the way and reach the destination.
- *Debasish Mridha*

Wednesday Digital Video Lunch

No need to worry about COVID-19 when you go digital. Pop into our video lunch **at noon** on Wednesdays and say hi. All you need is a laptop, tablet or smartphone. These sessions are being hosted by the Vancouver Artillery Association and are **open to all – especially those who attended our Wednesday lunches.**

Join us to check up on your old lunch buddies.

<https://zoom.us/j/6802412956> and the secret passcode is pFPey6



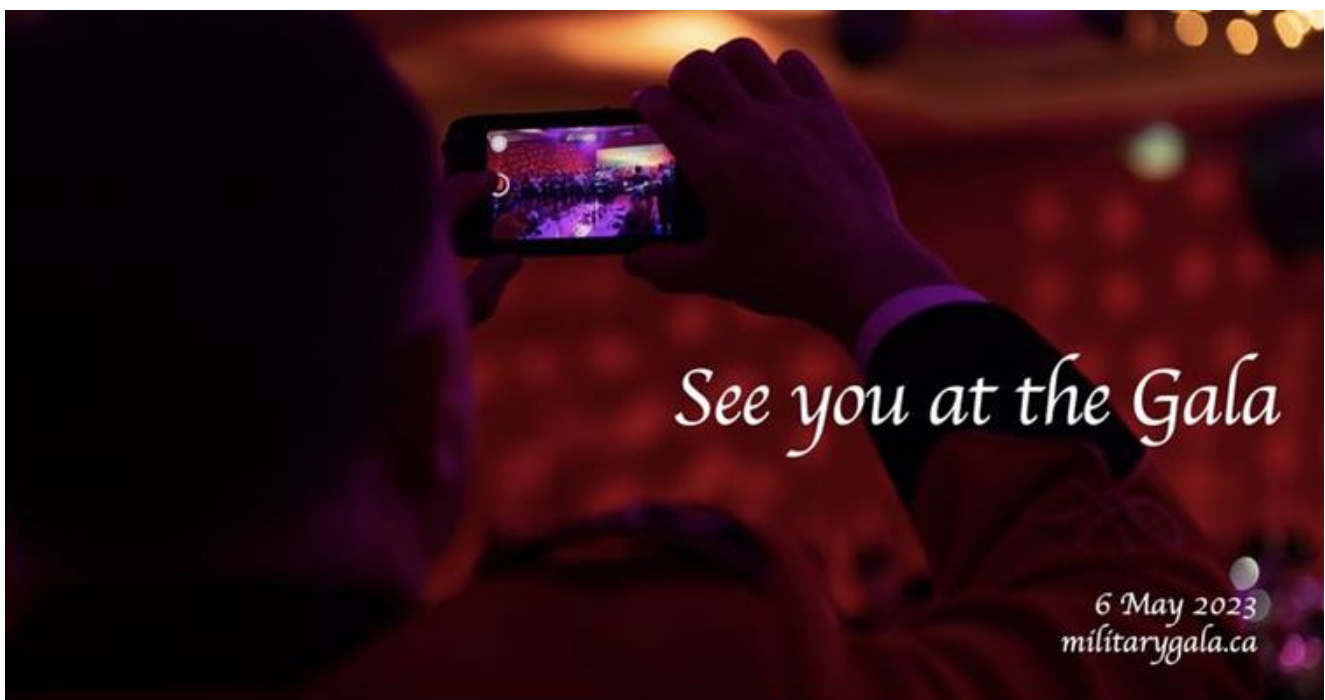
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Jose, CA.

Invite 2 friends! We have room for 100! See you on Wednesdays at noon. Bring your own lunch and beverage of choice.

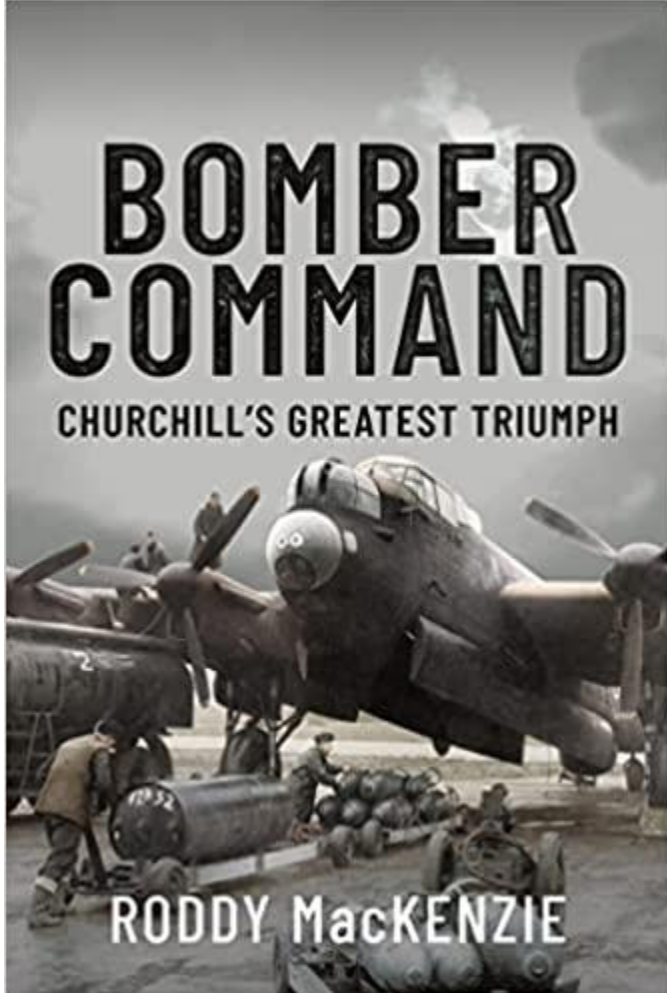
BC Military Gala 2023

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, 1800 for 1900hrs - Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel



Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph

Hardcover – Available Feb 8 2023 by Roddy MacKenzie



Roddy MacKenzie's father served in Bomber Command during the Second World War, but like so many brave veterans who had survived the war, he spoke little of his exploits. So, when Roddy started on his personal journey to discover something of what his father had achieved, he uncovered a great deal about the devastating effectiveness of Bomber Command and the vital role it played in the defeat of Third Reich. He realized that the true story of Bomber Command's achievements has never been told nor fully acknowledged.

Roddy became a man on a mission, and this startlingly revealing, and often personal study, is the result. *Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph* takes the reader through the early days of the Second World War and introduces all the key individuals who turned the Command into the war-winning weapon it eventually became, as well as detailing the men and machines which flew night after night into the

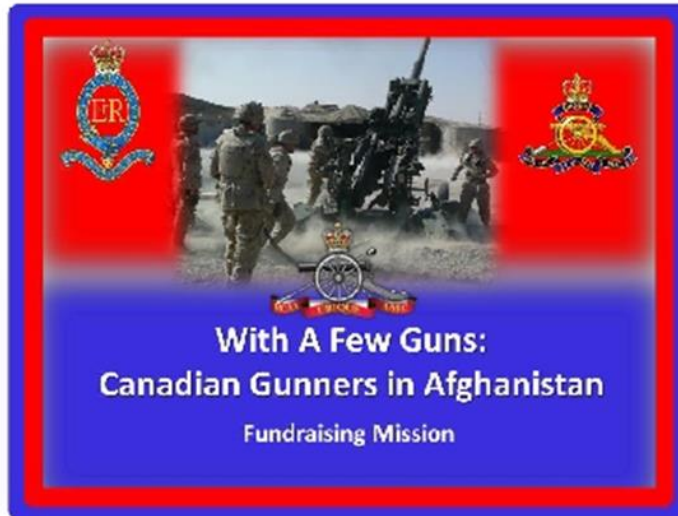
heart of Hitler's Germany.

The main focus of his book is the destruction and dislocation wrought by the bombing to reduce, and ultimately destroy, Germany's ability to make war. In his analysis, Roddy dug deep into German archival material to uncover facts rarely presented to either German or English language readers. These demonstrate that Bomber Command's continual efforts, at appalling cost in aircrew casualties and aircraft losses, did far more damage to the Reich than the Allies knew. Roddy's father served with the Royal Canadian Air Force and Roddy naturally highlights its contribution to Bomber Command's successes, another aspect of this fascinating story which the author believes has not been duly recognized.

Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph will certainly raise the debate on the controversial strategy adopted by 'Bomber' Harris and how he was perceived by many to have over-stepped his remit. But most of all, this book will revise people's understanding of just how important the endeavors were of those men who flew through the dark and through the searchlights, the flak, and the enemy night fighters, to bring the Second World War in Europe to its crushing conclusion.

With a Few Guns

“With a Few Guns” Calling For Support! Donate Now!



With a Few Guns will be an accounting of the contribution Canadian Gunners made to operations in Afghanistan from initial deployment in 2002 until withdrawal in March 2014. The book will not be an “official history” but will tell the story of the approximately 3,000 Gunners who served in Afghanistan, Regular Force and Reserves, in any and all positions, in any and all functions, as well as the stories of commanders and supported arms, and Gunner families.

We have three accomplished and exceptional authors:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Brian Reid

Colonel (Retired) Wolf Riedel

Mr. Mark Zuehlke

We are launching this fundraising initiative to cover expenses and get the book published, while keeping the price affordable. *With a Few Guns* is being written with the backing of the RCA Association, and all donations will be eligible for a tax receipt. Any monies donated in excess of what is needed will remain with the RCAA for support to the causes as espoused by the RCAA.

Our MISSION is to raise \$75,000 (+)

Questions may be directed to: WithAFewGuns@gmail.com

To Donate:

Go to: <https://rca-arc.org/>

Scroll down to: **Donate**

Go to : The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

Then donate to: RCAA Donation "With a Few Guns"

Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Commemoration Chypre 2024



Commemoration Cyprus 2024



Mission

...commémorer la contribution du Canada à la mission de l'ONU à Chypre à l'occasion du 50e anniversaire de la guerre de 1974.

...commemorate Canada's contribution to the UN mission in Cyprus on the 50th anniversary of the 1974 war.



WHAT - Cyprus 2024 Pilgrimage.

GOAL - to capture the history and stories from those who served in Cyprus with emphasis on the actions that took place during the 1974 war, **A FORGOTTEN WAR.**

WHEN - November 2024.

WHO - All Cyprus and Canadian Airborne Regiment Veterans and family members.

WHERE - Nicosia Cyprus, lodged at the Hilton Hotel.

COST - Pay as you go trip with individual costs in the \$5000 to 6000 range. Costs covered will include airfare, hotel with breakfast and expenses such as transportation.

TRAVEL - Will be arranged by professional travel agents, with pre and post tour travel options available.

PROGRAM - Seven days: three days of battlefield tours, three days of excursions, and one day of Remembrance.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE BY JOINING THE CYPRUS 2024 FACEBOOK GROUP [Cyprus2024 | Facebook](#)

QUOI - Pèlerinage à Chypre 2024.

OBJECTIF - capturer l'histoire et les récits de ceux qui ont servi à Chypre en mettant l'accent sur les actions qui ont eu lieu là pendant la guerre de 1974, **UNE GUERRE OUBLIÉE.**

QUAND - Novembre 2024.

QUI - Tous les vétérans de Chypre, du Régiment aéroporté canadien et les membres de leurs familles.

OÙ - Nicosie Chypre, logés à l'hôtel Hilton.

COÛT - Voyage à la carte avec des coûts individuels inclus, environ \$5000 et 6000. Les coûts comprendront le billet d'avion, l'hôtel avec petit-déjeuner et les dépenses telles que le transport.

VOYAGE - Sera organisé par des agents de voyage professionnels, avec options de voyage avant et après la réunion.

PROGRAMME - Sept jours: trois jours de visites du champ de bataille, trois jours d'excursions et une journée du Souvenir.

PLUS D'INFORMATIONS ET MISES À JOUR SONT DISPONIBLES EN REJOIGNANT LE GROUPE FACEBOOK CYPRUS 2024 [Cyprus2024 | Facebook](#)

