



## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Oct 24, 2017

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**Wednesday Lunches** - We serve a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Attendance has been down recently. Most of our regular attendees, who are retired, are slowly fading away and the next generation seems, by and large, to be too busy to attend. Guests are always welcome and we encourage members to bring their significant others. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies

Renovations in the Officers Mess are ongoing. We have been told that they will be finished by Remembrance Day. During renovations, lunches will be held in the WO & Sgts Mess.

**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** See attached posters for details.

- Oct 25 NOABC Lunch Speaker -Cdr *Manjul Awasthi*. *Topic - Indian Navy*
- Nov 4 & 11 With Glowing Hearts Concert
- Nov 4 CCWMS Fundraising Dinner  
Equitas Fundraiser
- Nov 5 CCWM Exhibit opening
- Nov 16 NOABC Surrender Lunch
- Dec 2 15 Fd Offrs Mess St Barbara's Dinner

## World War 2 - 1942

*John Thompson Strategic analyst - quotes from his book "Spirit Over Steel"*

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>:** Rommel is en route from Germany to Africa, but the Eighth Army is still burrowing its way through Panzerarmee Afrika' defences (with the 9<sup>th</sup> Australian Division doing especially good service). Meanwhile III Panzer Corps starts a new offensive in the Caucasus. Opening

moves for the Battle of Santa Cruz near Guadalcanal as four Japanese battleships and four fleet carriers are coming after two American fleet carriers and 1 battleship. On Guadalcanal Sergeant John Basilone of the 7<sup>th</sup> Marines becomes a legend for his handling of two sections of machine guns during a Japanese assault on his battalion. His 15 men were reduced to three as his battalion became the focus of repeated attacks by an entire Japanese regiment; yet his courage and leadership – or the stream of bullets -- never faltered. He is the first Marine enlisted man to receive the Medal of Honor in the War. Able to sit the rest of the war out on War Bond tours, he volunteers to return to combat in 1944 and dies in battle on Iwo Jima in February 1945 earning a posthumous Navy Cross for another display of conspicuous courage in battle.

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>:** In fighting in the Solomons “resistance in southern Madagascar, and Montgomery shifts the direction of his attacks after the Afrika Korps redeploys. HMS Eagle flies off a load of Spitfires to Malta, where supplies are running low indeed.

**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>:** Australians advance to within 16 km of Kokoda on New Guinea.

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>:** 9<sup>th</sup> Australian and 90<sup>th</sup> Light Division are still nose to nose in the El Alamein. The 9<sup>th</sup> Australian Division – often regarded by Montgomery as the fiercest fighting unit he’s got – contains many heroes. For the last eight days, one of them has been Sergeant William Henry Kibby of the 2/48<sup>th</sup> Battalion. A short man, his outsize courage in the eight days of fighting through the best of the Afrika Korps has been remarkable, but he is mortally wounded assaulting yet another strongpoint on this day. He is posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

**Essential Reading:** It is not just Ex-Colonial hubris for Australians, Canadians and New Zealanders to remark on the fighting prowess of their troops in the Second World War; they were tough, self-reliant and aggressive; just as their fathers were in 1914-18. Montgomery himself regarded the 9<sup>th</sup> Australian Division as the best that he had in “Pacific was incredible. Mark Johnston’s history of the Division: That Magnificent 9<sup>th</sup> is worth adding to any collection with an interest in the performance of Allied infantrymen.

## **The War Diary of C31 L/Sgt Charles D Phelan, A Battery, RCHA 1939 - 1945**

*Edited by BGen (ret'd) Robert P (Bob) Beaudry CD*

### **Chapter 32. Ortona, and a Seven-Day Rest**

**23 Dec, 1943** We fired a big series of concentrations in support of an attack on Ortona by the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders and the Hasty Ps. During the night, a Sitrep reported heavy fighting in the streets of Ortona. The large barricades are covered by heavy MG fire. The whole town is heavily mined and the enemy is putting up stiff resistance. The Seaforths have occupied a part of the town and a good OP is now in our hands. The HPE and the 48<sup>th</sup> have reached their objectives. Seaforths and Edmontons engaged in street fighting. Mail arrived in evening. I received 600 cigarettes and several letters. It is reported that 1000 bags of mail are at Div HQ, and more is coming.

**24 Dec** Not much for the field artillery today, given the close quarters in Ortona. Everyone on the scrounge for Christmas dinner extras. A couple of sheep were “acquired” by the troop as well as figs and several gallons of fairly decent wine. Each man received a free issue of two bottles of beer and 70 cigarettes in the evening. The officers and senior NCOs received a bottle of rye. Orders came in that “Christmas will be like any other fighting day. Pressure on the enemy will not be eased”.

**25 Dec** Merry Christmas? Chilly all day. Breakfast of bacon, jam, hardtack, and tea. CO’s parade at 0845 hrs. He thanked everyone for their cooperation in the last year, and wished us all a Merry Christmas. After the parade, there was an issue of three chocolate bars, an apple, an orange, and a cup of very good coffee. Lunch at noon consisted of a small portion of turkey and dressing, and tea and bread. Everyone wandered around visiting pals in the troop and battery, and soon 85 % were pretty well oiled. Christmas dinner was served by the officers. It consisted of pork, mashed spuds, dressing and gravy, pudding, cake, an orange, and bread (instead of hardtack!). It was really good and everyone enjoyed it immensely. Evening Sitrep reported the RCRs moving forward. Very heavy street fighting, with MGs and mortars on each flank. Seaforths in town with tanks and anti tank artillery. Germans using flame throwers.

**26 Dec** I got up at 0100 hrs to run off a HF program lasting until 0600 hrs. We fired one round every 5, 10, or 15 minutes. We had a few U Tgts during the day. The K of C presented each man with 10 cigarettes, 1 Lifesavers, 1 chocolate bar, and Chicklets. We had a hot rum punch in the evening. We also got more mail. I got another 900 smokes and a parcel from home.

**27 Dec** Fairly quiet all day. Several dive bombers roared over our position. No damage. Seaforths and Edmontons still street fighting, with 6 and 17 pdrs providing close support and assisting in blasting of barricades. Indian Div in Villa Grande. Arielli is clear.

**28 Dec** Fired a barrage in support of Indian Div which began at 0545 hrs. 12 Focke-Wulfes dropped bombs over our position, but did no damage in gun area.

At 1000 hrs we were ordered to move at once to a new area 3000 yards south of Ortona and about ½ mile from the sea, in an olive orchard. We heard one of the A Tp recce party was killed by a bomb. A 1000-lb unexploded bomb was found on A Tp position.

**29 Dec** Ortona reported clear. Jerry put over a couple of unpleasantly close concentrations in the early morning. A bomb disposal squad exploded the Jerry bomb, after evacuating A Tp and BHQ. The explosion shook the CP 300 yards away.

**30 Dec** Busy all day. Am feeling very sick – headache, chills, rubbery knees – probably a touch of malaria. I can hardly see the arty board.

**31 Dec** Feel a bit better. A few targets during the day. Drizzle of rain. A large-scale German attack at 2200 hrs was broken up after an hour of steady firing. New Year's Eve – what gives?

**1 Jan 1944** Happy New Year – I don't think! At about 0200 hrs my pup tent over my slit trench caved in after a heavy rain and strong winds. My slit trench and bed were promptly filled with water. I took my wet blanket and moved to the CP. I wished Ron Brierley, the signaller on duty, a Happy New Year, and got a very uncivil answer. During the night two tent poles broke and the tent collapsed. We were too wet and disgusted to do anything about it, so we left it till morning, when we fixed it with a couple of signal poles. The rain was pouring down, the wind was still blowing, and it was bitterly cold. The gun position was flooded. We got a DF task at 0800 hrs. The gun crews worked in water up to their knees. The recoil of the gun took the chamber under water, and cartridge cases floated around the guns. We had a pretty good dinner of roast pork at 1300 hrs, and then the rain began to slacken, and stopped in the evening. There was a double issue (2 oz) of rum at night.

**2 Jan** Bright sunny day – everyone drying their blankets. We engaged several targets. German planes swept the position but no damage. Weather turning very cold.

**3 Jan** The mud and puddles have frozen solid. Jerry dropped a few close shells.

**4 Jan** Up early with shoots that lasted all day, with observed fire by the FOOs. Jerry dropped shells around the area at intervals during the night – some very close, but no damage.

**5 Jan** Arty changed tactics yesterday. Laid down several concentrations. Jerry ducked into his slit trench and waited for the end of the concentration, then popped up expecting an infantry attack. Instead of an attack, we fired another concentration. That was repeated until Jerry tired of popping in and out and stayed in. Then the infantry attacked, and captured a whole company in a very well dug-in position, and cut off another company of reinforcements. BBC reports Sir Oliver Leese taking command of the Corps as Monty is going to England to command forces for a second front.

**6 Jan** Fired a couple of propaganda shoots. The propaganda shells are similar to smoke shells but have a sheaf of one-page pamphlets inside.

**7 Jan** I am pretty badly crippled up again. I'll probably go sick tomorrow. Only a few shoots today. New troop commander, Capt Lorange, and Lt Rankin arrived. They seem to be pretty decent sorts. Capt McKay gone to Bde.

**9 Jan** Decided to wait before going sick. Fired a barrage. Jerry mortars shelled our area. We've tried to baffle the enemy by firing a barrage with no infantry advance, and even fired a barrage backwards. I hope that really baffled them – it came close to baffling us!

**11 Jan** Saw the MO. He gave me salve to put on my sand sores on my legs.

**12 – 16 Jan** Saw MO again. Got no action from him. Col Lane inspected the area and seemed pleased. We were told we will get an ammo dump of 3000 rounds per troop. Had a few shoots every day.

**17 Jan** Large task table to prepare. The troop fired over 700 rounds of smoke and several hundred HE rounds in support of an attack by 11 Cdn Bde from 5 Cdn Armd Div. Little progress reported.

**18 Jan** We fired a small barrage in the morning. Apparently, the infantry is reorganizing, and 2 Bde will replace 11 Bde.

**19 Jan** No firing all day. My illness is nearly all gone – no thanks to the MO.

**20 Jan** Quiet all day. Jerry dropped a few shells on us, but no damage.

**21 Jan** We were told that we were going back to a rest area tonight. About noon this order was cancelled. Quiet night.

**22 Jan** We pulled out at 1945 hrs, leaving the guns, big tents, and a small rear party. We travelled for over five hours.

**23 Jan** We went to a tented camp set up in a barren field. After breakfast, we moved a few miles to another barren field and repitched the tents. We had travelled 53 miles.

**24 Jan** The bull begins! We had a small arms inspection, then an inspection of the lines with the kit laid out “as per diagram”. I went to Vasto on a bath parade at the Mobile Showers. My first decent bath in months. There was also a Mobile Laundry exchange, where dirty clothes could be exchanged for clean. As it was late in the day, the only items left were “shirts, flannel, and drawers, woolen”. They probably burnt the drawers I handed in.

**25 Jan** Parade at 0830 hrs, then Pay parade, then maintenance, CO’s inspection of lines, and Acks course.

**27 Jan** We attended mass in a church in Vasto, offered by Capt Rev McManus. He was assisted by two very small Italian altar boys. A fairly good Italian choir sang hymns in English and Latin. It was certainly grand to be able to attend mass under such circumstances.

**28 Jan** There was a Regimental parade in the morning preceded by the usual series of long personal inspections. A few games of bingo in the evening at RHQ passed the time. I managed to win two games of bingo. Tea and biscuits were served during the evening, just like a ladies’ sewing circle.

**29 Jan** Another parade, and a ball game in the afternoon, at which A Bty beat C Bty 7 to 6 in an exciting game. Show in the evening, at which we saw a Canadian Army Newsreel. It was pretty good, featuring shots of Sicily and the beginnings of the Italian campaign.

**30 Jan** Regt'l Church parade with Corps Band in attendance. RCs were exempt. In the afternoon there was another Regt'l parade and we formed up in a hollow square. The Bty Commanders presented those who were eligible with the CVSM (Cdn Volunteer Service Medal). As it is awarded for 18 months voluntary service, nearly everyone got one. A silver Maple Leaf is awarded for service overseas. Due to the usual mix-up, the ribbons were not made up and were handed out in pieces, the ribbon and clasp separately, with no bar.

Maj Mitchell had something to say to each man as he handed him his ribbon. He remarked on my long service and "very good work". Tch! Tch! After the presentations the Corps Band played a few numbers which were very good. Late there was a ballgame between RHQ and A Bty, which ended with a 27 to 4 score in favor of A Bty. During the game, there was an issue of ½ bottle of beer per man. Nobody got very high on that! After the game, we were informed we would be moving the next day.

## **RCN's Supply Ship Will Alternate Between East and West Coasts**



Davie Shipbuilding announced recently that Asterix, the new supply ship being leased to the Royal Canadian Navy, has been launched. Commissioning of all onboard systems on the Resolve-class naval support ship began in Halifax in early September and on November 16, the ship will perform its sea-trials prior to achieving full operational capability, the firm noted. During the sea-trials – overseen by Lloyd's Register – the ship's safety, quality, systems and functionality will be tested against the military standards and specifications which it

has been built to, Davie added.

The headquarters for the civilian crew will be in Halifax, the RCN says, but the ship itself will alternate between the east and west coasts. After its acceptance procedures at the end of this year the ship will sail for CFB Esquimalt, BC. It is expected to be based at that port in early 2018 as the RCN concentrates on expanding its presence in the Pacific, according to a RCN spokesman. At some point in 2018 the ship (Asterix, shown above in a Davie provided photo) will sail back to Halifax but it is unclear at this point when that would happen. And then back and forth between the two coasts as needed for operations.

# **UK Army to Extend Life of Challenger 2; New Tank Too Costly**

By: Andrew Chuter      October 11, 2015



LONDON — Deciding that purchasing a new main battle tank would be too expensive, the British Army will likely stick with what has long been its plan A and proceed with a Challenger 2 life extension project (LEP) starting early next year, the Ministry of Defence said. "During the concept phase of CR2 Life Extension Project (LEP) all options, from do nothing to buying a new tank, have been considered. As it stands, the manufacture and costs of a new main

battle tank make it unlikely that the Army would seek this option. CR2 will be taken forward and the LEP is scheduled to enter the assessment phase in early 2016," an MoD spokesman said.

Challenger 2 was essentially sidelined in the 2010 strategic defense and security review (SDSR), with the number of operational tanks slashed and capabilities allowed to atrophy. The question of how to keep Challenger 2 viable was given new impetus by the re-emergence of Russia as a strategic threat and the appearance of the new T-14 Armata main battle tank at a Moscow military parade in April. The admission that a new tank was probably beyond the reach of the Army follows a recent media report that said the Army was considering such a move. Industry responded to an LEP request for information from the MoD last year and later followed that up with a rough order of magnitude on pricing. Lockheed Martin UK, one of the contractors that responded to the request, said it expects a prequalification questionnaire to emerge next month. Other contractors that responded to the information request last year included BAE Systems, General Dynamics UK and Kraus-Maffei Wegmann.

British Army boss Gen. Sir Nick Carter, speaking at September's DSEI show, admitted the Challenger 2 is showing its age. "We certainly have issues with the tank we have at the moment and we should be in no doubt that if we don't do something about it some of the obsolescence built into it will be challenging. How we deal with it is still in discussion," he said. The MoD has insisted the LEP would only resolve aging issues and not be a capability upgrade, but analysts wonder whether more now needs to be done. Ben Barry, the senior fellow for land warfare at the International Institute for Strategic Studies think tank in London, said conditions have changed since the SDSR of 2010. "In the light of world circumstances now, rather than 2010, the need for an upgrade of Challenger 2 becomes more important," he said. Challenger 2 is just one of a number of programs the British are looking to modernize armored vehicle capabilities.

Except for new vehicles rushed to British forces in Afghanistan to combat Taliban bombs, the past decade has largely failed to deliver what the British Army would have hoped for to build armored vehicle capabilities with several key programs falling by the wayside. Many of those

urgent operational requirement purchases have now been taken into the core equipment program. But new programs are coming through, including the Multi Role Vehicle — Protected (MRV-P), the Mechanised Infantry Vehicle (MIV) and a Royal Marines replacement for their BV206 all-terrain vehicles. The eight-wheel-drive MIV is the Army's priority and Carter said the program would be launched shortly. Barry said it was an important program to give the British the sort of balanced force of tracked and wheeled armored vehicles the US, France and other respectable armies have. The MoD briefed industry on the program in May. "The MIV project is still in pre-concept and initial work is taking place scoping the approach to the project. Initial Gate [the concept phase] is anticipated in 2016," said the MoD spokesman.

The British have already tested Nexter's VBCI and the Army visited the US for a look at the Stryker. Other likely contenders include ST Kinetics, Patria and General Dynamics. Companies like Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems, which are vying for the US Marine amphibious combat vehicle program, may also throw their hat into the ring. "Lockheed Martin is considering a number of possible options for the MIV program which could include offering our own 8x8 platform," a spokeswoman said Sept 30. Affordability of the armored vehicle programs remains a big concern, though. "I am not convinced the MoD can fund its future armored vehicle aspirations. The SDSR will need to make some very hard decisions [on programs]," said one leading industrialist. The MoD is set to spend £15.4 billion (US \$23.4 billion) on land equipment up to 2024, although not all of that is on armored vehicles. Data released recently under the Freedom of Information Act regarding land forces equipment spending to 2024 showed seven of the 18 programs covered in the largest A and B spending categories were armored vehicles.

Category A is for deals above £400 million and category B is for programs costing £100 million to £250 million. Barry, though, said the issue with armored vehicle requirements isn't just money but the changing strategic situation the SDSR will have to address. "The latest edition of the UK defense equipment plan was written to allow the armed services to implement the 2010 SDSR. The strategic situation has changed since then. Particularly relevant to the British Army is the French operation in Mali as a model of intervention that involved some armor, including wheeled vehicles, and more importantly the events around Russia and the Ukraine," he said. "NATO's readiness action plan and the UK's commitment to send forces to train in Eastern Europe is all about deterrence. If you are going to deter Russian conventional forces you need credible land forces," Barry said. The Army has been working to achieve some of its priority capability improvements. Last September, General Dynamics UK signed a £3.5 billion deal with the MoD to deliver 589 Scout Specialist Vehicles between 2017 and 2024. The first of the most important version, a reconnaissance vehicle recently named Ajax by the Army, is scheduled for delivery starting in 2020.

Lockheed Martin UK is in a £642 million development phase of a program to update the Warrior infantry fighting vehicle with a new turret, 40mm cannon and other improvements. The Lockheed spokeswoman said the production element of the contract is "currently scheduled to be awarded in December 2017." The MoD was less clear about the timing for a production



contract, suggesting there are still issues to be resolved. "A decision to proceed to contract for manufacture will be made once the MoD is clear that the proposed solution provides confidence and value for money for this phase. It is anticipated that trials will commence in 2016 and an initial operating capability will be delivered in 2019," said the MoD spokesman.

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

The war diary updates from 100 years ago and 78 years ago continue. Check them out at <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new>

There's all sorts of new happenings in the 2017 yearbook, Yakima Gun Camp, Yorke Island Field Days, Equitas Society Walk. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/2017.html>

Who, What, When, Where – Challenge #4 \_ There's a party happening in the photographs, we just need the details!

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/who-what-when-where-challenge-4>

The contract for the Officers' Mess renovations in 1985.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1985.html>

Another clue in the search for our 9 pounder RML in 1956.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1956---43rd-maa-regt-rca.html>

Yorke Island War Diaries November 1939. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/war-diaries---november-1939.html>

Keep those stories and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at [LeonJ1@hotmail.com](mailto:LeonJ1@hotmail.com)

## **Who Is It**



**Last Week:** This picture contained few clues and I didn't think anyone would figure out what it was yet one of our readers nailed it. The photo shows the wreckage of the launch structure for a V 1 "buzz bomb" and the railway track of its service line, after an air strike. We don't have any ID on the man but he may be a German and a POW as the photo was taken by Canadian Photographer. The info on the back of the print simply states "V-1 launching site, Holland". There is a

related photo at LAC showing RCA from 13 or 19FD at a site in Almelo, Holland in April 45.

**This Week:** Tracks continue to be one of the foci of this week's quiz. We have an "orphaned" photo, one that seems to have fallen from an album and found itself in the bottom of a file

folder. However, in the spirit of helping poor children who have lost their parents to the Black Death or Barbary pirates, we think we might have found a home for this in the same album we have been featuring for the past few weeks.



The reason we say so is that said album has a number of blank spaces, with photo edge sticky thingies, and scribbled captions. The orphan print fits a few of these spaces, but the captions are such that we can't be sure, e.g. "Rolling towards Germany", and such.

So, dear enthusiast, can you help us reunite this poor child with its family? Can you tell us when, where and what the subjects of this fine photo are? The hints might not be visible in the newsletter, so let us help you. The bridge has "80" signage, signifying a large, heavy structure, whilst the armoured vehicle has "L2" on a horizontally divided tactical sign to the left, and "2" on the right fender. Does that help? If so, contact the editor, or the author, John Redmond (johnd.\_redmond@telus.net).

### **From the 'Punitentary'**

What has 18 Legs and catches flies? A baseball team

### **Murphy's Other Laws**

The problem with taking the easy way out is that the enemy has already mined it

### **Quotable Quotes**

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.

*Albert Einstein*



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## MONTHLY LUNCH PROGRAM

Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

Officers Mess  
Bessborough Armoury  
2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, BC.

1130 am bar open  
1200 noon lunch  
1 pm speaker  
4 course hot lunch  
\$20 per person

Dress – Business attire, blazers tie etc

*Speaker*  
*Commander Manjul Awasthi*  
*Indian Navy*  
*“IN origins and operations”*

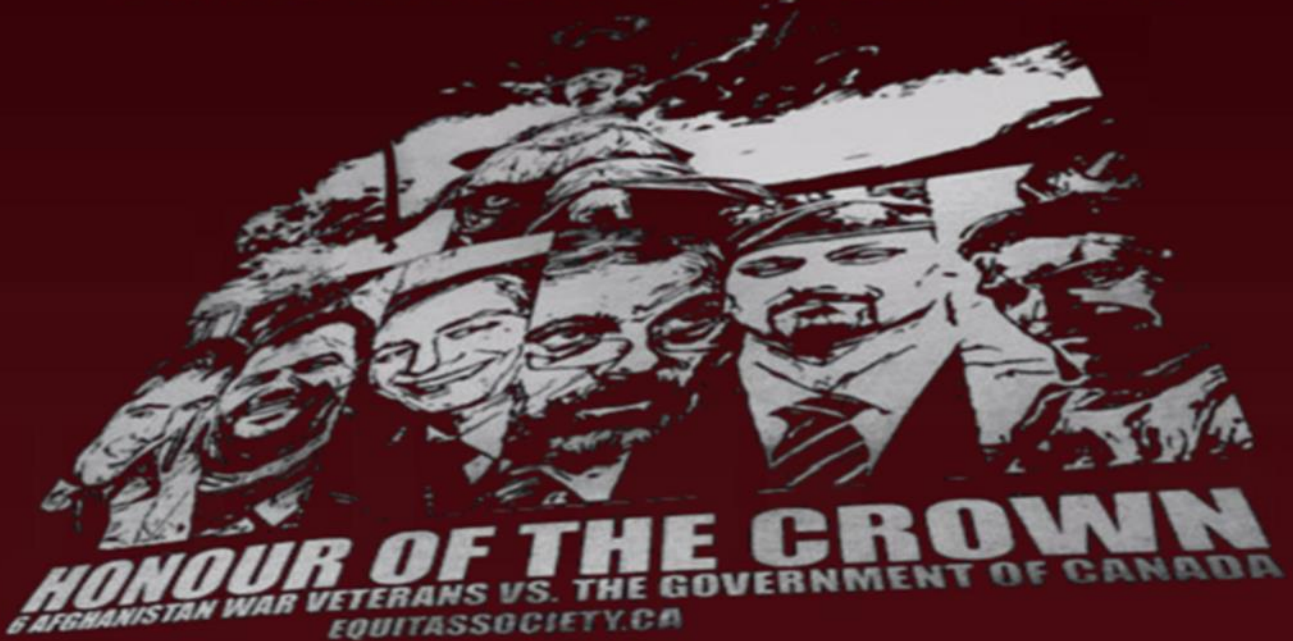
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**Barry Westholm**  
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*"Transitioning Back To  
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A veteran of over 31 years service with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers deployed multiple times to places like Syria, Cambodia, Central America and Haiti on Missions including Disaster Response, United Nations and NATO. Barry's many positions and postings include Combat Arms, RCAF and Paratrooper, ending up as a Sergeant Major and Regional Master Warrant Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, Joint Personnel Support Unit (JPSU).

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7:00 pm  
(no host bar)

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**17:30 REGISTRATION & RECEPTION**  
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**GREETINGS; ARE YOU ABLE TO VISIT?**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

**14:00 - 16:00**

**2nd Floor - 555 Columbia Street**

**Vancouver, B.C.**



Join us for the opening of our new exhibition “On a Wing and a Prayer.”  
Hear the remarkable stories of the Chinese Canadian Air Force men who fought,  
died, and survived some of the most harrowing situations  
of the Second World War.

Learn how other Chinese Canadian men and women contributed  
to the success of the air war.

We will use this event to honour: the 100th birthday of our oldest war veteran,  
Thomas Wong (RCAF); and the contributions of bomb aimer Monty Lee (94).

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MORE INFO AT

[www.ccmms.ca](http://www.ccmms.ca)

The Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir &  
Band of the 15th Field Regiment present

# With Glowing Hearts: Songs of Remembrance

Sunday, Nov. 5th, 2017 at 2:30pm

at the BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

Oak St/West 28th Avenue, VANCOUVER

Saturday, Nov. 11th, 2017 at 2:30pm

at the SOUTH DELTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Tickets \$29/\$27/\$12**

10% discount for groups of 10 or more

Tickets at [www.vwmc.ca](http://www.vwmc.ca) or at the  
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*The President and Directors  
request the pleasure of the company of  
you and your guest(s)  
at the  
Surrender Day Luncheon  
on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017  
1100 for 1200  
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club  
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*Guest Speaker: C.C. Humphries  
Celebrated Maritime Author*

*MENU*

*3 Course luncheon Chefs Creation of the Day with vegetarian option.*

*Cost: \$60.00 per person  
RSVP per reservation form  
below by Sunday November  
5<sup>th</sup> 2017*

*Dress of the day  
Blazer/Lounge  
Suit/Business attire  
(Ladies Equivalent)*

**RSVP Form**



2017 NOABC Surrender Lunch

Payment will be accepted either by mail or electronically.

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by on line transfer to - [dreese@telus.net](mailto:dreese@telus.net). (As code word please use the last name of our President (first letter capitalized.) plse ALSO email electronic copy of attached reservation form with online payment.

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