



**Vancouver Artillery  
Association News**



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## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Sept 26, 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 have started and are expected to take all summer (if not longer). During renovations, lunches will be held in the WO & Sgts Mess.

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

- Sept 27 NOABC Lunch Speaker - Commander Arthur Hastings RCN (retd)  
Men, Women and Sexuality at Sea "The Beginning"
- Sept 30 Afghan Memorial Dedication - Victoria
- Oct 14 Octoberfest - 6 Fd Eng Sqn Museum
- Oct 15 Equitas Walk for Veterans
- Oct 20-22 Yorke Island Field Trip
- Oct 21 RNSA Trafalgar Dinner

## World War 2 - 1942

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

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>:** The Japanese reel back up the Kokoda track on New Guinea. This is a horrible place to sustain modern troops and the Australians have some logistical advantages – for a start, the natives (who act as porters) like them much more. In Stalingrad, Senior Sergeant Yakov Pavlov of the 13<sup>th</sup> Guards Division seizes a house in a counter-attack and prepares to hold it. He and his men do this with a legendary tenacity and ingenuity – so much so that German maps mark it as a fortress. It is two months before this gallant band are relieved, and 'Pavlov's House' becomes an epic episode within the battle of Stalingrad. Pavlov becomes a Hero of the Soviet Union.

Essential Reading: Candid reporting was not usually a feature of journalism in Stalin's Russia, but Vasily Grossman's exemplary war-reporting was highly regarded by soldiers and their families particularly as he didn't shy away from the front lines. Grossman survived (often miraculously) much of the fiercest fighting in the Second World War and faithfully reported everything he saw. Anthony Beevor and Luba Vonogradova's notes and translations of his journals have been published as *A Writer at War: Vasily Grossman with the Red Army 1941-45*; a highly recommended book for anybody interested in the War on the Eastern Front.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>:** Very likely the most talented fighter pilot of the War, Hauptmann Hans-Joachim Marseille is killed bailing out of his brand new Me-109G fighter plane in Libya when it catches fire accidentally. He has been awarded the Knights Cross with Oak Leaves, Swords and Diamonds and virtually all of his 158 kills had been made against British fighter planes.”

## **October 1942: The Axis High Water Mark**

General: Submarines claim almost all of the 637,800 tons of shipping lost to the Allies this month. The RAF drops 4,100 tons of bombs on Occupied Europe, and the US 8th Air Force adds another 300 tons.

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>:** MacArthur maps out new offensive in New Guinea. Fuel oil becomes rationed in the US. The Germans make small gains in Stalingrad and south of the Terek River in the Caucasus.

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Roosevelt gains the power to control wages, salaries and agricultural prices. The Liner Queen Mary accidentally sinks the cruiser HMS Curacao in a high-speed collision.

## **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 28. The Invasion of Italy, and the Road to Spinnazola**

**31 Aug 1943.** The regiment moved off in the morning to the docks in Catania. Here we loaded into LSTs, we being on LST404. These crafts are terrific. They have two decks, a flat bottom, and a ramp set into the nose. The trucks are all on the top deck, which they reach by an inside elevator. The quarters are quite comfortable, but very hot. Emergency rations were issued after we were aboard. We pulled out in the evening, with barrage balloons flying, and anchored in the harbour of Augusta.

**1 Sept** Lay in harbor all day. The port is jammed with liners, freighters, and all types of landing craft. In the evening hundreds of landing craft left the harbor in a long impressive line.

**2 Sept** Lay in harbor all day. Enemy planes appeared a couple of times, but no damage. In the afternoon, we were briefed on the attack on Italy and were given full details of the plan. We weighed anchor at 2145 hrs and moved slowly into the outer sea. Everyone is in high spirits.

**3 Sept** This is the fourth anniversary of the start of the war – what a comeback the Allies are staging! We can see the gun flashes as hundreds of shells are poured across the straits from Sicily. Tracer bullets being fired in a steady fixed line are markers for the invasion craft. We approached the beach just as the sun was rising. At 0900 hrs, our LST beached near the outskirts of Reggio di Calabria. We made a dry landing. As we disembarked there were hundreds of Italian soldiers carrying lumber, water and supplies and generally helping us to unload. Many prisoners were still coming to the beach, escorted by only one or two Canadians. The Intelligence Officers on the beach are getting a lot of information from them, as they are eager to talk. We started out through Reggio, which was badly battered by shelling and bombing. At first the town looked deserted, but crowds gradually gathered around, greeting us with hand clapping, waving and shouts of “Viva”. They seemed just as glad, if not more so, to see us than even the Sicilians. Everyone had a big smile and a wave for us, even the Italian soldiers walking themselves back to the POW camps, many without escorts.

At a street corner, we had a minute to speak to three Allied airmen who had escaped during the shelling from a nearby POW camp. They were barefoot and wearing pyjamas – but they were happy! At the concentration area, I unloaded my motorbike. The gun position was just on the edge of town. We set up the CP in an air raid shelter.

**Sitrep:** Italians surrendering in large numbers. R22R reached their first objective before noon. No Germans in area. Late in the evening our FOO with the Van Doos reported “no contact with the enemy”.

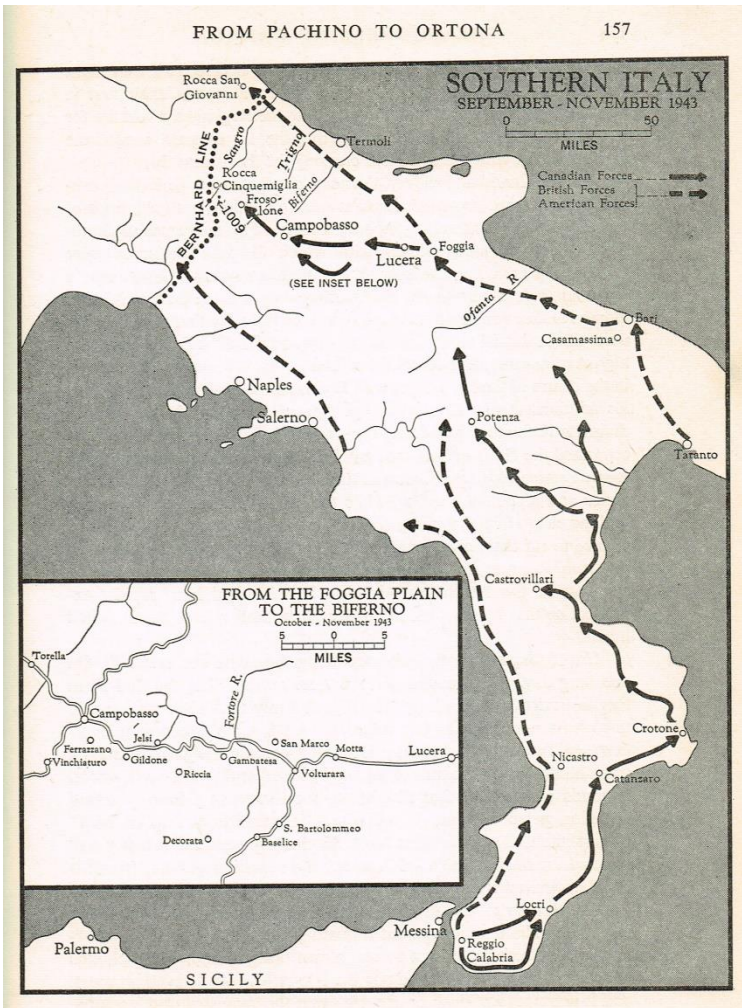
**4 Sept** Recce pulled out at 0600 hrs. I stayed behind, doing nothing all day. At about 2000 hrs I took Y to try to reach the recce party with their rations. I met the RSO, Lt Owens, who took them to the new area.

**5 Sept** We moved forward at 0900 hrs. We were slowed by badly cratered roads, and in some places had to stop until the RCE fixed them up a bit. The enemy is still out of contact. With the night came fog and rain. The convoy proceeded more or less along the axis of the advance.

**6 Sept** Still raining. Y left on another recce. The only news was that the enemy was still out of contact and that several bridges ahead of us had been blown. In the afternoon, we went forward a few more miles to a bivouac area where we camped for the night. While there a large group of wet and shivering Italian POWs were marched past by half a dozen PPCLI.

**7 Sept** Still no information about the enemy. We did maintenance all day. Our next objective is Catannanova, after which we are to swing to the coast to Locri.

**8 Sept** The Regiment moved 18 miles north. Civilians report soldiers left the area six days ago. 2 Cdn Inf Bde reached their objective, Catannanova, and 3 Cdn Inf Bde is advancing on Locri. The camp was electrified by the news Italy had capitulated. Everyone is in high spirits.



**9 Sept** We stayed put all day. Had a route march, of all things! Many Italian soldiers passing to the rear. It is reported some are fighting the Germans in some areas. The Red Patch summed up the confusion as follows: "We often wondered before the invasion of Italy began who would fight the harder in defence of the country, Germans or Italians. We expected both to be enemy. With Italy out of it, it looks as though the battle is to be between the Germans and the Allies. But the Italians are instructed to sabotage German military efforts. They may even resist a German occupation of Rome. We don't care if Germans kill Italians; we hope Italians will kill Germans. The Italians hope to kill Germans but don't care much if they kill us too. The Germans want to kill us almost as much as they want to kill Italians; they hope we and the Italians will kill each other."

**10 Sept** Recce moved off at 0600 hrs. Very rough going with several bad diversions

where bridges had been blown. I took a bad spill and broke the foot selector and stripped a couple of gears. I left my bike to be picked up by the echelon and rode in Y. After some more rough travelling we set up our bivouac a few miles south of Rocella and had a swim in the sea. We are still receiving reports that the Jerries are seizing Italian vehicles and equipment, and that some of the Italians are fighting back.

**11 Sept** Lt Fisher and the other CPOs went forward in a jeep. We awaited the arrival of the Regiment, and joined the guns as they started to pass. BSM Walker showed up with my bike which had been repaired. We travelled over terrifically steep hills with narrow twisting roads which dropped off to sheer plunges. It was tough going on the bike, but I got by. At one village, an Italian paratrooper came strolling down the road with a long knife at his belt. I pulled him up at the point of my tommy gun and relieved him of it. Judging by his words and dark looks, it was lucky I had the gun. We reached our concentration area in a small village a couple of miles from Catanzaro. The villagers were very friendly and gave us fruits and vegetables which improved our stew.

**12 Sept** We did maintenance all day. Large numbers of villagers, led by the village priest, returned from the hills where they hid as the Jerries withdrew.

**13 Sept** Col Lane inspected the vehicles in the morning, and we had swimming parade in the afternoon. EFI rations came up in the evening, and I got 140 Gold Flake cigarettes, 2 razor blades, and a bar of soap.

**14 Sept** We marched about three miles to a field, where MGen Simonds pulled a “Monty” and called us all around his car while he told us the score. Three landings have been made so far: our own, one near Taranto, and a third, by the Yanks, at Naples, where the Germans are putting up stiff opposition. We are to expect tough fighting by the Germans in the larger towns, especially those controlling communications. We will also have stiff opposition for the large cities farther north. He said: “If we get all the breaks, Germany might collapse before the end of the year. If we get only even breaks, it is possible that the end will be next spring or summer”. How wrong could he be!

**15 Sept** Short move of about ten miles to a concentration area where we began preparing for a long move. I was very sick at night – hot and cold spells, and a bit of a fever.

**16 Sept** Am very sick – hot and cold alternatively, and rubbery knees. I’m not in fine shape to ride a bike, but do not want to be evacuated, so I’ll wait and see what happens. We made a move of about 160 miles via Cietro, Strogoli, and Curiati to an area near Trebisacce. As we neared the area, H went into the ditch. Maxam and Dickinson were slightly hurt and were evacuated.

**17 Sept** Am feeling much better but still a bit rocky. I took a jeep back 50 miles to pick up the Major whose carrier had broken down. The Battery pulled out again at 2330 hrs.

**18 – 19 Sept** We travelled all night along fairly good roads under a bright moon. The recce party left in the morning but was halted by a blown bridge. Lt Parker-Davis left on recce again the next morning. The Battery followed an hour later, and moved into a concentration area. Halfway through supper the recce party was ordered forward again. We were slowed down by demolitions, but the RCE was hard at work. Many of the bridges were blown just this morning, so it looks as though we are getting closer to the Jerries. C Bty is in action and is firing. Just after dark we picked out a new area just short of Potenza. Still no firing.

**20 Sept** A Bty fired its first round at 0824 hrs, heralding a morning of firing as the infantry attacked Potenza. The attack, apparently against troops left to hold up our Engineers, was successful. A bridge over a deep section of the river had been blown, but the RCE soon had a good diversion constructed, and we moved off at noon. We picked a position in the river bed, overlooked by part of Potenza. The FOO reported that the “civilians are friendly and greeted our troops with cheers”. Late in the afternoon a truckload of suicide-bent Germans drove into Potenza to hamper the RCE. We heard the rifle and MG fire while they were being eliminated. It didn’t take long.

**21 Sept** SOS and DF tasks laid on, but no firing. Quiet all day. Flurry of activity in the evening as several DFs were registered. Lots of wine around at night – some good, some bad, mostly indifferent.

**22 Sept** Recce moved off and we selected an area a couple miles past Potenza. The CP was in a large house, whose doors we “accidentally” bumped open. I made friends with the caretaker by treating and bandaging the badly burnt leg of his young son. We got data for many DFs, but no firing. Things were a bit disorganized that night as a party on the patio, with lots of wine and cognac, once in a while flowed into the CP.

**23 Sept** We were informed that we were to fortify the area, and would be staying until 1 Oct. Congratulations were relayed from “Monty” on the Canadians’ 400 mile advance in 16 days. We were also told that the Naples and Salerno bridgeheads were secure.

**24 - 25 Sept** We began digging a CP in a nearby vineyard. In the evening, a former Italian officer came into the CP and gave us detailed information of a concentration of tanks about 150 kilos away. We shot the information up to Division, and took him there in a jeep.

**26 - 27 Sept** Still digging at a slow pace.

**28 Sept** Finished digging in the morning, and at 1300 hrs the recce moved off. We had a long trip via Acrenzza to the new Regt’l area a few miles north of Spinnazola. Large crowds cheered us as we passed. It gives one a queer feeling to be cheered like that.

## **This Humvee-Mounted Howitzer Is Here To "Shoot and Scoot"**

The Hawkeye Mobile Weapon System can fire and then move at a moment's notice.

Kyle Mizokami Sep 20, 2017



A new self-propelled howitzer system meets a Humvee—or a Ford F-250 pickup truck—with a 105-millimeter howitzer for an artillery system capable of rapidly moving from one firing position to another. The result is the Hawkeye, a new artillery system that can not only keep up with fast-moving friendly forces but dodge attempts by enemy forces to shut it down. Like other so-called "indirect fire" systems such as mortars, howitzers fire a heavy projectile

at targets miles away. A major problem with indirect fire weapons is that they generate a huge amount of recoil, making it necessary to mount them on heavy vehicles equipped with stabilizers that dig into the dirt, bracing the entire vehicle.

Mandus Group, a defense contractor that specializes in field artillery maintenance, figured out that the key to reducing howitzer weight was to reduce recoil. Once that was accomplished, a howitzer could be parked on top of much lighter vehicles. At 2,550 pounds, Mandus claims the Hawkeye is the world's lightest self-propelled howitzer. The Hawkeye's hydraulic recoil-dampening system reduces recoil by seventy percent. This makes it possible for 105-millimeter howitzers, which used to be mounted in armored vehicles, to fit on a flatbed M1152A1 Humvee, a trailer, and even a Ford F-250 pickup. A single button retracts the hydraulic stabilizers, and the Hawkeye is ready to hit the road just thirty seconds later. The ability to pack up everything and move quickly is not just useful to support friendly forces. Although artillery typically stays far behind friendly lines, howitzers like Hawkeye are routinely targeted in wartime by so-called "counterbattery" missions conducted by an adversary's own artillery. Counterbattery relies on sound-locating equipment or radar to detect the point of origin of incoming artillery rounds, which is then showered with indirect fire.

The key to staying in the fight and not getting blown up is what artillerymen call "shoot and scoot"—firing from one position, moving, and then firing from another. The faster an artillery unit can displace to its next firing position, the better its chances of survival. Hawkeye can fire up to eight 105-millimeter rounds a minute for three minutes, meaning a battery of six vehicles can rain down 144 105-millimeter shells on the enemy before the gun barrel gets so hot it needs a rest. It



can fire high explosive, illumination, and smoke rounds to a range of 7.2 miles. It can fire rocket assisted projectiles that sacrifice payload for a rocket motor that increases effective range to 12.2 miles. Hawkeye could be very useful for US Army light infantry brigades and Marines, and both services have reportedly shown interest. The Hawkeye is currently being exhibited at the Modern Day Marine trade show at Quantico, Virginia. It is scheduled to strut its stuff next week at Camp Atterbury, Indiana and later Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the home of the U.S. Army artillery branch.

***Ed note:*** In a soft-recoil (out of battery) system, the spring (or air cylinder) that returns the barrel to the forward position starts out in a nearly fully compressed position, then the gun's barrel is released to fly forward in the moment before firing; the charge is then ignited just as

*the barrel reaches the fully forward (in battery) position. Since the barrel is still moving forward when the charge is ignited, about half of the recoil impulse is applied to stopping the forward motion of the barrel, while the other half, as in the usual system, is taken up in recompressing the spring. A latch then catches the barrel and holds it in the starting position. This roughly halves the energy that the spring needs to absorb, also roughly halving the peak force conveyed to the mount, as compared to the usual system. However, the need to reliably achieve ignition at a single precise instant is a major practical difficulty with this system; and unlike the usual hydro-pneumatic system, soft-recoil systems do not easily deal with hangfires or misfires. One of the early guns to use this system was the French 65 mm mle.1906; it was also used by the World War II British PIAT man-portable anti-tank weapon.*

## **Thales Awarded AJISS Contract for Up to 35 years**

Marcello Sukhdeo Aug 17 2017



*Artist's impression of the Harry Dewolf-Class Arctic and Offshore Patrol Vessel.*

*Photo Irving Shipbuilding Inc.*

Thales has been awarded, potentially the largest In-Service Support (ISS) contract in Canadian history. This contract includes the refit, repair, maintenance and training of both the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships (AOPS) and Joint Support Ships (JSS), commonly known as AJISS.

The contract covers an initial service period of eight years for up to \$800 Million CAD, with options to extend services up to 35 years, for a total value of \$5.2 Billion CAD. Over the past five decades, Thales has provided in-service support to every major Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) platform, including the Victoria-class submarines, Kingston-class maritime coastal defence vessels, Iroquois-class destroyers and Halifax-class frigates.

*Artist rendering of the definition design for Joint Support Ships.*

*Photo DND.*



To fulfill this contract, Thales will work closely with the RCN's support facilities and personnel. This contract will generate an economic benefit of more than \$250 Million CAD in Research & Development for Canada over its 35-year duration. This benefit will support the creativity of "both industry and academia and sparking innovation in areas such as predictive maintenance, life-cycle management and logistics support analysis," according to a press release from Thales.



Thales has extensive performance-based ISS experience with the Royal Australian Navy and will be transferring knowledge of innovative ISS-ready solutions from Australia to Canada. Since 1989, Thales has been working with the Australian Government to manage, maintain and upgrade its naval assets at the Garden Island Naval Base in Sydney. The company has also provided ISS to navies in Singapore, New Zealand, USA, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, Papua and New Guinea, and Tonga. "As Canada's partner of choice for AJISS, Thales is committed to empowering Canadian industry to support this program for decades to come," said Mark Halinaty, Thales Country Director in Canada. Thales' ISS program solution will create jobs across Canada and will ensure that the ships are mission-ready, where and when they are needed, from coast to coast to coast."

## **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>

Len Norris cartoons from 1957 and 1959. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1957.html>  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1959---43rd-maa-regt-rca.html>

Photo of our 155 mm howitzer at Ladner in 1964 <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1964.html>

Lest we forget Sergeant Murray Van Norman.  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/lest-we-forget4607953>

Lest we forget Lance Sergeant Leslie Holtby.  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/lest-we-forget3396512>

Lest we forget Gunner David Dickinson.  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/lest-we-forget2225757>

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

## **Who Is It**



**Last Week:** It is a British heavy tank Mark IV, a "female", armed with five .303 Lewis guns, with "Solomon" camo paint scheme, specifically the only one of that type acquired by Japan, purchased in 1917, delivered in 1918 (Japan's first tank) ending up on display at a Japanese war memorial and scrapped in 1942. "The "Female" tank was a type of armoured fighting vehicle deployed during the First World War that carried multiple machine guns instead of the mix of machine guns and cannons mounted by the original Mark I tank, a Male tank. The Male and Female were designed to work in pairs; the former carried 6 pounders and the female had machine guns to protect the male from infantry attack. The Lady is Mrs Spring, mother of Capt Bob Spring.

**This Week:** The 1940s and 1950s were times of incredible change. Compare the fighters Canada was using in 1940 (Hurricanes) to the Avro Arrow. They are a world apart. And, it was not just on this world that things changed. Many of the older chaps in the mess remember the days of UFO sightings (now limited to overweight fellows from rural areas who live in their RVs, having been ejected from their houses by infuriated wives). Many a fighter jet was scrambled to investigate unidentified flying objects, sometimes for fear of a Soviet incursion, sometimes for fear of an alien invasion. Pilots would often swear that they had seen a ‘flying saucer’, and then return to the mess to elaborate further upon their experience, sometimes even selling their story to academic journals, such as “Amazing Tales”, or “Real Men Adventures”.



Such was the interest in these strange occurrences, that both the Dominion Department of Eerie Phenomena, and its UK equivalent invested heavily in devices that could track these objects. Sadly, little remains in the archives to show what was constructed. However, our late curator left us some photos of obscure machines, and we feature one this week. Can you, dear reader and UFO enthusiast, tell us what the large green, futuristic thingie is? Has it just landed from a far distant galaxy, or is it one of ours? Your expert ideas may be sent to our esteemed editor, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)).

Keep watching the sky, and be ready (the cats know!).

### **From the ‘Punitary’**

Why did the housewife sell her Hoover? Because it was just collecting dust.

### **Murphy’s Other Laws**

Quick decisions are unsafe decisions.

### **Quotable Quotes**

Water, air, and cleanness are the chief articles in my pharmacy. *Napoleon Bonaparte*



**BC Afghanistan Memorial  
Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony  
Saturday, September 30, 2017  
Victoria, BC**



[vicaafghanistanmemorial.ca](http://vicaafghanistanmemorial.ca)

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**Public Invitation**

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The directors of the BC Afghanistan Memorial Society invite the public to join:

- ☞ Her Honour, The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia
- ☞ The Honourable John Horgan, MLA, Premier of British Columbia,
- ☞ Her Excellency Shinkai Karokhail, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Canada
- ☞ BC's Memorial Cross families
- ☞ and other dignitaries

for the unveiling of the BC Afghanistan Memorial

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**Order of Events**

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**12:15 to 1:15**

- ☞ The bells of Christ Church Cathedral

**1:15 to 1:45**

- ☞ Band of the 5<sup>th</sup> (BC) Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery
- ☞ Cathedral School Choir
- ☞ Memorial Cross families and dignitaries arrive

**1:45**

- ☞ Military parade arrives
- ☞ Special guests arrive

**2:00**

- ☞ Arrival of The Honourable Judith Guichon
- ☞ Commemoration and unveiling program begins



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Quadra and Courtney Streets**

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## **Octoberfest -- Saturday 14 October 2017**

The 6 Engineer Squadron Combined Mess is hosting an Octoberfest fund raiser on 14 October from 7 pm to 11 pm. The evening will include beer tasting and beer from Bridge Brewing Co. finger food, cash bar for other beverages and a Silent Auction. All net proceeds to be directed for the benefit of 6th Field Engineer Squadron Museum. Event is being held in the mess (address listed below). Dress code is business casual and guests are encouraged to prearrange transport home with their friends or family members.

Price of tickets includes a flight of beer, samples and food. Tickets are \$20 each must be purchased in advance, by any of these 3 methods:

1. Directly from one of the following members:

James Happer -- Fraser Valley Area [jhapper@shaw.ca](mailto:jhapper@shaw.ca)

Jerry Silva New Westminster Area [jsilva@safety.bc.ca](mailto:jsilva@safety.bc.ca)

Bill White Vancouver Area [waswhite@telus.net](mailto:waswhite@telus.net)

2. Cheque made out to:

6 Field Engineer Squadron Museum

Please mail or deliver your cheque to the following address by 06 October 2017:

6 Field Engineer Squadron Museum

Lt Col. J.P. Fell Armoury

1513 Forbes Avenue

North Vancouver BC V7M 2Y4

3. By email fund transfer to [6esOctoberfest2017@gmail.com](mailto:6esOctoberfest2017@gmail.com)

Hope to see you soon.



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**Sunday October 15, 2017**

**9:30<sup>am</sup> - 1:00<sup>pm</sup>**

**Central Park Burnaby**  
(Kingsway and Boundary Rd.)

**Registration Fee \$25**

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The Captain, R.N.S.A. B.C. Squadron

cordially invites you and your guest to attend a Mess Dinner to

**Celebrate Nelson's Victory at Trafalgar 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.1805**

To be held at the  
**Royal Vancouver Yacht Club**

3811 Point Grey Road, Vancouver

Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 1800 for 1900

Tickets: \$100 Each

Dress: Mess Dress  
or Black Tie with miniatures

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## **The Vancouver Artillery Association**

is working on a book celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
**the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA**

Input from current and serving members is needed to ensure that we capture stories from all that have been a part of the unit from its earliest days.

### **Would you like to be part of the team?**

We're meeting every third Wednesday of the month from lunch until 2200 hours at the Regimental Museum.

Can you spare a couple of hours on 20 September 2017?

For more information email - LeonJ1@hotmail.com



## **Warning Order Yorke Island Field Days**

**October 19-22 2017**

**Thu, 19 Oct – Travel Day – Meet and greet in the evening**

**Fri, 20 Oct – On Island information session**

**Trail assessment**

**Sat, 21 Oct – Camp assessment**

**Fort assessment**

**Sun, 22 Oct – Return home**

*Can't make it for the entire program? RSVP with available days and we'll work out a plan.*

p.s. – always looking for additional sponsors to help defray expenses for those volunteers unable to meet the costs associated with the adventure. (ferry, lodging, meals, etc)

Overall concept still in planning stages and there may be substantial changes to the program depending on numbers of volunteers, weather, etc, etc. Further details to follow!

RSVP – LeonJ1@hotmail.com





## **Wednesday Lunches**

**Have you been down to Bessborough Armoury lately?**

**When was the last time you were at the**

**15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment Officers' Mess?**

**Did you know that the Mess continues to offer a fine lunch  
every Wednesday at 12:00?**

**For \$20.00 you get a 5 course meal and the opportunity to reconnect  
with your Gunner friends and other guests.**

**Business attire expected.**

***The Regimental Museum opens at 10:00 every Wednesday.***