

## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News 2 May 2023

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### Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

#### Commemoration Cyprus 2024 – see poster section

- May 03 Wed ‘Zoom’ lunch meeting
- May 06 The **2023 Army Gala** at the Sheraton Wall Centre [www.militarygala.ca](http://www.militarygala.ca)
- May 10 Wed ‘Zoom’ lunch meeting
- May 13 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders Battle of Ste Foy Commem Dinner **Last Call!**
- May 17 Wed ‘Zoom’ lunch meeting
- May 18 **Thursday** lunch at the Mess. Speaker Roddy MacKenzie:-  
*Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph*

### Canadian Gunner News



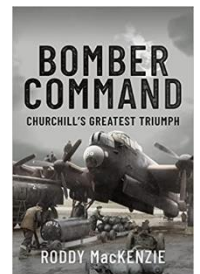
The April issue of the Canadian Gunner News is now in your inbox or available online at <http://rca-arc.org>.

Expect your newsletter to come from our new email address [Ubique@rca-arc.org](mailto:Ubique@rca-arc.org). Please add it to your contacts so you don't miss an issue.

**Catherine Gagnon** Director - RCAA Public Affairs /  
Directrice des affaires publiques de L'AARC

## **Roddy MacKenzie – Bomber Command: Churchill's Greatest Triumph**

Please join us on **Thursday**, 18 May to welcome our next guest speaker, Roddy MacKenzie. He will speak to us about his recently published book on Bomber Command in the Second World War. Roddy MacKenzie's father served with the Royal Canadian Air Force 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. 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. Roddy became a man on a mission, and this 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 MacKenzie was born and raised in Calgary and educated at the University of Calgary and the University of British Columbia. He was a municipal lawyer acting for municipalities throughout BC, a Queen's Scout, a Seaforth Highlanders Patron and a Life Member of Clan MacKenzie, the Monarchist League of Canada and the Bomber Command Memorial and Museum of Canada. He is also a member of the Churchill Society, Probus, the RAF Club in London, the Air Force Officers and Naval Associations of BC, and the Bomber Command Associations of Australia and New Zealand.

*Also available at Amazon.ca for \$48.24*

### **Thursday (not Wednesday) Lunch – May 18, 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 Roddy MacKenzie's presentation will take place in the lecture room at **1315hrs**. 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](mailto:dgfoster60@gmail.com)

**Prepayment** for lunch tickets required by **May 5, 2023**. E-transfer may be made to: [15rcal100th@gmail.com](mailto:15rcal100th@gmail.com) If you cannot e-transfer please make payment arrangements in advance with HLCol Don Foster. There will be no cash or credit card option available at the door.

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

# **MND Announces Military Aid Package for Ukraine Worth \$39 Million**

Vanguard Staff, April 30, 2023



*Canadian Armed Forces soldiers from Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) carry ammunition to a Leopard 2 tank as part of live-fire training by Ukrainian soldiers in southwestern Poland, March 06, 2023.*

*Photo: Master Sailor Valerie LeClair, Canadian Armed Forces Photo*

The eleventh meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group (UDCG) was recently hosted by United States Secretary of Defense Lloyd J Austin III at Ramstein Air Base, Germany and was attended by Defence Minister Anita Anand. While at the meeting a new Canadian military aid package for Ukraine was announced by Minister Anand. It will include:

- A \$34.6 million contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Ukraine Comprehensive Assistance Package (CAP) Trust Fund. This donation will:
  - enable the implementation of the NATO CAP fuel material project, which will provide Ukraine with 3.3 million litres of needed fuel supplies;
  - enable the implementation of the NATO CAP Improved Ribbon Bridge project – which will provide Ukraine with modular floatation bridge assets to enable wet-gap crossing; and
  - provide a first contribution to the NATO CAP medical first aid kits project.
- Approximately \$2.5 million for 40 .50 caliber sniper rifles and ammunition from PGW Defence Technologies Inc. based in Winnipeg, which includes spare parts and accessories.
- Approximately \$2 million worth of new radio sets (16 in total) from L3 Harris to accompany the Leopard 2 tank donations.

“Approximately one year after the Ukraine Defense Contact Group first met here at Ramstein Air Base, our collective resolve to stand with Ukraine is stronger than ever. At today’s meeting, we made important progress on addressing Ukraine’s most pressing immediate, and long-term defence priorities. The donations and support announced by Canada today will help ensure that Ukraine has what it needs to defend its sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity,” explained the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence. The Government of Canada has various funding envelopes for military assistance to Ukraine and this new donation comes from the remaining funds in those various envelopes. In addition to the military aid package, Minister Anand provided an update where she noted all eight Leopard 2 main battle tanks committed by Canada to Ukraine have been delivered to Poland. Canada has also deployed three Leopard Gunnery Skills Trainers from 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division Support Base Valcartier to assist with efforts to train Ukrainian tank crews on the operation and tactics of the Leopard 2 tanks. Finally, Minister Anand also underscored the April 11, 2023, announcement that Canada will donate over 21,000 small arms to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. This includes assault rifles,

machine guns, and over 2.4 million rounds of small arms ammunition. This will be sourced from Colt Canada with an approximate value of \$59 million. Canada continues to work closely with Allies and partners to support Ukraine with much needed comprehensive military aid as quickly as possible.

## **Raytheon's Patriot Missiles Arrive in Ukraine**

*Adam Pemble Defense News Apr 19, 2023*



*Members of US 10<sup>th</sup> Army Air and Missile Defense Command stands next to a Patriot surface-to-air missile battery during the NATO multinational ground-based air defence units exercise "Tobruq Legacy 2017" at the Siauliai airbase some 230 km. (144 miles) east of the capital Vilnius, Lithuania, on July 20, 2017.*

*(AP Photo/Mindaugas Kulbis)*

Ukraine's defense minister said Wednesday his country has received U.S-made Patriot surface-to-air guided missile systems it has long craved and which Kyiv hopes will help shield it from Russian strikes during the war. "Today, our beautiful Ukrainian sky becomes more secure because Patriot air defense systems have arrived in Ukraine," Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov said in a tweet. Ukrainian officials have previously said the arrival of Patriot systems, which Washington agreed to send last October, would be a major boost and a milestone in the war against Moscow's full-scale invasion. The Patriot can target aircraft, cruise missiles and shorter-range ballistic missiles. Russia has used that weaponry to bombard Ukraine, including residential areas and civilian infrastructure, especially the power supply over the winter. Ukrainian air force spokesman Yuriy Ihnat said late Tuesday that delivery of the system would be a landmark event, allowing Ukrainians to knock out Russian targets at a greater distance. Reznikov thanked the people of the United States, Germany and the Netherlands, without saying how many systems had been delivered nor when.

*A Patriot surface-to-air missile battery deployed somewhere in Ukraine*



Germany's federal government website on Tuesday listed a Patriot system as among the military items delivered within the past week to

Ukraine, and German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock confirmed that to lawmakers in Berlin on Wednesday. Reznikov said he had first asked for Patriot systems when he visited the US in August 2021, five months before the full-scale invasion by the Kremlin's forces and seven years after Russia illegally annexed Ukraine's Crimea peninsula. He described possessing the system as "a dream" but said he was told in the US at the time that it was "impossible." Ukrainian personnel have been trained on the Patriot battery, which can need as many as 90 troops to operate and maintain it. "Our air defenders have mastered (the Patriot systems) as far as they could. And our partners have kept their word," Reznikov wrote. Experts have cautioned that the system's effectiveness is limited, and it may not be a game changer in the war, even though it will add to Ukraine's arsenal against its bigger enemy. The Patriot was first deployed by the US in the 1980s. The system costs approximately \$4 million per round and the launchers cost about \$10 million each, analysts say.



*Patriot missile launchers acquired from the US last year are seen deployed in Warsaw, Poland, on Feb 6, 2023.*

*(AP Photo/Michal Dyjuk, File)*

At such a cost, it's not advantageous to use the Patriot to shoot down the far smaller and cheaper Iranian drones that Russia has been buying and using in Ukraine. Kyiv officials have reported daily civilian, but not military, casualties from Russian bombardment. At least four civilians were killed and 27 others were injured in Ukraine on Tuesday and overnight, the press office of Ukraine's defense ministry reported. A 50-year-old man and 44-year-old woman were killed in a Russian airstrike on a border town in the northeastern Kharkiv region, its Gov Oleh Syniehubov said in televised remarks. Russian forces launched 12 rocket, artillery, mortar, tank and drone attacks on Ukraine's southern Kherson region, its Gov Oleksandr Prokudin said, killing one civilian at a market in the center of Kherson, the region's namesake capital, and a nearby school. A woman was killed and another was wounded in northern Ukraine after Russian forces shelled the border village of Richki from multiple rocket launchers, the local military administration said. Russian forces also fired nighttime exploding drones at Ukraine's southern Odesa region.

# Military Must Train to Fight When Communications Break Down

Stephen Losey

Defense News Apr 26, 2023

WASHINGTON — The United States’ adversaries will likely target the communications abilities vital to multi-domain operations in a future war, and military commanders will have to be ready to operate during such disruptions, experts said Wednesday. The US military’s ability to fight a network-integrated war, in which it can use vast arrays of sensors, satellites and communications nodes to deliver large amounts of integrated firepower, is one of its key advantages, said Andrew Metrick, a defense fellow at the Center for a New American Security think tank. “But potential adversaries such as China and Russia have zeroed in on that as a key ability they would need to take out or disrupt in a fight against the US”, Metrick said during a panel for the C4ISRNET Conference. “We should take it as a given that in places, our communications are going to break and fail,” Metrick said. “When your adversary is as focused and as capable as [China] appears to be, you should not take it as a given that you will have the same degree of comms freedom that you had when that domain was not being tested.” Adversaries’ advancements in jamming and electronic warfare capabilities have made it necessary for the military to look at a “decentralized” approach to some operations, said Matt Farmer, an analyst for the operational level doctrine division at the Army’s Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate.



*Long-range precision fires such as those fired by the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, are a critical element of multidomain operations. But adversaries are likely to disrupt the communication networks multidomain operations rely upon, experts say, making it necessary for units to be able to operate semi-independently. (Senior Airman Isaac Johnson/Air Force)*

The strong networking and communications systems of the American armed forces can provide a significant advantage during war, Farmer said – but the way the military fights can’t always depend on those communication lines remaining up. “We know that the battlefield, now and in the next five to seven years, we’re going to be experiencing this degraded communications environment,” Farmer said. “We have to be able to operate when you don’t have perfect communications or perfect information.” If a unit cannot act autonomously, and its effectiveness on the battlefield depends on talking to a command post to get permission to fire weapons or coordinate with other forces”, Metrick said, “that operational concept will collapse. “How we

think about how those units are able to still maneuver and generate effects in a degraded environment is crucial.”

In addition to developing resilient communications systems that can withstand enemy attacks, Metrick said, the Defense Department needs to create “nodal,” almost self-contained systems. These units need to be able to operate largely on their own across battlefield domains, while only having sporadic, low-quality contact back to command posts, he said, though he acknowledged doing that will be difficult. Metrick said the war in Ukraine has shown how important it is to have a flexible networking construct, though he cautioned not all lessons would apply in a potential US war in the Indo-Pacific region. Ukraine has taken advantage of resources such as Starlink satellites and ground terminals to help manage command and control. Kyiv’s forces also have used a variety of small drones to beat back Russia’s invasion, he said. “It’s very much a bootstrapped approach [in Ukraine], but it’s effective,” Metrick said. “In a lot of ways, you can glean things about the importance of tactical flexibility, about agility, and about the unique combinations of capabilities that produce asymmetric effects from the Ukraine example.”

## **Ukraine Allies Sent 1550 Combat Vehicles, Vast Stocks of Ammo**

David Rising and Lorne Cook, AP Military News Apr 27, 2023



*A Ukrainian soldier holds his helmet as he rides an APC in Bakhmut, in the Donetsk region, Ukraine, Wednesday, April 26, 2023. (AP Photo/Libkos)*

KYIV, Ukraine — NATO allies and partner countries have delivered more than 98% of the combat vehicles promised to Ukraine during Russia’s invasion and war, the military alliance’s chief said Thursday, giving Kyiv a bigger punch as contemplates launching a counteroffensive. Along with more than 1,550 armored vehicles, 230 tanks and other equipment, Ukraine’s allies have sent “vast amounts of ammunition” and also trained and equipped more than nine new Ukrainian brigades, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said. More than 30,000 troops are estimated to make up the new brigades. Some NATO partner countries, such as Sweden and Australia, have also provided armored vehicles. “This will put Ukraine in a strong position to continue to retake occupied territory,” Stoltenberg told reporters in Brussels.

His comments came a day after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he and Chinese leader Xi Jinping had a “long and meaningful” phone call in their first known contact since Russia’s full-scale invasion more than a year ago. Though Zelenskyy said he was encouraged by Wednesday’s call and Western officials welcomed Xi’s move, the development didn’t appear to bring about any immediate shift in peace prospects. Russia and Ukraine are far apart in their terms for peace, and Beijing — while looking to position itself as a global diplomatic power — has refused to criticize Moscow’s invasion. The Chinese government sees Russia as a diplomatically ally in opposing U.S. influence in global affairs, and Xi visited Moscow last month. Stoltenberg said the 31 NATO allies were committed to shoring up Ukraine’s military, adding that taking back land occupied by the Kremlin’s forces would give Kyiv a stronger negotiating position if peace talks occur.

Ukrainian officials said China’s overture was encouraging. Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal on Thursday described the call between Xi and Zelenskyy as “very productive.” “I’m convinced it is a good beginning for our relations in the future,” Shmyhal said after visiting Pope Francis at the Vatican. But the Kremlin’s response was lukewarm. Asked if the call could help end the fighting, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters: “We are ready to welcome anything that could lead to the termination of the conflict in Ukraine and the achievement of all the goals set by Russia.” Peskov said the conversation between the Chinese and Ukrainian leaders was “the sovereign business of those countries and the issue of their bilateral dialogue.” With battlefield positions in Ukraine largely static as a war of attrition took hold in recent months, Russian forces have kept up their bombardment of Ukrainian areas, often hitting apartment buildings and other civilian infrastructure. At least seven civilians were killed and 33 were injured between Wednesday and Thursday, Ukraine’s presidential office said Thursday. They included one person killed and 23 wounded, including a child, when four Kalibr cruise missiles hit the southern city of Mykolaiv, official said. The governor of Mykolaiv province, Vitalii Kim, said 22 multi-story buildings, 12 private houses and other residential buildings were damaged in the attack. Kalibr missiles are launched from ships or submarines, The ones that hit Mykolaiv were fired from somewhere in the Black Sea, according to Ukraine’s Operational Command South.

## **Vancouver Gunners Website Update**

### **Yorke Island Adventure 21-24 Apr 2023**

A bit of a poor weather start to the weekend that included ferry cancellations, strong waves coming across the strait and snow past Campbell River. However, the sun did come out on Sunday and Monday morning <https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-20232166034>

### **Yorke Island Officers' Quarters**

We are moving ahead slowly on the Yorke Island Officers' Quarters project. Latest task was measuring the existing foundation and remaining wall structure with a view to providing a scale drawing. Once that's complete, we can formulate a plan to build a new structure within the old foundation in order to create a Docent Centre.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-officers-quarters3949698>



## **Yearbook Update 1937**

Yorke Island is reserved for use by the Department of National Defence. Check out the Minister's view of BC Coastal Defence here.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-19378420341>

## **Yorke Island – September 2021**

Wonderful photos by Max from Salted Fish Studio, including some great night pictures. Check out the other photos here.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-september-2021>

## **Yorke Island April 2022**

Awesome photos from the 85 VICS post winter cleanup weekend on Yorke. It's great when the weather cooperates. The photographer, Max is a newcomer to the group and he offers blowup prints through his Salted Fish Studio. Looking forward to more great photos in the future.

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yorke-island-april-2022>

## **Yearbook Update 1976 - 15th Field Artillery Regiment Band Record**

The Band, under the leadership of Director of Music, Lieutenant Peter Erwin produced an excellent vinyl recording. Key personnel included:

Recording Engineer - Major RE Mugford CD

Sound Engineer - John Renforth

Executive Producer - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant CI Young

Photography - Captain GL Croucher CD

(Conversion to mp3 format - Captain Conway Hui, CD)

<https://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new/yearbook-update-1976-15th-field-artillery-regiment-band-record>

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!**

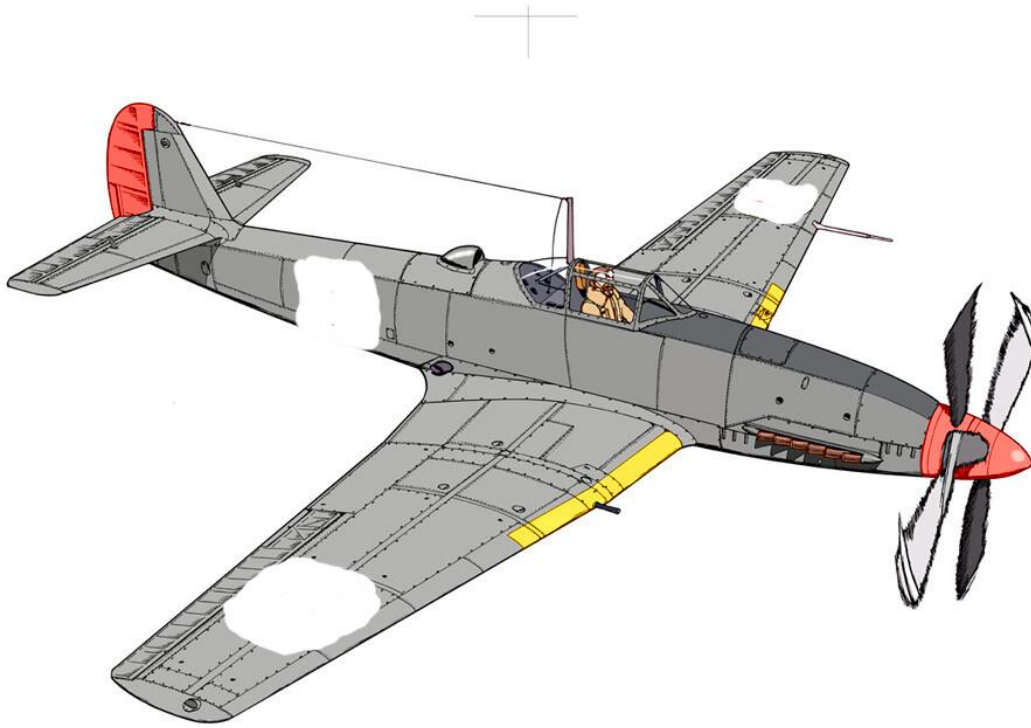
## **Who (or What) Is It?**



**Last Week:** this was an early example of a snowmobile from Canadair called the Rat. It was designed to tow heavy loads over snow and several trials were conducted by the military in the early 1950s. It was never brought into service.

**This Week:** We live in a time of tried and trusted aircraft. Those currently involved in the “Special Military Operation” in Ukraine all date from the Cold War, a time before most of the combatants were born. Our current no-longer cutting-edge CF-18 Hornets date from a design first flown in 1974, the YF-17 (and, yes, we know they are different aircraft, but share much in common). However, this situation arises from the fact that those designs come from a time when there was a great deal of money to be had for military aeroplane development. The designs also

got things right. So, if it ain't broke, why fix it? Well, time and tide do take their toll, and the next generation of fighters is already in service with several air forces, and will, eventually, be seen with RCAF roundels, if all goes to plan, although at a cost that might be more than that paid by other nations.



In the past, however, new aircraft seem to have appeared almost weekly. Many were of designs that, quite frankly, should never have left the paper upon which they were drawn (many Blackburn designs would so qualify), while others were good, but for just a short

period of time (the American Curtis A-12 Shrike is a good example). Others still were much in advance of existing types, and could have been successful, save for accidents of history (and sometimes of mechanics).

The latter is the subject of this week's quiz. It is obviously of World War Two vintage, but with a few features that were not common at the time. Note the canopy and propeller configurations. Note also that we have edited the image so that the nationality is not obvious. What, dear air-minded readers, was this fairly advanced aeroplane? What made it so? Whatever happened to it? Send your answers to the editor, Bob Mugford ([bob.mugford@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mugford@gmail.com)), or the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)). Straighten up and fly right!

### **From the 'Punitary'**

What do you call a tiny onion? A minion.

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

Necessity is the mother of deception.

### **Quotable Quotes**

You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great. *Zig Ziglar*

## 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



Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars across mobile, desktop, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done. Zoom is a publicly traded company headquartered in San

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

**BC Military Gala 2023 - SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023**



We are please to provide notice that the annual BC Military Gala is back after a three-year hiatus due to Covid. The ball will be held at Vancouver's Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel. 1800 for 1900hrs.

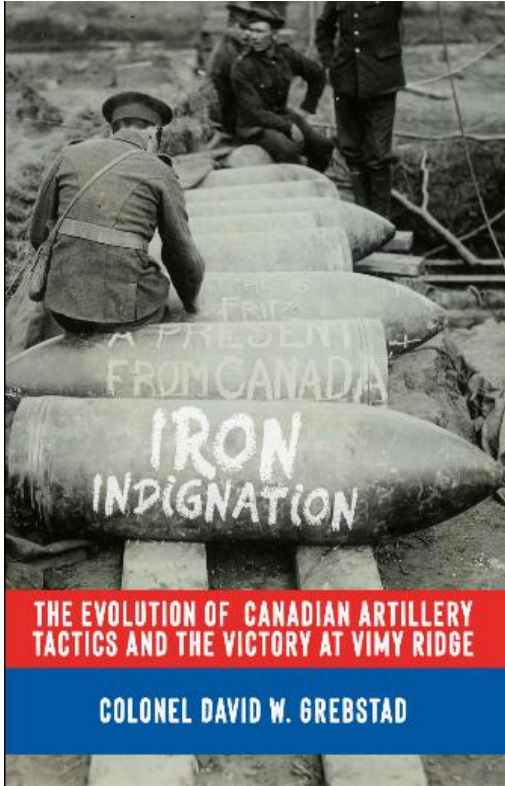
[www.militarygala.ca](http://www.militarygala.ca)

## New Books

### **Iron Indignation:**

#### **The Evolution of Canadian Artillery Tactics and the Victory at Vimy Ridge**

by [David W. Grebstad](#) Regimental Colonel, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery



The Evolution of Tactics that led to Victory in World War One! When the men of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery went to war in 1914, they lacked training, had insufficient guns and ammunition, and clung to a strategy that emphasized manoeuvre and direct-fire engagements. When the opening phases of the Great War came to an end and the conflict became static siege warfare, Canadian gunners had to grow and adapt. By the spring of 1917, the weapons, men, tactics and battle experience of the Canadian and allied artillery forces had evolved sufficiently to allow the artillery to smash German defences and free the infantry to advance. This is the story of the courage, ingenuity, dedication and adaptation of artillery doctrine that contributed to the victory of the Canadian Corps on Vimy Ridge in April 1917.

What was The Battle of Vimy Ridge?

The battle took place from 9-12 April 1917, it was a costly battle that resulted in victory for the Canadian Corps who had been tasked with overcoming the impregnable German defenses. This German emplacement had plagued the allied forces for years and repelled numerous attacks. After weeks of training behind the lines, meticulous planning, and with the help of a terrifying artillery barrage, the Canadian Corps emerged victorious. This became a momentous day for the Canadian forces that is still commemorated to this day.

Who is the book for?

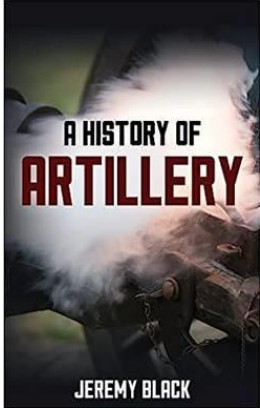
If you are a student of Canadian history, a military or armchair historian this is the book for you. *Iron Indignation* is a book for any proud Canadian looking to learn more about pivotal moments in Canadian history and explore the Great War, The Battle of Vimy Ridge, the Canadian Corps, and the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

Print length -**223 pages** Language -**English** Publication date -**April 6, 2023**

Amazon.ca Paperback \$24.99 eBook \$8.99

# A History of Artillery

Professor Jeremy Black's book 'A History of Artillery' is due to be published on **May 15, 2023**



*'A History of Artillery'* is packed with detail. This work is based on a mastery of classic and modern literature, highlighted by the inclusion of important extra-European material. The strategic, political, and economic contexts are always in the foreground. Black moves easily between the western tradition, which usually dominate such studies, and the experience of other cultures. - *Andrew Lambert, Laughton Professor of Naval History, King's College, London.*

Black has written an original and timely global history on the important role artillery have played in the grand strategy of great powers. Examinations of artillery tend toward the specific, with emphases on particular conflicts, however, placing them within the wider development of society and culture correctly fits them into human history. Black also posits artillery developments as markers of advancement and developing state power. -*Jeffrey Meriwether, Professor of European, African, and Military History, Roger Williams University.*

Black is a brilliant historian. I know of no one else who has the knowledge and analytical skills to carry out this ambitious project, nothing less than a global history of artillery. He is able to cut across cultures and eras with a skill that is unmatched. He is a careful historian, known for his accuracy. He is also a gifted storyteller, able to write for a general as well as specialist audiences. He is able to write in a clear and direct way. He pulls together and makes accessible a great deal of information. Furthermore, he is an insightful strategic analyst, who leaves the reader with important finding. -*John Maurer, Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Sea Power and Grand Strategy and served as the Chair of the Strategy and Policy Department at the Naval War College*

A History of Artillery traces the development of artillery through the ages, providing a thorough study of these weapons. From its earliest recorded use in battle over a millennium ago, up to the recent Gulf War, Balkan, and Afghanistan conflicts, artillery has often been the deciding factor in battle. Black shows that artillery sits within the general history of a war as a means that varied greatly between armies and navies, and across time. *Amazon.ca*

## About the Author

Jeremy Black is professor emeritus of history at the University of Exeter. His books include *The Importance of Being Poirot*; *The World of James Bond*; and *A History of the Second World War in 100 Maps*. He lives in Exeter, United Kingdom.

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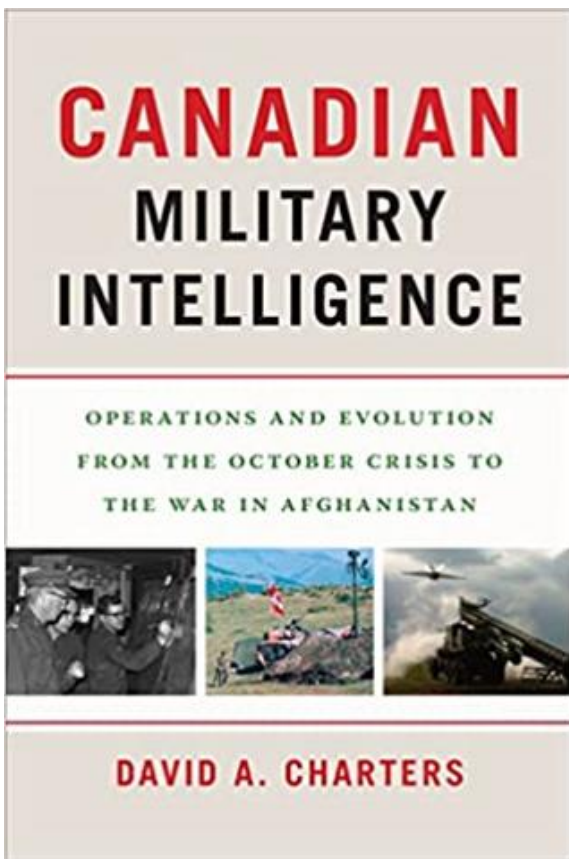
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**Canadian Military Intelligence:  
Operations and Evolution from the October Crisis to the War in Afghanistan**

[David A. Charters](#) (Author), [Andrea Siew](#) (Contributor)



*The most comprehensive history of Canadian military intelligence and its influence on key military operations*

Canadian intelligence has become increasingly central to the operations of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). *Canadian Military Intelligence: Operations and Evolution from the October Crisis to the War in Afghanistan* is the first comprehensive history that examines the impact of tactical, operational, and strategic intelligence on the Canadian military.

Drawing upon a wide range of original documents and interviews with participants in specific operations, author David A Charters provides an inside perspective on the development of military intelligence since the Second World War. He shows how intelligence influenced key military operations, from domestic internal security to peacekeeping efforts to high-intensity air campaigns? including the October Crisis of 1970, the Oka Crisis, the Gulf War, peacekeeping and enforcement operations in the Balkans, and the war in Afghanistan. He describes how decades of experience, innovation, and increasingly close cooperation with its Five Eyes and NATO allies allowed Canada's military intelligence to punch above its weight. Its tactical effectiveness and ability to overcome challenges reshaped the outlook of military commanders, and intelligence emerged from the margins to become a central feature of military and defense operations.

*Canadian Military Intelligence* offers lessons from the past and critical implications for future intelligence support with the creation of the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command. This book will be essential to both intelligence history and military history readers and collections.

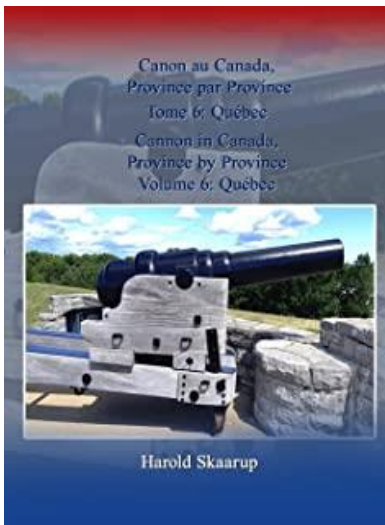
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Paperback:- \$51.95

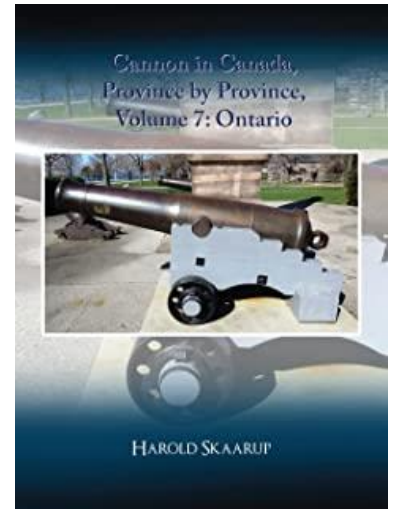
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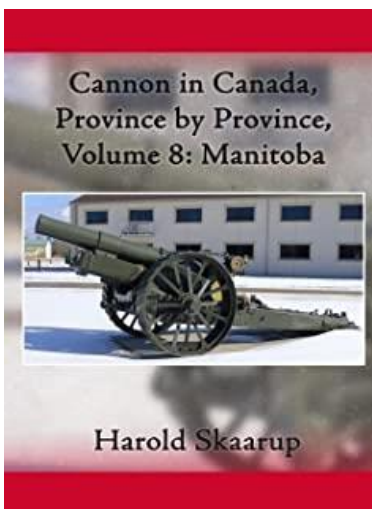
Hal Skaarup has now completed the last four of the books on Cannon preserved in Canada, and they are now available online at Amazon.ca.



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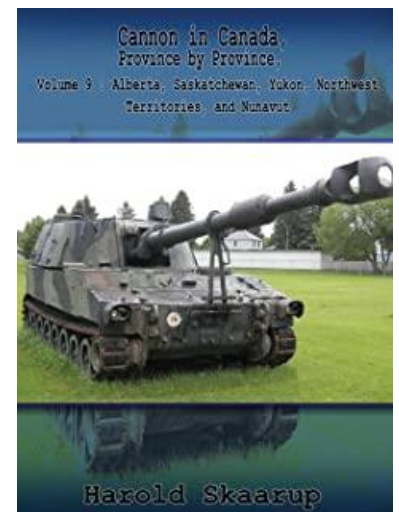


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**LAST CALL**



Fort Fraser Garrison

I request the company of all Officers and Miladies and their guests at our

**Battle of Ste. Foy (April 1760)**

**Commemorative Dinner**

*“from April battles and Murray generals, good Lord deliver me!”*

**Saturday, 13 May, 2023**

**in the Officers’ Mess, Bessborough Armoury**

**2025 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver.**

**1800 for 1900 hrs.**

**Also known as “the second battle on the Plains of Abraham”,  
the 78<sup>th</sup> suffered the highest casualties of the war here.**

**On this date we also mark the 277<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1746 defeat of  
the Clan Army at Culloden Moor.**

**Dress:** Full uniform (scarlets), Highland Evening Wear, Black Tie, Business  
Attire ..... Ladies : Evening Attire

**Tariff:** \$65 per person

**Kindly RSVP to [jobarb@shaw.ca](mailto:jobarb@shaw.ca) or at 604-522-5766  
before **8 May**.**

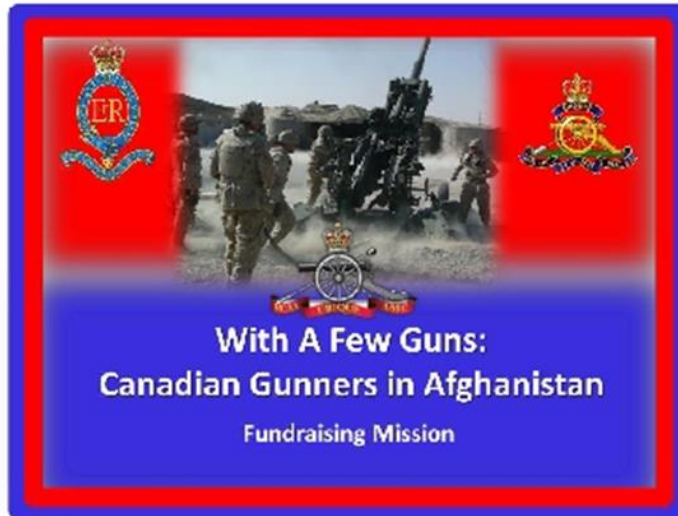
Yours Aye,

*James Barrett, Maj.*  
Officer Commanding



## With a Few Guns

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***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.

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Mr. Mark Zuehlke

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# Commemoration Cyprus 2024



**Commemoration Chypre 2024**



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## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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