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Canadians in the Battle of Britain

July 2010 marked the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Britain. This was a life-or-death struggle between the British and German airforces for control of the airspace over the English Channel and the southern coast of England. Hitler saw such supremacy as essential to the success of his planned invasion of the island, code-named Sea Lion.

The Battle of Britain lasted from early July until late October of 1940, when it became clear that the Luftwaffe would not be able to gain control of the vital airspace. On October 21 Sea Lion was called off and was never resurrected.

Winston Churchill summed up the victory with his famous words: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Of the 2,962 allied pilots engaged in the Battle of Britain, 2,421 were RAF (and Fleet Air Arm), 117 were Canadian, and 351 were from ten other countries. 515 RAF pilots, including 29 Canadians, were killed in the battle.

Four of the Fighter Command

Squadrons which took part in the Battle had links with Canada. The link was evidenced in each of these units' badges. No 73 Squadron flying Hurricanes had a Canadian contingent; No 92 Squadron flying Spitfires was a Canadian unit in WW 1; No 242 Squadron flying Hurricanes had a Canadian Moose head in its badge; No 401 RCAF Squadron had arrived in the UK on June 21 1940 with its own Hurricanes as NO1 RCAF Squadron.

Canadian pilots accounted for 194 Luftwaffe losses. The top Canadian scorer was F/Lt Mark Brown DFC and Bar with a total of 15 during the Battle.

At the age of 39, the oldest Canadian pilot to take part in the Battle was F/Lt Gordon McGregor, DFC OBE. His score was five enemy fighters. Retiring as a G/C he will also be remembered as the inspired leader of Canada's Trans Canada Air Lines after the war's end. The youngest Canadian pilot in the Battle was 19 years old, Leo Ricks from Calgary. He was a member of 235 Squadron.



On the cliff tops overlooking the English Channel a young man sits with arms clasping his knees gazing out to sea. Bare-headed, flight jacket casually unbuttoned, flying helmet at his feet – this most moving figure is a touching memo-

rial to those who fought in the Battle of Britain

At closer look, the pilot, carved from Portland stone, is seen to be seated on the raised hub of three propeller blades, each 35 metres long, cut into the bare cliff top, surrounded by the crests of the sixty-six squadrons which took part in the battle – including four Canadian squadrons.

This impressive monument, unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on 9th July 1993, is located Between Folkestone and Dover.

[Text and photo: Howard Mansfield]

Report of the Director-General to the Annual General Meeting

The following is a selection of the information provided by Mark O'Neill to the AGM on June 10.

- A new permanent exhibition on the Cyprus Peacekeeping Mission has been completed.
- Research continues on the following planned exhibits: Peace; the War of 1812; the war art of AY Jackson and Otto Dix; medieval warfare; and a bi-national exhibition in time for the centennial of the beginning of the First World War.
- 357 artifacts were acquired, including a CU-161 Sperwer unmanned aerial system from DND, and a firearm with ties to the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837.
- The Museum received ownership of the Mahony and Leo Clarke Victoria Cross medals groups.
- Commemorative events were held for the 5th anniversary of the new Museum; the 25th anniversary of The Friends; and the 65th anniversary of VE Day and the Liberation of Holland.
- Many events were held celebrating the Canadian Navy Centennial including a two-day major international Conference: *The Canadian Navy and the Commonwealth Experience, 1910 – 2010*;
- A major naval exhibition of representative war art. *The Navy: A Century in Art* will open to the public at CWM on November 11, 2010.
- Over 1,500 digital images of archival documents, photographs and maps were created for the new outreach web module *Canada's Naval History*.

Dean Oliver Receives Prestigious Dutch Award

The outstanding achievements of Dr. Dean Oliver, as Director of Research and Exhibitions at the War Museum, were honoured by the Kingdom of the Netherlands through the awarding of the Dutch honour, Knight in the Order of Orange-Nassau. This was in recognition of

Dr. Oliver's leading role in commemorating Canada's involvement in the Liberation of the Netherlands, and building a special relationship between the Museum, the people of the Netherlands and Canada's Dutch community.

Dr. Oliver at the award ceremony.



New Permanent Exhibit for the CWM

On July 20 the Museum formally opened a new permanent exhibit that presents Canada's involvement in the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the longest-running peacekeeping mission to which Canada has contributed. The new module is part of Gallery 4 and is the first new permanent exhibit since the opening of the new building in 2005.

Between 1964 and 1993, approximately 30,000 Canadians served on the Mediterranean island, patrolling the "Green Line," a narrow

buffer zone separating combatants in the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities. In July 1974, at the height of the conflict, two Canadians were killed by gunfire and 17 others were wounded.

The new module features reconstructions of a UN observation post and a section of the "Green Line," as well as artifacts and audio from Canadians who served on the mission, and a short film on the history of peacekeeping.

The module has three main sections. The first provides an

insight into the day-to-day activities of Canadian soldiers along the "Green Line." The second section examines Canada's important role during a crisis in 1974, when fighting erupted in the wake of a Turkish invasion. The final section features interesting audiovisual and oral history recordings from Canadians who served on the island.

This exhibit was developed under the supervision of Andrew Burtch, the CWM historian for the post-1945 period.

Absent Friends

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) John Stanley (Jack) Dunn died in Ottawa on 29 April 2010. Jack had been an active Guide in the old War Museum and a regular Volunteer Interpreter at the new Museum for many years and was the Volunteer of the Year in 2008. A member of the Canadian Provost Corps, he served in Korea and later was the Commandant of the Canadian Military Police School. He was a very knowledgeable student of Canadian history and enthusiastic sup-

porter of the War Museum and his loss will be widely felt.

The Friends have lost another friend. **Jaffray Wilkins**, a Second World War naval veteran and long time Public Servant, died on 22 April in his 85th year. Friends from the era before *Passing the Torch* will recall his work to develop a fund raising strategy for us. We will remember him.

Hellmut Schade became ill in Florida and returned to his home in Ottawa where he died on 19th

April. Hellmut was a long-time Friend and the "official" photographer for our newsletter *The Torch*. He travelled widely and gave illustrated presentations of his travels at the War Museum. A member of the German army during WWII, Hellmut was proud to be the first (and only?) German army member of the Army Ottawa Officers' Mess, where he had many friends.

Museum Receives 21st Century Artifact

On June 3 the CWM accepted the donation of a Vindicator II Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) from Meggitt Training Systems Canada.

The Vindicator II was designed in Canada for Canadian use and export as a training system for low-level anti-aircraft defence. It is also used as an introductory trainer for the larger CU-161 Spherwer UAV,

currently in use by the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan. The artifact is an important example of Canadian engineering, and it reflects the history, development and evolution of the Canadian defence industry.

"We're very pleased that the War Museum has accepted this UAV into its collection," said Spencer Fraser, President and

General Manager of Meggitt Training Systems Canada. "We're proud to have developed this technology, and that an example will remain for the Museum's visitors and for researchers in the future."

The Vindicator II UAV will be displayed in the Museum's LeBreton Gallery

Museum Acquires Two Additional Victoria Crosses

On June 9, the CWM announced the acquisition of two Victoria Cross medal sets of outstanding significance to Canada's military history and to the Museum's own collections. One was awarded during the First World War to Lionel B. ("Leo") Clarke, a Canadian soldier who single-handedly defeated a force of about 20 attackers while

armed only with a pistol. The other was earned in the Second World War by John Mahony, a Canadian who played a heroic role in the defeat of enemy forces in Italy.

With the acquisition of Mahony's medal set, the Museum now has one Victoria Cross from all three major overseas land campaigns fought by the Canadian Army from 1939 to

1945: Hong Kong, northwest Europe and Sicily-Italy. Only 94 Victoria Crosses have been awarded to Canadians since the medal was instituted in 1856. Thirty-two are now held by the War Museum.

Are You Receiving Your E-Bulletin?

FCWM is now producing an email bulletin (E-Bulletin) to provide Friends with current information about upcoming events of interest. The E-Bulletin is edited by Victor Vaivads and sent out at least

monthly - more often if there are enough events to be publicized.

Note that the events listed do not need to have any connection to FCWM or the CWM, and they do not have to take place in Ottawa. We

will publicize any event relating to military history (within reason), and are happy to receive input from across the country. Contact Victor at fcwm.notes@gmail.com.

New Program Aimed at Canadian Youth

Mike Bedford, FCWM Membership Committee

The Friends have launched a new program designed to stimulate an interest in Canadian military history among young families. Starting this summer, Children (age 18 or under) can become Youth Friends of the Canadian War Museum for one year by submitting an original work of art to the Friends of the CWM. These works may include drawings, paintings, poems, short stories, essays or other creative works and should relate to the mandate of the Canadian War Museum: Education, Preservation and Re-

membrance.

Youth Friends will receive a certificate of recognition, four issues of *The Torch* and the FCWM pin. They may also see their work of art published on the Friends web site, in our newsletter, or in special publications. As well, the Friends will be developing special events at the CWM for our Youth Friends.

The Youth Friend program is aimed at children from all age groups. For younger children we are expecting that parents will use the Youth Friend program to encourage

their kids' interests in military history and guide them in completing the application process.

I am asking all readers of *The Torch* to help us spread the word about the new Youth Friend program. Please tell your children or grandchildren about it. Families can request a Youth Friend application form from the Friends office (819-776-8618) or fcwm.amcg@civilisations.ca or download from the FCWM web site: www.friends-amis.org/become_youth_friend_e.html.

New Special Exhibit - The Navy: A Century in Art



Donald Cameron MacKay
Anti-Aircraft Gun and Crew in Action
CWM 19710261-4197
Beaverbrook Collection of War Art
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The Navy: A Century in Art marks the centennial of the founding of the Canadian Navy. It features a selection of paintings from many of Canada's leading war artists, and demonstrates how geography, history and war have shaped the Navy through its first century of service. The works in this exhibition are drawn mainly from the War Museum's Beaverbrook Collection of War Art. They capture the diverse roles, traditions and activities of this national institution.

Some of Canada's finest artists have captured the Canadian naval experience in times of war and

peace - from dramatic depictions of the Battle of the Atlantic to intimate portraits of life at sea and ashore. Their works show us the human face of this experience, while helping to illuminate the important role that the Navy has played in Canadian history for the past 100 years. This exhibition will feature paintings from both official and unofficial war artists, including Arthur Lismer, Alex Colville, Harold Beament, Donald C. Mackay, Anthony Law, Ted Zuber and Pegi Nicol MacLeod.

The exhibit opens on November 11 in the McCrae Gallery.

A Brush with War Exhibit Coming in December

The exhibition, *A Brush with War: Military Art from Korea to Afghanistan*, opens in the McCrae Gallery on December 10, and includes artworks dating from 1947-2008. In particular, it explores the two military art programs that started more than twenty years after the Second World War, initially influenced by the art of the First and

Second World War programs, over the past sixty years military art has moved gradually in new directions, current works expressing artists' more personal rather than documentary responses to their subjects.

A Brush with War: Military Art from Korea to Afghanistan was developed by the Canadian War

Museum in partnership with the Directorate of History and Heritage, Department of National Defence, and has been made possible in part by a generous donation from the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation.

New Friends

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between April 1 and June 30 2010:

Mr. C.R. Anglin
Mr. Gordon D Brearley
Mr. Andrew Cadzow
Mr. William M. Campbell
Mr. John Easson

Mr. David Edgell
Mr. John C Eggenberger
Ms. Carole Koch
Mr. Graham Lowe
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Mr. Brian A Stants
Mr. Noel White

Letter of Thanks from Gunter History Award Recipient

One of the recipients of this year's Colonel Douglas Hunter History Award has written to thank the Friends for her award of \$1,000. Ms Amy Spence of Coldstream, British Columbia says that with the help of the award she plans to attend the University of British Columbia this September where she will enrol

in the Arts undergraduate program, leading to an eventual career in the field of education. The award will enable her to pay tuition costs, and she is very grateful to have been selected as a recipient. Ms Spence goes on to say that the more she researched Lester B. Pearson the more she liked what

she learned about that very powerful man of Canada's history.

We appreciate hearing of the good use being made of these awards, made in the name of a former Friend, and wish Ms Spence every success.

Highlights of 23rd Annual General Meeting

The 23rd AGM was held at the Canadian War Museum on 10 June 2010 attended by 50 Friends and staff, and chaired by the President, LGen (ret'd) Bill Leach.

- Total Income, \$70,744.56; Operating Expenses, \$15,775.77; Donations to CWM, \$44,351.45. Proposed donations to CWM for FY 2010-11: \$70,670.00
- LCol Terry Payan was appointed auditor for Fiscal Year 2010-2011
- Paid-up Friends: 858. Volunteer hours: 2,132
- Mr Michael Bedford, LGen Bill Leach, Col Jerry Holtzhauer and Ms Marie-Josée Tremblay were re-elected for a three-year term; and BGen Duane Daly was elected for a three-year term.
- Rules for the Board of Directors were confirmed.
- Mr Raymond Moriyama, OC, was appointed an Honorary Life Member
- Volunteer of the Year: Mr Alan Cameron
- Mr Mark O'Neill presented a review of the Museum's activities, answered questions from the floor, and displayed the Leo Clarke and Mahony V.C.s
- A video presentation on the Restoration of the Hemmingford Colours, which had been financed by The Friends, was given by Megan Gruchy.

Publication by a Friend

An article by **Howard Mansfield**, entitled *A Briton Serves in Palestine from 1946 to 1948*, has been included in the recently-published *Perspectives on Modern World History – The Creation of the State of Israel*, by GALE Cengage Learning (ISBN 10: 0737745568).

This 8-page personal narrative

describes his experiences as a member of the British section of the Palestine Police during the last years of the British Mandate and shortly after, and relates how the situation in the Muslim town of Nablus changed after the United Nations voted in favour of partition and the establishment of a Jewish state in

Palestine. He goes on to describe conditions in conflict-torn Jerusalem and then in Haifa from where he was one of the last members of the Palestine Police to leave the country, in June 1948, after the end of the Mandate.

Upcoming Events

For upcoming CWM events, please visit the web site at www.warmuseum.ca. On the CWM home page you can also subscribe to an electronic newsletter highlighting events at both the CWM and the Museum of Civilization.

Please see the story about the FCWM E-Bulletin service on page 4 of this issue. This service provides the most up-to-date information on military history related events across Canada.

2010 Vimy Award Dinner

The Conference of Defence Associations (Institute) will hold its Vimy Award dinner on Friday 19 November 2010 in the Canadian War Museum. The Governor General

will be invited to present the award. The Friends are again sponsoring a table at the dinner, which will be paid for by each individual attending. Tickets at \$175 per person, and

more details, can be obtained by contacting the Chair, Special Events, Ed Storey, at 819 776-8618.

FCWM Web Site Updates

Two new major additions to the FCWM web site are in the process of being implemented. The Executive has designed a new program to attract young people and we will have a new menu item for this - the "Youth Friend Program" for

those 18 years of age and younger. Look for it soon and spread the word. The second new addition will be the inclusion of sound bites from interviews with retired CF personnel, carried out by FCWM volunteers over the past few years. These

interviews are now deposited in the CWM Archives, but we will bring selected samples to you on our web site, so you can listen to these fascinating stories of real life in the military. Again, watch for it soon.

New FCWM Director



Duane (left) with Bill Leach, President of FCWM.

Brigadier General (ret) Duane Daley was the ex-officio Royal Canadian Legion representative on the FCWM Board for over 10 years. Following his departure from that organization, he

has now rejoined the Board as an elected director.

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Recent Donations to the Friends

The Friends gratefully acknowledge the following donations which were received by the Friends during the period April 1 to June 30 2010. With your financial help the Friends continue to support the Museum through programs of acquisition, research, conservation and restoration of artifacts, and special events, as well as publication of this Newsletter.

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