

The Torch

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YOUR MONEY AT WORK – THE RESTORED ILTIS



The restored Iltis on display in the LeBreton Gallery.

The restoration of an Iltis vehicle is complete and now on display in the Museum thanks to a \$5,000 donation by the Friends. The Iltis, a light multi-purpose vehicle used by the Canadian Forces until

recently, is an anti-tank, TOW-equipped variant. The work that was done included body restoration and paint scheme refurbishment. The Museum is now negotiating with DND to obtain a TOW weapon system to make the display complete in future.

The vehicle now has pride of place in the centre of the LeBreton Gallery, under the CF-101B Voodoo.

MAJOR AWARD FOR FRIENDS

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum have been chosen as the winner in the “Outstanding Philanthropic Group” category for 2007 by the Ottawa branch of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

This prestigious award is based upon the proven track record of an organization in charitable donations of money, time and effort. This category is one of sev-

eral that recognize individuals, campaigns and groups for their work in the Ottawa area and nationwide.

This year, the strong and continuing record of the Friends was cited as reason for the award. The ongoing involvement of the Friends was cited as a model of philanthropy. Particularly of note was the raising of \$17 million for the new CWM building, the continuing do-

nations of major amounts of money to finance CWM projects and the volunteer involvement of many Friends in the day to day operation of the Museum.

President Angus Brown accepted the award at a gala dinner held at the War Museum on 8 Nov on behalf of the over 1,000 Friends coast to coast.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Why not solve that nagging problem of suitable gifts for family and friends by purchasing a gift subscription to the Friends?

A gift card is enclosed with this edition of The Torch. (An income tax receipt will be sent to all donors.)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Angus Brown

We are half way through our fiscal year and it is a convenient time to tell you what we have done and what we are going to do with your money.

The Museum staff recently identified a "wish list" of projects for which they need funding. I briefed the Board of Directors in October outlining \$80,000 dollars in donations that we plan to give during this fiscal year.

We have already allocated \$5,000 to the Gunter History Awards and given the Military History Research Centre (MHRC) about \$3,000 in grants, including the popular and successful Adopt-a-Book donations. We spent almost \$2,000 on special events, primarily a well-received Vimy Ridge Day exhibit in April at the Museum.

Yet to come in the next six months are some exciting expenditures. The MHRC recently received archival material, mainly regarding UNFICYP, from BGen Clay Beattie, himself a Friend. Due to lack of staff, there is no one to catalogue this valuable collection. The Friends will subsidize the hiring of two people, an archivist and a cataloguer, to do the job over a total of 14 weeks. Similarly, the image archives hold 76 collections of cellulose nitrate negatives, about 3,600 in all, from the 1900s to the 1950s. Again, proper cataloguing and preservation is vital to protect the collec-

tions and we will pay for up to 15 weeks of labour to do the job.

A few years ago, the regimental colours of the Hemmingford Loyal Volunteers were donated to the CWM by the Chateauguay Valley Historical Society. The silk flag, originally embroidered by the ladies of Hemmingford in 1839, needs conservation and the Friends will subsidize that work up to \$20,000.

Ten years ago, the Friends financed the purchase of a Fordson food van used in the UK during the Second World War to provide tea and refreshments to those fighting the blitz on the home front. It is time to refurbish the van for proper display and we will commit \$15,000 to that project.

We will continue to contribute to acquisitions and to the National Acquisition Fund that is designed to provide money for purchases of artifacts that come on the market from time to time.

These are all jobs that the Museum budget could not normally cover. Each expenditure has been carefully considered and prioritized by CWM collection managers, and discussed with the Director CWM and our Board to validate the need in each case.

Work in all these areas has now begun or shortly will commence. Watch for these projects to be covered in more detail in future issues of The TORCH.

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE?

Readers of *The Torch* are benefiting from our increased coverage of upcoming CWM events and activities. Did you know that the Friends also provide e-mail notification of future CWM events? We promote CWM programs such as the CWM Book

Club, Building Knowledge speaker series, and various theatre and concert activities hosted by the museum. If you would like to receive our e-mail notification of future CWM activities, please send your request to us at fcwm-amcg@magma.ca

BOMBING CAMPAIGN PANEL REVISED

As reported in the media recently, the War Museum will replace the controversial “Enduring Controversy” panel in Gallery Three, part of the Second World War bombing campaign display. With resolution in sight, TORCH discussed the situation with FCWM President Angus Brown.

Q: Will the new wording rectify the situation?

A: I hope so. By and large, it is a good compromise. Like all compromises, however, it will be attacked by some as going too far and by others as not going far enough. I believe that voices of reason have prevailed and it is now time to cool emotions and move forward. I believe that the new panel will satisfy the vast majority of people and that it reflects a good balance of historical fact and recognition of the sacrifice and effort put forth by the airmen at the time. There are no winners in this controversy and anyone who sees themselves as having scored some sort of victory is quite wrong.

Q: To date, the Friends have been silent on the issue. Why did the Friends not take a position on this matter?

A: I need not outline the situation that developed. It has received enough media coverage. The Executive Committee discussed this issue at the beginning, over a year ago. Opinion was split among Friends, probably reflecting Canadians’ perceptions in general. Some Friends supported the veterans’ lobby groups in some measure or other. Some Friends felt that the original panel wording was OK. Many others fell into the centre of the spectrum and there was no clear consensus among us.

The Friends exist to support the Canadian War Museum. To take a public position diametrically opposed to

that of the Museum would have been contrary to our mandate. On the other hand, note that neither did we express a public position of support for the Museum. That reflected the fact that some of our Friends supported changes.

The issue was assessed early on as one that could generate negative publicity and emotion. A major part of our work involves fundraising and attracting people to give of their time and effort to the Museum. To be intimately involved with one side or the other very likely might have hindered that work by the Friends.

In fact, at the early stages of the controversy, both my predecessor and I privately offered to work behind the scenes to facilitate communication and compromise among the protagonists. Unfortunately, events moved too quickly for that to happen.

Q: What has been the effect of this controversy on the Friends?

A: From our approximately 1,000 Friends, we received about 30 written expressions of disagreement. Some of these were the result of a questionnaire we had sent out as part of a drive to have Friends renew their subscriptions. Other Friends probably just silently left us and have not come back. Interestingly, we also received some written criticisms of the decision by the Museum to make changes. There were, of course, many verbal opinions expressed on all sides. We hope now to point out to some of those Friends that the controversy has been resolved and invite them back. Inevitably, we cannot please everyone.

Q: What will be the effect of this controversy on the Museum?

A: I hope that it will be minimal. However, we must be realistic. Damage

has been done both to the reputation of the Museum and to the stature of some of the veterans’ groups. Some veterans are suspicious of what they term ‘revisionist’ history and historians, in the Museum and elsewhere. The Museum is being accused, by some in the academic community particularly, of ‘caving in’ to a special interest group. Others have criticized the veterans’ groups involved for their approach and for taking it to the Senate Committee, thus politicizing the issue. The general public is, at best, bemused. At worst, it is disappointed or disapproves of the idea of veterans, academics and Canada’s national history museum being at odds in such a public manner. At the very least, some lingering doubt will exist in the minds of the public about the Museum and its displays.

Q: What will the Friends do now?

A: We will continue to do our best to support the Museum. We will encourage and advocate where we can, not only for the resumption of normality of relations among all interested parties but also to enhance the Museum’s reputation. I hope that we can bring the excellence of the CWM to the attention of a broader audience and get them involved. For instance, at the suggestion of Jack Granatstein, we have asked for a major charitable grant from a national foundation to fund academic conferences at the Museum next year. From our own resources we plan to fund a number of other initiatives, all of which will contribute to showing the Canadian War Museum as a splendid world-class institution.

We can’t do that alone. The other players must recognize that they now also have a responsibility to work hard to disperse the shadow that has passed over the CWM. I’m sure that they will, as they have in the past.

ABSENT FRIENDS

Fred Pollak

By Howard Mansfield

Major (Ret'd) Fred A. Pollak died in Ottawa on October 16 at the age of 88.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Fred came to Canada in 1939 and joined the Canadian Army in August 1941 as a signals intelligence analyst and was commissioned in the Canadian Intelligence Corps in the Special Wireless Section of 2 Canadian Corps. Fluent in German, he was sent to Normandy as an interceptor and an interrogator of prisoners of war. His post-war career with the Royal Canadian Dragoons included a two-year posting with the British Army in Berlin and a one-year tour in Indo-China. On retirement, he continued as a civilian intelligence analyst in the Directorate of Intelligence and Security at National Defence Headquarters.

Fred Pollak joined the Friends in 1986. He was one of the first group of Guides to be trained in 1991 and became a regular and familiar figure at 330 Sussex and Vimy House over the years. In spite of recent ill-

health, Fred continued to carry out his Volunteer Interpreter duties in the Second World War gallery. Until very recently, with the aid of an electric scooter, he continued to position himself close to the Enigma encryption machine and delighted visitors with his many tales of wartime code-breaking exploits.

With his unique wartime and post-war service Fred added a personal dimension to the historic artifacts on the Museum floor, a task he performed with humour and intimate knowledge. The Friends and the War Museum have lost a good and faithful comrade. Our sympathies go out to Ann and family.

Bruce Brittain

By Murray Johnston

Longtime Friends will be saddened to learn that Bruce Brittain passed away peacefully on September 26th at the age of 86. He was a decorated wartime bomber pilot who flew Halifax's in the latter part of the war. Shot down in March 1945 he became a prisoner of war.

Bruce never forgot his wartime

experiences and comrades. Post-war he spent a life time supporting veterans and their initiatives. In working life he became the Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs from 1975 to 1985. As a volunteer he became Director of the RCAF Prisoners of War Association. When the call came out to form the Friends of the Canadian War Museum he answered.

He was one of the original Directors of the Friends and, from 1990 to 1991, the third President.

In 1991 when the Government set up the Task Force on Military History Collections in Canada, he was appointed one of its members. As a result he had to resign as President of the Friends. But he continued his interest in the Friends and was always ready to provide sound and welcome advice.

He served his country well. Farewell old friend. We appreciate what you did for your country and your friends. Our sympathies go out to Cathy and his family.

BOB METCALFE AND THE TEN-DOLLAR BILL

Howard Mansfield

When it was proposed that a new ten dollar bill be issued to mark the Year of the Veteran, the new design, naturally enough, included the National War Memorial and a veteran.

According to his family, the veteran who was chosen was Bob Metcalfe, a long-time member of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum. In 2000 Bob, who was also a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion received an invitation by telephone, to come to the War Memorial in blazer and medals for a "photo-op". That photograph was subsequently portrayed on the back of the new ten dollar bill. Although he was

not officially notified that he was pictured on the bill, the family recalls that Bob was asked to give a written pledge that he would not autograph any bill or benefit in any way.

In addition to his long connection with the Legion, Bob joined the Friends in 1987 and was a well-known and active volunteer at Sussex Drive, where he participated in many activities and conducted guided tours for many years. His memoirs, *No Time for Dreams*, were published by General Store Publishing House in 1998 and the story of his marriage(s) to Helen was included in *Canadian War Grooms* re-

cently published by the same company.

The bill is still in currency and, in this lasting tribute to veterans, whenever we take one from our wallet, we can pause to remember, not only Bob Metcalfe, but also all those veterans like him to whom we owe so much.



FORMER SOLDIER FIRST CORPORATE FRIEND

A recently-retired soldier's new business holds the distinction of being the first firm to become a Corporate Friend of the Canadian War Museum.

SupplementSource.ca is a health food supplement business that was started by Daryl Ballentyne as his post-military career. Daryl retired from the Canadian Forces this past April after spending 15 years in the infantry (RCR) and a further five years in the geomatics specialty of the Canadian Military Engineers.

The company handles a range of

health food supplement products and some ancillary items. Primarily, SupplementSource is an internet company shipping its product line worldwide. There is an associated storefront operation located in Woodstock ON.

Although Daryl is now a civilian businessman, he has not forgotten his military roots. A full 50 percent or more of his business is done with military and police force members. SupplementSource.ca ships orders around the world, especially to deployed members of the Canadian and

US forces.

Daryl maintains other ties with the military. He and SupplementSource.ca are boosters of military charities, especially the Wounded Warrior Fund that help provide comforts to soldiers in military hospitals in Germany to which they have been evacuated.

A complete product line and ordering instructions are available at the company's web site, www.SupplementSource.ca. It also includes various training tips and suggested regimens for body builders.

SPECIAL BOOK DEAL FOR FRIENDS

Just in time for Christmas, the Friends have made arrangements with Penguin Group for distribution of a new book by Tim Cook, *At The Sharp End*, at a discount price.

At The Sharp End is the first of a two-volume work outlining the operations of the Canadian Army in the Great War. Such a comprehensive work has not been undertaken since Nicholson's CEF, the official history, was published in 1964.

Tim is an award-winning historian at the CWM and author of *Clio's*

Warriors and No Place To Run.

The book normally sells for \$40.00 plus GST in bookstores but will be available from the Friends at \$30.00, including GST. The author will sign each book sold by the Friends. Shipping, where applicable, will be extra.

Orders are now being accepted and books will be shipped as soon as available from the publisher, certainly in time for Christmas. If you are in Ottawa you may save shipping charges by picking up your book at the Friends office.

To get more information on the book, visit the Penguin web site at:

<http://www.canadaandthegreatwar.com/>.

To order, email the Friends office (fcwm-amcg2@magma.ca) or call 819-776-8618. Upon receipt of payment by cash, cheque or money order, the book will be shipped to you.

Don't forget to browse the Friends website for other used and new book deals.

AFGHANISTAN EXHIBIT TO BE EXTENDED

The CWM temporary exhibit, Afghanistan: A Glimpse of War, will be extended to spring 2008 instead of closing on its advertised date of 6 January. The new closing date is to be announced but is expected to be approximately May 2008.

The change comes as part of a general mid-year review of exhibitions at both CMC and the War Museum. The temporary exhibition, Decisive Battles, will be cancelled for the foreseeable future. This travelling exhibition featured dioramas of model soldiers representing the Bat-

tles of Waterloo and Gettysburg.

The Afghanistan exhibit has been popular. More than 125,000 people have viewed it since its opening in February 2007. A number of special tours, visits and activities have been conducted in conjunction with the exhibit.

No other changes to exhibits have been announced to date. See the Upcoming Events on page 7 for a complete listing of forthcoming events.

Discounts for Friends

Remember that Friends currently receive a 10% discount from:

The CWM Boutique
CD Archive Books Canada

We are working on additional discounts. Details will be published when available.

BOOKS BY FRIENDS

Panzer Gunner: From My Native Canada to the German Ostfront and Back. By Bruno Friesen.

There are few memoirs available of German Panzer crews that focus on the climactic last 12 months of the war on the Eastern Front, 1944-45. In March 1939 Bruno and his brother Oscar found themselves on a ship bound for Bremerhaven in Germany. He barely spoke German, and had never been to Germany, nevertheless his father envisaged that a better life awaited them in the Third Reich. Needless to say, Bruno became caught up in the Second World War, and in 1942 was drafted into the Wehrmacht. The author provides a full account of his family background, and how, through these unusual circumstances, he found himself a Canadian-born German soldier. The bulk of the book is a detailed account of the author's training, and his subsequent service with 25th Panzer Regiment, part of 7th Panzer Division.

Hardcover, 264 pages, published by Helion and Company, Oct. 2007. US \$49.95

An Ageless Company: My Time in the Canadian Infantry by John A. Robertson

This book tells the tale of what it was like in the Canadian infantry in the second half of the twentieth

century. It is told by a man who spent the first half of his military service as an "other rank" and the last half as a commissioned officer. A man whom the Canadian Government forced to give up a life that had been devoted to one regiment for another. It also gives some evidence as to how the emasculation of the Canadian Forces affected its members. This book should be on the bookshelf of anyone interested in a non-academic's account of life in the Canadian infantry from the 1950s' to the 1970s.'

In this book you will learn about:

- Events in a battalion in Canada & Germany
- What it was like to be a "DI" at Canada's RMC
- Peacekeeping in Cyprus
- Becoming commissioned from the ranks
- Being a middle-aged junior infantry officer
- Working at Canada's Combat Arms School
- Career managing at National Defence HQ

315 pages; quality trade paperback (softcover); catalogue #06-0197; ISBN 1-4120-8442-3; US\$22.57, C\$25.95.

Invasion Diaries by Fred Turnbull

Invasion Diaries is a lively narrative documents four invasions in World

War Two: Sicily, Normandy, Southern France and Greece. This book is the unique creation of a man with an historian's training and a sailor's understanding and experience. He is able to combine the freshness of a young kid seeing things for the first time with the theories of strategists. His belated work provides a most unique perspective.

His complete flotilla of LCAs was lost on the beaches of Normandy and his mother ship was buckled by a mine in Greece during his last landing. As the German army retreated, he landed with the advance party in Greece to three days of adulation by the Greek population, hugged by the mayor of towns and cities and almost everyone else. But a week later Greece became embroiled in a civil war. Streets where he was feted with wine, food and kisses became battle zones and he could no longer tell who was enemy or friend.

The book will be available, at a price of \$14.95, at the following locations:

- Veterans Publications
- Call Fred Turnbull 613 836-1787
- Shoppers DrugMart, Stittsville
- Brown's Independent Grocery, Stittsville
- Canadian War Museum Bookstore, Ottawa
- Selected Chapters book stores Ottawa area
- Ottawa-Hull Naval Association, Ottawa

NEW FRIENDS

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between June 27 and Sept. 30, 2007

Mr John H.B. Anderson
Maj (Ret'd) Michael Charrier
Mr Donald G. Grant
M Denis Guertin
Mrs Lola Heaven
Mr Robert Mustard
Capt (N)(Ret'd) William Reed

Mr Ted Ronberg
Mr Peter Ward
Mr David G. Woodard
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Group Friends

Canadian Association of Veterans of U.N. Peacekeeping (Ottawa Chapter)
Royal Military Colleges Club (Ottawa Branch)

NEW POSTAL CODE

Please note that the postal code for the FCWM office now K1A 0M8

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION
6 December	LECTURE. "Afghanistan – Transition under Threat." Dr. Barnett Rubin. 19:00 in Barney Danson Theatre.
24 January	CWM BOOK CLUB. Liane Faulder with Paul Franklin. <i>The Long Walk Home</i> . Paul Franklin's journey from Afghanistan. Atelier B, 19:00. Wine and cheese. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.
24 February	WALK AND TALK TOURS. Afghanistan. Experience an hour-long, in-depth visit to the special exhibit, guided by CWM experts. In English at 13:00, in French at 15:00.
9 April	Vimy Ridge Day Special Programming by FCWM and CWM.



Mark O'Neill was named acting Director of the Canadian War Museum in June 2007. He is also Vice-President of Public Affairs and Publishing, and Corporate Secretary and Director of Strategic Planning at the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation.



HRH Prince Edward greets Friends during his visit to the CWM on October 11, 2007. He is shaking hands with Connie Mooney. In the background, left to right, are John Bradley and Jazz Haley. Photo: Steven Darby. CMCC/SMCC

UNITED WAY REMINDER

A reminder for you - please remember that **The Friends of the Canadian War Museum** can be identified as your preferred charity when you are giving to the United Way Campaign this year. If you receive a United Way pledge form from your employer you can enter "The Friends of the Canadian War Museum" directly on the form. If you do not receive an annual pledge form you can contact your local United Way to learn how to

donate to the Friends through their campaign. (<http://UNITED www1.unitedway.ca/sites/PortalEN/find.aspx>)

If you have any questions, please contact me at mike.bedford.1@gmail.com
Thank you all for your continuing support of the Friends.

Mike Bedford
Chair, Membership Services
Committee
FCWM

ANNUAL RENEWALS

All Friends are reminded that the calendar year is the subscription year

Your timely subscriptions aid us in our endeavours in support of the war museum.

DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS

The following donations which were made to the Friends during the period June 27 to September 30, 2007 are most gratefully acknowledged. 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 the News-letter.

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

Patricia L. Farrell, in memory of Ren-frew Mather
Dr J.L. Granatstein, in memory of Dr

Robert MacMillan, RCN, WW2
Vera Hanley, in memory of her late hus-band, F/O L. Robinson Hanley

Joel A. Pinsky, in memory of Sydney Shulemson, D.S.O., D.F.C.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Dr J.L. Granatstein, In recognition of the service of Joe Geurts to the Candian War Museum

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Our Corporate Friends play a significant role in the success of the organization. Corporate Friends are companies that believe in what we do and wish to provide additional assistance through a higher level of support.

