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Remembrance Week in Hong Kong

by Mai-yu Chan

The following is an account of a recent visit to Hong Kong by Friends, Mai-yu Chan and Gordon Foster. They were in the former Crown Colony to attend Mai-yu's college reunion and while there they visited the sites of the 1941 Battle of Hong Kong. Mai-yu remembers as follows:

It was a warm and sunny Remembrance Day when Gordon and I took a group of friends along the Wong Nai Chung Gap Trail retracing the fateful battle that took place there in December of 1941.

We went up and down the steep track, through thickets and open spaces, and along narrow paths, passing around Mount Butler and Mount Parker where Winnipeg Grenadier Sergeant Major John Osborn won the Victoria Cross and where Royal Rifles Lieutenant Collison Blaver won the Military Cross on the 18-19th Dec. 1941.

We stopped at the batteries, pill boxes, bunkers and stations with captions pointing out the actions of the Canadian Units. At Station No. 5, we found six poppies, obviously Canadian in origin, already fastened to the side of the caption board. Here, I told my friends the story of John Osborn's history and bravery. At Jardine's lookout on Mount Parker, Station No. 7, they learned about Lt. Blaver's courage. I had met his daughter, Marilyn, in Ottawa when the Hong Kong Memorial was dedicated and we became friends. I showed the group photos of the Newfoundland dog Gander¹ and described why he had received the Dickin Medal.

We were a sober group in a reflective mood that went to lunch that day. All thanked us for taking them on a memorable walk.

The next few days found us at different locations that had commemorations of the Second World War fighting.

At the Museum of Coastal Defence a special exhibit explains the Canadian participation, and a plaque dedicated to the Royal Rifles.

In Hong Kong Park there is a statue in memory of Sgt. Maj. Osborn. It is actually a statue of a First World

¹ Extract from Gander's citation: "On three documented occasions, Gander, the Newfoundland mascot of The Royal Rifles of Canada, engaged the enemy... Twice Gander's attacks halted the enemy's advance and protected groups of wounded soldiers. In a final act of bravery, the war dog was killed in action gathering a grenade."

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War British soldier belonging to the Eu family who presented it to the British Army stationed in Hong Kong. The plaque in part reads: In memory of WO2 John Robert Osborn VC, Winnipeg Grenadiers and through him all those men and women, Service and Civilian, of every



At the top of the Wong Nai Chung Trail



Station 5 Poppies

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President's Message

Welcome to new members of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum and thank you to all members and donors for your financial, moral and volunteer support throughout the past year. If you have not yet renewed your membership, I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Don't forget you can renew and/or make donations at our website: www.friends-amis.org Since late January, Jean Morin and his team have been posting to our twitter account, @

fcwm_amcg, hashtag: #daybyday1914_1918 and #journjour1914_1918 in support of an interesting program entitled, *The First World War Day-by-Day/ La Première Guerre mondiale de Jour en Jour*. The posts flow from Jean's meticulous research and provide day by day insights complete with references for further research. While the twitter account will appeal to our younger generation of new and prospective members, we realize that not all of us are in the twitter generation. Thus, we have provided a link on our website that will allow our non-tweeting current and prospective members to enjoy the results of Jean's work.

To hear more about the twitter initiative and other new and ongoing Friends' projects, plan to attend the Friends' Annual General Meeting, which will take place at the War Museum, on 4 June 2015. Members are encouraged to come early to view some of the CWM exhibits, to enjoy a social time with light refreshments at 7:00 and to participate in the AGM at 7:30.

Again, in this edition of the Torch, the Friends must bid a sad farewell to a strong supporter, LGen (Ret'd) William (Bill) Leach, who passed away on 1 April 2015. LGen (Ret'd) Leach served for more than 40 years in the Canadian Army and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), retiring in 2000 at the end of his tenure as Chief of the Land Staff and Commander Land Force Command. Following his retirement, he worked for a number of years in the private sector.

Spending his latter years volunteering and working with not-for-profits, Bill served as President of the Friends from 2010 to 2012 and for the past three years served as Chair of the Museum's Board of Trustees. In addition, he provided ongoing leadership and support to the Executive Committee of the Military Families Fund and the Board of the Royal Ottawa Hospital, and he lived his passion for logistics as Colonel Commandant of the Logistics Branch of the CAF.

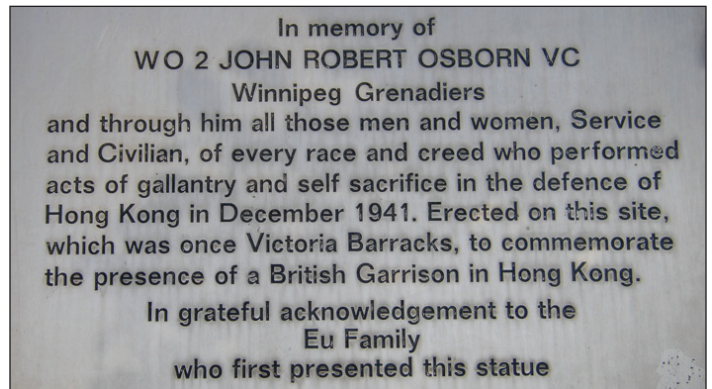
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race and creed who performed acts of gallantry and self sacrifice in the defence of Hong Kong in December 1941.

We found the Sai Wan War Cemetery well kept, with three people working there. Osborn's name is on the Memorial Wall. When I asked where Brigadier Lawson's grave was, the Keeper immediately told me that the brave Canadian lies in the Canadian section, third row, first grave! The Japanese certainly thought he was brave! They buried him after he was killed!

On the Kowloon side of the Colony, we were surprised to discover bomb shelter tunnels that the Japanese had erected during their occupation. It was a surprise to me because having lived there for the first twenty years of my life and walking past this area thousands of times, I never knew of their existence!

It was a good trip for us. We connected with old friends and family and paid homage to Canadians and visited their graves. A short ride up the mountain from Sai Wan War Cemetery is the Cremation Cemetery where my parents' remains are interred. My brother, his wife, me and my husband visited there and reminisced on my father's contribution as a Lewis Gun instructor with the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps in the war. He was one of the lucky ones who escaped capture from the Japanese and gave us life!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir

In reply to your February notes on page 7, I regret that I do not live in the Ottawa area - otherwise I would apply for volunteer work in FWCM. I was in the British Army for 5 years, during which I served in Korea for 1 year & the Suez Canal area for the last 18 months before discharge. I have always been intently interested in your magazine, have sometimes passed it on to other interested parties, & once corresponded with one of your contributors.

Would you please reassure the Torch Editor that she is on the right track?

Charles E. Lewis

We received the following from Dr. John Clearwater:

"Regarding your recent TORCH supplement article on the Lusitania, I was most surprised and disappointed to see the factually incorrect assertion about the carriage of explosives. ("...disprove this claim.")

The most recent scholarship shows that the Thatcher government had to privately warn divers and filmmakers that the ship was a explosive hazard due to the ammunition on board. This was very confidential due to the public story of the ship being a non-combatant. This came out as a result of the new release of cabinet papers and Foreign Office documents from 32 years ago concerning a 1982 salvage operation which might "literally blow up on us" and that "there is a large amount of ammunition in the wreck, some of which is highly dangerous." (April 2014)

The ship was indeed carrying explosives from the USA to Britain."

The Torch is grateful to Dr Clearwater for this correction. The original article was written with previously available information that has been superseded by that cited in his letter.

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- Mrs. Diana E Hennessy in memory of Gen. Ramsey Withers
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FCWM Volunteer Interpreter Program (Part 2)

by Gordon Foster

When the Museum opened at its new location, staff decided that the volunteers would take on a different, though similar, role. Our new task would be to be present in the galleries to explain the artefacts and to give a detailed interpretation of the displays. We became Volunteer Interpreters rather than guides. Tours were to be conducted by staff guides. Much of what we told people was to be based on our personal experiences and on our extensive knowledge of the technical aspects of the artefacts. We were to provide a value added experience for visitors and to provide information that staff guides could not possibly know.

When people were invited to apply for training as Volunteer Interpreters, many of our existing volunteers immediately came forward. However, there were also lots of new volunteers. A number of people without military experience also applied. These people demonstrated a profound knowledge of Canadian military history and experience related to the military. The definition of a suitable candidate became a person who had a sound knowledge of Canadian military history or technology and an interest in passing this knowledge on to Museum visitors. This group of volunteers has been extremely successful in enhancing the experience of visitors to the Museum.

There are other aspects to the Volunteer Interpreter Programme. The original Agreement with the Museum included a category of Tour Guide Partner. This volunteer would accompany a tour led by a staff guide and add commentary based on his or her experience and specialised knowledge. This activity almost never occurred and there was

no attempt to make it function effectively. Perhaps this can be developed in the future.

The original Agreement with the Museum mentioned that Volunteer Interpreters would act as “witnesses to history” but this function was never defined. After the new facility opened, the Museum asked if a specific Witness to History programme could be developed. The programme that arose from this initiative scheduled Volunteer Interpreters to meet with visiting groups in an atelier to talk about the volunteer’s experiences and area of expertise. The visiting group would book the programme well in advance and the volunteer would prepare his or her presentation. A staff Animator would assist the volunteer and assure that the presentation ran smoothly. Once the programme began to operate, the Museum was called upon to provide all manner of audio-visual assistance to the volunteer in order

to facilitate the presentation. Maps, photographs and other material were saved on a disk and shown on a large screen. The staff assistant operated the equipment. The most unusual request was for a No. 19 Wireless Set, a heavy and awkward piece of equipment, which was provided for one of our presenters on several occasions. Ever versatile and willing, some of our volunteers also participated in a new kind of Witness to History session which was open to visitors who were in the Museum the day of the presentation. The volunteers who provide these talks make every effort to tailor the material to the age level, interests and home towns of the people in the group.

This is the second of a three part article on the Volunteer Interpreter Program. Gordon Foster is the long-time FCWM Coordinator of the Program.

The First World War Day-by-Day Twitter Program

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum has just launched a new series of daily updates on Twitter that gives followers a day-by day view of World War 1. The program supports the Canadian War Museum commemoration of the Centennial of the First World War.

Jean Morin, the Chair of the Research Committee has been building a chronology of military history for twenty years and there are entries for almost every day of the First World War. It is unique in that it has thousands of quotes taken from reputable sources to explain the entries, and almost all of the daily notes has a picture to illustrate the matter at hand.

The series can be followed at the Twitter site of the Friends at the address **@fcwm_amcg**, where all daily Tweets can be found. They can also be recovered with the use of hashtags (keyword) **#daybyday1914_1918** for English and **#journjour1914_1918** for French. The daily Tweets are also displayed on the front page of the Friends’ Internet site.

Friends can get the daily research notes in .pdf by sending an email to Jean Morin at morin.jh@sympatico.ca. You will receive the research notes every fortnight without having to go on Twitter.

D Battery Remembers its Roots

by Lt. Ethan McDonald

Soldiers from D Battery, 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery attended the Canadian War Museum on February 5th to immerse new and longstanding gunners in the rich history of the Canadian Armed Forces. The emphasis of the trip was to see a piece of history used by the first gunners of D Battery. On display in the South African War exhibit is a 12-Pounder Field Gun which was manned by left section of D Battery during the rearguard action at the battle of Leliefontein in November 1900. Now more than a century later, the soldiers of D Battery had a chance to take in their history with a lecture on the Boer War from Dr. John Maker and a self guided tour of the Canadian War Museum.

For many, the highlight of the trip was the chance to meet and speak with the Veteran volunteers at the

Canadian War Museum. Major Robert O'Donnell (Battery Commander) and Master Warrant Officer James Aucoin (Battery Sergeant-Major) arranged for Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Mike Walker to promote Gunners Boileau and Jolicoeur Hebert to the rank of Bombardier.

The outing ended with a Battery photo in the LeBreton Gallery in front of Canadian Guns from conflicts past. The soldiers of D Battery returned to Garrison Petawawa with a greater understanding of their history and appreciation for the efforts of those who went before them.

Lieutenant McDonald is the D Battery Historian



D Battery Senior Personnel with 12-pr Gun Used at Leliefontein by D Battery



LCol Walker (Ret'd) promotes Gunner Boileau to Bombardier



in LeBreton Gallery



A Lifetime of Service — And Beyond

Profile: Ralph L. Hennessy

“From an early age, my husband placed service before self,” recalls Mrs. Diana E. Hennessy. She is speaking of her late husband, Vice Admiral (Ret’d) Ralph L. Hennessy, DSC, CD, RCN, BA, who followed in the military footsteps of four generations of Hennessys. That same philosophy of service and giving has now found a new means of expression: a bequest to the Friends of the Canadian War Museum.

The Friends will use the Hennessy bequest to support the Medal Stories Project. Through this initiative, Canadians who might not otherwise have an opportunity for a direct, insightful connection to Canada’s military history will be able to read stories of service, courage and dedication.

“These days,” says Mrs. Hennessy, “there are folks who do not recognize names such as Currie, Byng, Kingsmill, Churchill, or Bishop. As their chronicles and deeds fade from Canadian school textbooks, it is more important than ever for the Canadian War Museum (CWM) and the Friends to preserve, illustrate and disseminate our country’s military history. We must never forget the role of the military in the way of life Canadians, old and new, enjoy today — or the sacrifices of those who made it possible.”

Over the years, Vice Admiral Hennessy served on the CWM Advisory Council and, with his wife, supported Museum programs and events. They wished, however, to make an additional gesture in the form of a bequest that would acknowledge and support the Friends’ essential work in a tangible way.

Mrs. Hennessy concludes with a few words of advice for others considering a bequest to the Friends of

the Canadian War Museum or the Canadian War Museum. “Please remember that there may be a significant interval between the writing of a will, and the benefactor’s death. During that time, Museum priorities may change. Be sure your lawyer helps you word your bequest so that your beneficiary can use it to best effect, while bearing in mind the donor’s original intent.” And finally: “It is deeply satisfying to support the Museum through a gift in one’s will.”

The Medal Stories Project

If a picture is worth a thousand words, a medal is surely even more eloquent. Just a few inches of ribbon and a small metal decoration — yet what a tale of courage and sacrifice each medal tells! The Canadian War Museum has been entrusted with over a thousand Canadian First World War service medals. More importantly, we have been trusted to preserve and share the stories they represent. That is why we are developing a new interactive website and database for our Tilston Collection of Canadian Military Medals.

Once the website is live, Canadians across the country will be able to easily discover the personal and



Ralph Hennessy being recognized at the Battle of the Atlantic Gala, May 2013

often poignant stories of the remarkable people honoured with these medals, as well as images of the medals themselves.

We are so grateful to Vice Admiral Ralph L. Hennessy, whose generous bequest to the Friends of the Canadian War Museum, with the enthusiastic support of Mrs. Hennessy, will help us tell the stories behind the medals to new generations of Canadians.

A bequest (or gift in your will) — often the greatest gift of a lifetime — could help the Friends and the Museum bring the history of these artifacts to life in new and imaginative ways.

If you would like to learn more about leaving a legacy in this way, please contact Claude Drouin, Director of Philanthropy, at 819-776-8625 or claudio.drouin@warmuseum.ca.

Canadians in the Battle of the Ardennes -16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945

by Marilyn Minnes

This battle was a last ditch attempt by the Nazis to re-take the city of Antwerp and its port in order to prevent the movement of Allied troops and supplies. Hitler saw this as a way to isolate the British from the Americans, thus splitting apart the Allied forces. As it happened, the attack was the Americans' biggest intelligence failure of WW11 and resulted in the largest and bloodiest battle fought by them in this war. 610,000 American troops were involved with a loss of 81,000 men.

My intrepid group of Battlefield tour participants suggested that we include a visit to the Ardennes in our latest-pilgrimage (fall of 2014). As we are wont to do, we are particularly tuned in to uncovering whatever Canadian connections there may be, and uncover them we did.

The first to come to our attention was a group of Canadian Foresters unexpectedly caught in Hitler's last major offensive against the Allies in WW11. Six Canadian Forestry companies were caught in the area. Initially they took up a defensive position, but later were forced to beat a hasty withdrawal, leaving behind 21 sawmills. All of them returned safely to Brussels.

Secondly we came upon the actions of the Canadian Airborne. On 16 December 1944, the first of Hitler's

twenty-four divisions smashed into the Americans in the Ardennes. Reinforcements for the Americans had to be sent. Among them were the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion. With weather over the Ardennes fogging in at zero visibility, on Christmas Eve the Battalion boarded a ship to take them across the Channel from Folkestone to Oostende. The weather was an enemy to the improperly dressed men. Frozen ground made the digging of slit trenches impossible. The men wrapped burlap around their boots to keep their feet from freezing. Hunger was another challenge. Adding to these miserable conditions, the Canadians came upon a horrific atrocity. In the town of Bande they found the frozen bodies of 34 men, as it were, all the men of the village. They had been executed by the German SD (Sicherheitsdienst), and then thrown into an open cellar. Their deaths were further ensured by enemy grenades.

We were determined to trace the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion's footsteps during the battle. On 3 January 1945 the Battalion entered the town of Rochefort. Here they cleaned out pockets of German resistance. They also conducted a number of reconnaissance patrols in the area and positioned an artillery battery atop the feudal castle. They then continued their advance towards Marche-en-Famenne. It is in Rochefort that the Memorial dedicated to the Canadian paratroopers stands reminding us that they liberated the town.

One thing led to another. We turned to CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) in Ottawa for help. Did any of our Airborne lose their lives in the Ardennes? If so, where was their burial ground? We learned that 88 Canadians are buried in Hotton cemetery (N.E. of Rochefort). The remains of 666 Commonwealth soldiers and airmen have been laid to rest here. As only one of the Canadians was from the Airborne, who were the other 87?

We now became acquainted with the RCAF connection. From 24 December 1944, the Canadians in 143 Wing RCAF became involved. Their primary function was to attack enemy armour. That involved low-level strafing attacks with their 20mm cannons. On the first day 143 Wing lost 7 aircraft and pilots, their heaviest one-day loss in the war to date. On the second mission of the day, 438 squadron, an RCAF Typhoon squadron launched



Bande Memorial to those murdered by the Germans



Rochefort Memorial to 1st Cdn Para Bn.

8 machines. They were patrolling the main battle area around Malmedy, Enskirchen, Myen and Houffalize. In all, some 17 squadrons were involved. Last June I had occasion to talk to thirteen Typhoon pilot veterans about their actions in the Ardennes. All of them flew missions there at this time. One pilot commented that it was Falaise all over again, only this time the vehicle targets stood out against the snow.

The log book of one of these pilot's records 6 dives and 36 strafing runs in the area. On 24 December his plane was crippled by enemy flak. He almost made it back to his base in Eindhoven before having to bail out and landing in a tree. The next day saw him in the air again strafing in the St Vith area. He credits his activities in the Ardennes with his being awarded the DFC.

Eighty-seven Canadian airmen have their final resting place in Hotton.



RCAF Headstone, Hotton Cemetery

We visited the Rochefort memorial and Hotton cemetery to pay our respects. Along with Canadian flags, we placed our special memorials of Canadian pinecones and purple ribbon pinned with poppies. For one of the interred Typhoon pilots we were able to obtain an old photo taken at pre-Christmas celebrations with Dutch children. We had the photo laminated and placed it at the base of the airman's headstone. He was killed on Christmas Eve. Eight typhoons were shot down. Of these, one pilot survived.

Our memorials are likely still there. They seem to survive all weather.

Marilyn Minnes is a Friend who frequently leads battlefield tours.

Transitions New Friends

From 1 January – 31 March 2015 the Friends of the Canadian War Museum have welcomed the following new Friends:

- Ms. Maxine Bowen
- Mr. Stephen Dieter
- Ms. Emily Hillstrom
- Mr. Joseph P. Robinson
- Dr. Peter J. Evans
- Mr. Charles H. Jefferson

In Memoriam

Since distribution of the last Torch in February 2015, the Friends have been notified of, and mourn, the passing of the following colleagues:

- Capt (N) (Ret'd) James G. Dean
- Mr. Joseph D. Donnelly
- Brigadier General (Ret'd) Stephen P. Gulyas
- Mr. John G. Hooper
- Major (Ret'd) David E. Kilmartin
- Major General (Ret'd) Wilson G. Leach
- General (Ret'd) Ramsey M. Withers
- Mr. W.J.E. (Ted) Patrick
- LGen (Ret'd) William C. Leach

Amid the Guns Below: The Story of the Canadian Corps 1914-1919 by Larry Worthington

Reviewed by John Anderson

McClelland and Stewart Limited, Toronto/Montreal, 1965

Another gem from the FCWM's Used Military Books Room. This book was published fifty years ago, but just because it is "old" does not make it less valuable, because the insights of fifty years ago are often at least as relevant as those contained in more recent "better" books.

Especially in this case, because the author of this book was the wife of MGen F.F. Worthington, generally considered to be the father of the Canadian Armoured Corps in the Second World War. General Worthington served in the First World War, and so any insights shared by the author are most likely based on the first-hand recollections of her husband.

As for style, Worthington's style is reminiscent of that of her son,

Peter Worthington, of Toronto Telegram/Toronto Sun fame: passionate and direct.

This is a very short book, only 165 pages, but it captures the passion and esprit-de-corps of the Canadian Corps on the Western Front in World War I. More recent histories of this period tend to focus on getting the details right (a laudable objective to be sure), but in the process they take on a dispassionate academic tone; the immediacy and urgency are lost.

In many respects, this book is the antithesis of Hew Strachan's 2004 book *The First World War* that I reviewed recently. Strachan's book presented the grand view, deliberately understating the contributions of individual nations; Worthington's book is the opposite.

But the principle antagonist in this story is Arthur Currie. Currie started the war as a militia Lieutenant-Colonel, landed in France as a Brigadier, assumed command of the Canadian Corps after the battle of Vimy Ridge and, over the remaining eighteen months of the war, oversaw its greatest triumphs. In addition to describing the campaigns, this book describes Currie's sometimes rocky relations with his superior officers in the British Army, and also his relations with his political masters in Canada. Despite disagreements, and despite his "colonial" background, by the end of the war Currie was very highly respected by his brother officers in all countries — while simultaneously being shunned by Canada's political leadership at home. Worthington makes no bones about wanting to rehabilitate the reputation of an officer who, in her view (and increasingly the view of many more recent observers), should be regarded as one of the finest military leaders that Canada has ever produced.

(A detailed account of Currie's battles with his Canadian political masters can be found in Tim Cook's 2011 book, *The Madman and the Butcher*.)

This is also a sub-story, that of the Canadian Machine Gun Corps, conceived, organized and led by Raymond Brutinel. At the time, armies had not generally embraced the idea of substituting firepower, particularly machine guns, for manpower. Brutinel



One of Brutinel's original motorized machine gun carriers is on display in Gallery 2 at CWM.

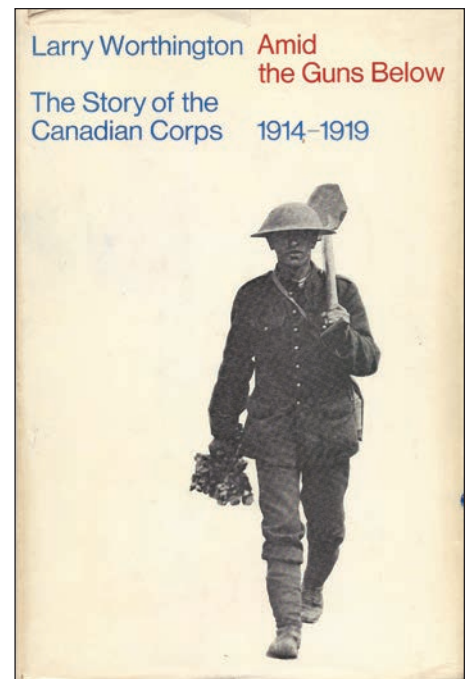
was responsible for developing organizations and tactics for the use of machine guns, including the use of armoured motorized vehicles, that were eventually adopted throughout the British and French armies. His ideas made a huge contribution to the combat capability of the Canadian Corps and other British and French formations.

Brutinel emigrated to Canada from France in 1905, and then after the war returned to France for personal reasons where he died in 1964. As is the case with Arthur Currie, interest in Brutinel's life and accomplishments has revived in recent years. (See, for example, the article by the CWM's Cameron Pulsifer in

the January 2001 issue of *Canadian Military History*.) Worthington's husband, MGen Worthington, served as a Captain in Brutinel's Machine Gun Corps during World War One.

A very interesting book. Not primarily for serious students of history but, for laymen in particular, a good introduction to a very important facet of Canadian history, showing us why we should indeed be proud of what Arthur Currie and the Canadian Corps accomplished in World War One. Now long out of print, but well worth reading if you can find a copy.

John Anderson is an FCWM Volunteer Interpreter and a former Defence Scientist.



FCWM Membership – What's in it for me

by Mike Braham

The first question one invariably receives when asking someone to join the Friends or to renew their membership is, "What's in it for me?"

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum is a not-for-profit volunteer organisation, established in 1985 with the sole objectives of promoting and supporting the Canadian War Museum.

Those objectives are pursued through the following activities:

- fund-raising;
- undertaking agreed-upon projects for the CWM; and,
- providing volunteer services, including research, to the CWM.

With no further commitment beyond your \$25 annual membership fee, you are contributing directly to the fund raising that goes toward the Friends' support to such past major CWM projects as:

- the portrait wall;
- restoration of the Fordson Food Van; and
- restoration of the 1917 6 ton tank.

The currently approved Funding Program includes the following:

- A major project for this period is the second instalment of a six-year pledge to provide a guaranteed gift of \$130,000 to support the

Canadian War Museum's Medal Stories project – (\$25,000).

- The annual Colonel Douglas H. Gunter Award, a national history award competition for high school students, based on a historically significant event or theme. – (\$5,000).
- The LeBreton Gallery souvenir catalog presenting a wide variety of vehicles and equipment used in warfare over the past 300 years.
- The provision of free parking at the Museum for veterans. – (\$5,000).
- A grant for the Military History Research Centre acquisitions. – (\$2,000).
- The adopt-a-book program. – (\$2,000)

So what do you get out of this? Nothing more than the simple satisfaction of supporting and enhancing the ability of the Canadian War Museum, a truly national treasure, to preserve and display Canada's rich military heritage.

Of course, you can enhance that satisfaction by adding a donation to your annual subscription and/or by becoming a volunteer and actively participating in the process.

I almost forgot – as a member you receive the Friends quarterly newsletter – *the Torch!*

The LeBreton Gallery Catalog

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This souvenir catalogue presents a wide variety of vehicles and equipment used in warfare over the past 300 years, such as a Voodoo fighter jet, 19th century artillery pieces, tanks and other vehicles drawn from one of the most extensive collections of its kind in the world. Each tells something about the human ingenuity and intent in their creation and use, and the human experience of facing them on the battlefield.

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Notice

28th Annual General Meeting

Friends of the Canadian War Museum

Barney Danson Theatre , Canadian War Museum
Thursday, June 4, 2015, 1900 hours

1900 - Registration and a meet and greet with light refreshments.

1930 - Business Meeting

Business will consist inter alia of:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the Minutes of the 27th AGM • Recognition of the Silver Friends for 2015 • Presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award • The President's Report • The Financial Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Resolution: Waiver of Appointment of a Public Accountant • Appointment of Accountant • Election of Directors • Outline of 2014/15 Donations to CWM • Update from Director General CWM |
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Other Business Nominations to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors should be sent to the Secretary by mail at 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa, ON K1A 0M8 or by email to bobhamilton@sympatico.ca.

As approved by the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum at the Board meeting April 15, 2015.