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Harry Hardy Receives Sovereign's Volunteer Medal

Submitted by Marilyn Minnes

Harry Hardy, from B.C., is another Friend who has been presented with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers at a ceremony at Government House (B.C.) on January 5th, 2017.

After designing machinery for sawmills and forestry plants for MacMillan Bloedel for more than 30 years, Harry heard about Tetra, an organization that turns problems into solutions for the disabled. For over 20 years this Burnaby B.C. pensioner has designed all manner of items which have eased and brightened the lives of countless. In his basement workshop Harry has designed such items as rolling stools and chairs that bring mobility to the armchair bound, child rumble seats for young parents in scooters and wheelchairs, including a two-seater for a Schelt father. Other creations include a hoist for under a car-seat, an articulated arm brace, a crutch for a ski, a knee-ski, wheel chair bumpers, and a wheelchair winch for a van. Perhaps his proudest achievement is a chair for a grade one student with brittle bone disease who attends school in Surrey. The special desk/chair is equipped with a slow moving crank that lifts and lowers the child to the necessary height for each school activity. For this Harry won the Gizmo award from Tetra, Tetra's equivalent of an Oscar. Another child with cerebral palsy can now operate a computer without discomfort by the various adjustments made. With a team of Tetra designers Harry helped to create a raft for power wheelchair operators. When the wheels turn they rotate a roller, which turns the paddles. Harry keeps his work projects written up like his pilot log book! He is currently working on his 367th project.

Harry is a WW11 veteran pilot who flew 96 missions in a Typhoon Fighter Bomber with a Canadian squadron. He took part in the closing of the Falaise Gap in Normandy, flew over 40 strafing runs and 6 dive bombs in the Battle of the Ardennes, and took part in the Liberation of the Netherlands. He has been awarded a DFC.



Harry is also well known for his work to resurrect endangered species of exotic pheasants by breeding them in his own aviary. Both his Tetra work and his aviary are still very much part of his daily routine.

The Friends join in congratulating Harry on this well deserved honour.

Marilyn Minnes is a Friend and a volunteer at the Canadian War Museum

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President's Message

In my first President's Message back in the summer of 2014, I outlined seven priorities set by the Board for the coming years. For my final President's Message, allow me to provide a short report card.

Priority 1: Increase Friends' Membership and Revenues remains our main area of effort. On the revenue side our biggest success has been the Book Room, which last year raised nearly \$25,000 and this year close to \$30,000. Our 2017-18 focus will be on activities aimed at increasing member-

ship in terms of numbers and member involvement.

Priority 2: Produce a Marketing Plan has yet to be accomplished. However, under Bob Argent and the Communications and Marketing Committee's leadership, we have definitely increased our profile among Friends and the general public.

Priority 3: Expand Education Initiatives is a work in progress. Under the leadership of Allan Bacon assisted by Larry Capstick, Jean Morin and Gordon Foster, the Gunter Award policy and selection processes have been updated, we have connected with youth in various event venues and many of our regular Friends' activities include elements to support our education priority.

Priority 4: Complete our New Website Implementation and Expand Social Media usage is a success story. Thanks to Robert Farrell, Joe Bedford, Krista Duncan and Jean Morin we have a modern website with online membership support elements, a Twitter Account which provides World War I Day by Day tweets and other messaging and an active Facebook page.

Priority 5: Work More Closely with the Museum Leadership and Staff has become part of our regular operating process. Relations with the CWM staff and leadership reflect mutual respect and cooperation as we work together to support one of the best military museums in the world.

Priority 6: Review Internal Management Structures and Policies is another success story. Our normal activities are accomplished through a series of standing and *ad hoc* committees. We published a Board Directors' manual, conducted governance training and began a process for annual Board performance review.

Priority 7: Identify and Plan a Signature Fundraising Event was more than accomplished. Thanks to our Special Project Team led by Thomas Burnie and ably supported by Bob Argent, Robin Nelson, the Executive Committee and many others, the Friends produced a first signature event: *Vimy: A Commemoration in Words and Music*. Our thanks goes to the CWM leadership and staff for all their support and to our Gold Sponsor, Beechwood Cemetery Foundation; Silver Sponsors, Chartwell Retirement Residences and The Royal Canadian Legion; Bronze Sponsors, The Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada and CIBC Ottawa; and to donors Quintet Consulting Corporation, The RMC Ex Cadets Club of Ottawa and the War Graves Commission. Of course, a special thank you goes to Andrew Ager, the composer and conductor of the original

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oratorio, the “*Unknown Soldier*”, the heart of our 9 April 2017 event.

It has been an honour to serve as your President. My thanks goes to the members of the Board of Directors, our hard working Board committee members, other Friends’ volunteers and the entire membership for your support over the past three years and for all that you will do in the years to come.

NOTICE

30th Annual General Meeting

Friends of the Canadian
War Museum

Barney Danson Theatre,
Canadian War Museum

Thursday, June 22, 2017, 1900 hours

1900— Registration and a meet and greet
with light refreshments

1930— Business Meeting will consist inter alia of:

- Approval of the Minutes of the 29th AGM
- Special Resolution: Waiver of Appointment of a Public Accountant
- Appointment of Accountant
- Recognition of the Silver Friends for 2016
- Presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award
- Election of Directors
- President’s Report
- Update from Director CWM
- The Financial Report
- Other Business

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 sec@friends-amis.org.

Approved secretarially by the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum following the Board meeting of 15 March 2017.

Veteran’s Interview Program

by Jean Morin



Les Corbett (at left, above) is a volunteer researcher with the Research Committee of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum and works as an interviewer with the Veteran’s Interview program. He is shown at the Canadian War Museum with Robert Huard, a resident of the Perley and Rideau Health Center.

Robert served overseas after WW II as part of an operation to find and identify aircrew who had crashed in the Ruhr Valley.

Robert shared his experiences with Les and later enjoyed a lunch and a tour of part of the Museum.

If you are a veteran and have unique wartime or peacetime stories to share, contact the Friends’ Office and leave a message.

The recorded interviews go to the archives of the Military History Research Center of the Canadian War Museum. They can be accessed there by researchers.

**Jean Morin is Chair of the FCWM
Research Committee**

Transitions

New Friends

From 1 January – 31 March 2017 the Friends of the Canadian War Museum have welcomed the following new Friends:

Mr. Andrew Ager

Mr. Gerald Bowen

Ms. Rita Bryce

Maj Ross Christensen

Ms. Frances Elkie

Mr. Claude Gauvin

Mr. Stephen Knowles

M. Georges Laoun

Mr. Les Scharfe

In Memoriam

Since distribution of the last Torch in February 2017, the Friends have been notified of, and mourn, the passing of the following colleagues:

Mr. A.H. King

Mr. Peter Perry

Mr. Ernest Smith

Maj Howard Stutt

Maj Lloyd A. Swick

Erratum

by Michael Braham

In the article in the March edition of the Torch on my book on my father, I credited him with being the top-scoring Allied ace flying twin-engined aircraft. That was true with respect to Commonwealth pilots and to those Allied pilots in the European theatre, however, overall, the top Allied ace flying such aircraft in all theatres was USAAF pilot Richard Bong who destroyed 40 Japanese aircraft while flying the P-38 Lightning.

Adopt-A-Book Program

2016 Summary

The Adopt-a-Book Campaign 2016 was successfully concluded effective 21 December 2016. Of the 49 titles listed, 1 was donated to the CWM Research Library by the author and the remaining 48 titles were adopted, for a total value of \$2,190.

The 48 titles were adopted by the following 31 Friends:

Robert Argent, Allan Bacon, Pat Barnhouse, Robert Brett, Thomas Burnie, Larry Capstick, Mai-Yu Chan, Linda J. Colwell, K. Ross Conners, Walter Conrad, Robert Farrell, James Gifford, John Grainger, Robert Hamilton, Jarrott Holtzhauer, Marilyn E. Joseph, Michael Koch, Liliane Lafleur, Charles E. Lewis, Heather Macquarrie, Paul D. Manson, Terry Moore, Jim Muckle, Jean Guy Perron, Leo Patrick Rafferty, Douglas Rowland, F. Roy Thomas, Richard Thorman, John R. Thyen, Rollande Vezina and Marilyn Wright.

2017 Program

After a successful 2016 campaign, Friends are again sponsoring the Adopt-a-Book campaign for 2017.

The titles the MHRC Library wishes to acquire are listed on the next pages. Interested Friends are invited to indicate on the form below the title they wish to sponsor, together with a second and third choice. The form should then be forwarded to the Friends office with a cheque.

Alternatively, sponsors may leave the title selection to the Library if their first, second and third choices have already been adopted. They may also simply leave the selection of the title to the Library in the first instance.

The Library will then acquire the books and inscribe the name of the sponsor on a bookplate in each volume.

It is requested that Friends be cognizant of the desire of other Friends to adopt titles, and thus to restrict their initial adoption to no more than one or two titles. If all titles are not taken up, then the remaining titles to be adopted will be published in the next edition of The Torch.

| # | Title | Author | \$ |
|----|---|--|-------|
| 1 | In All Respects Ready: Australia's Navy in World War One | David Stevens | 70.00 |
| 2 | The Terrorists of Iraq: Inside the Strategy and Tactics of the Iraq Insurgency 2003-2014, Second Edition | Malcolm W. Nance | 80.00 |
| 3 | L.M. Montgomery and War | Andrea McKenzie | 30.00 |
| 4 | Nursing Through Shot & Shell: A Great War Nurse's Story | Beatrice Hopkinson, Dr. Vivien Newman | 25.00 |
| 5 | The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Uniforms of World War I: An expert guide to the uniforms of Britain, France, Russia, America, Germany and Austro-Hungary with over 450 colour illustrations | Jonathan North | 40.00 |
| 6 | An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Uniforms of World War II: An Expert Guide To The Uniforms Of Britain, America, Germany, Ussr And Japan, Together With Other Axis And Allied Forces | Jonathan North, Jeremy Black | 40.00 |
| 7 | Coupables d'être étrangères. Le camp des femmes de Kingston, 1939-1943 | Andrée Laprise | 25.00 |
| 8 | The Liberation of the Camps: The End of the Holocaust and Its Aftermath | Dan Stone | 35.00 |
| 9 | Braddock's Defeat: The Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution | David L. Preston | 30.00 |
| 10 | Scandinavia in the First World War: Studies in the War Experience of the Northern Neutrals | Claes Ahlund | 50.00 |
| 11 | Canada and the United Nations: Legacies, Limits, Prospects | Edited by Colin McCullough and Robert Teigrob | 35.00 |
| 12 | Disarmament under International Law | John Kierulf | 35.00 |
| 13 | Growing Up in Armyville: Canada's Military Families during the Afghanistan Mission | Deborah Harrison, Patrizia Albanese | 35.00 |
| 14 | A Boy from Botwood: Pte. A.W. Manuel, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, 1914-1919 | Bryan Davies, Andrew Traficante | 20.00 |
| 15 | Charlie Foxtrot: Fixing Defence Procurement in Canada | Kim Richard Nossal, Ferry de Kerckhove | 30.00 |
| 16 | Propaganda and Persuasion: The Cold War and the Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society | Jennifer Anderson | 45.00 |
| 17 | Double Threat: Canadian Jews, the Military, and World War II | Ellin Bessner | 25.00 |
| 18 | It Can't Last Forever: The 19th Battalion and the Canadian Corps in the First World War | David Campbell | 45.00 |
| 19 | The German War: A Nation Under Arms, 1939-1945 | Nicholas Stargardt | 25.00 |
| 20 | Armée Allemande En 1918 | Ortholan Henri | 30.00 |
| 21 | Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War | Mary Roach | 25.00 |
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| 24 | British Naval Supremacy and Anglo-American Antagonisms, 1914-1930 | Donald J. Lisio | 65.00 |
| 25 | Cloth Maps, Charts and Blood Chits of World War 2 | John G. Doll | 15.00 |
| 26 | Preparing for War: The Emergence of the Modern U.S. Army, 1815-1917 | J. P. Clark | 40.00 |
| 27 | Mapping the Second World War: The history of the war through maps from 1939 to 1945 | Peter Chasseaud | 35.00 |
| 28 | Rediscovering Irregular Warfare: Colin Gubbins and the Origins of Britain's Special Operations Executive | A. R. B. Linderman | 60.00 |
| 29 | Le sacrifice de l'aviation royale du Canada - supplément 2 | Robert Cantin | 75.00 |

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| 30 | Victoria Crosses on the Western Front - Somme 1916: 1st July 1916 to 13th November 1916 | Paul Oldfield | 40.00 |
| 31 | Amiens 1918: The Last Great Battle | James McWilliams, R. James Steel | 15.00 |
| 32 | The Birth of the Royal Air Force | Ian Philpott | 50.00 |
| 33 | British Women's Work During the Great War., with a list of women who died on war service | Anon Anon | 20.00 |
| 34 | Deeds of Heroes: The Story of the Distinguished Conduct Medal 1854–1993 | Matthew Richardson | 25.00 |
| 35 | Honourable Women of the Great War & the Women's War Who's Who | P. Champion | 55.00 |
| 36 | North Sea Battleground: The War and Sea 1914–1918 | Bryan Perrett | 25.00 |
| 37 | Why the Germans Lost: The Rise and Fall of the Black Eagle | Bryan Perrett | 35.00 |
| 38 | From the Tundra to the Trenches | Eddy Weetaltuk, Thibault Martin, Isabelle St. Amand | 35.00 |
| 39 | Campaign 1915: Uniforms & Equipment of the British Servicemen in the First World War | Chris Pollendine | 120.00 |
| 40 | Holocaust Survivors in Canada: Exclusion, Inclusion, Transformation, 1947–1955 | Adara Goldberg | 25.00 |
| 41 | Epitaphs of the Great War: The Somme | Sarah Wearne | 15.00 |
| 42 | Knitskrieg: A Call to Yarns!: A History of Military Knitting from the 1800s to the Present Day | Joyce Meader | 30.00 |
| 43 | L'insurrection du Nord-Ouest 1885 | Léon Ledieu | 30.00 |
| 44 | Le Canada français et les conflits contemporains : actes du colloque tenu à l'Université du Québec à Montréal | | 25.00 |
| 45 | Canadian Military Post Offices to 1993 | Bailey, W.J. and E.R. Toop | 30.00 |
| 46 | Thundersticks: Firearms and the Violent Transformation of Native America | David J. Silverman | 30.00 |
| 47 | The Great Leveler: Violence and the History of Inequality from the Stone Age to the Twenty-First Century | Walter Scheidel | 35.00 |
| 48 | Missionnaires en terre barbelée | Bill Rawling | 30.00 |
| 49 | L'Alouette en guerre | Bill Rawling | 30.00 |
| 50 | Brooker's badges of the Canadian army: from 1920 to unification - v.7 | Chris Brooker | 65.00 |
| 51 | The Idea of Canada: Letters to a Nation | David Johnston | 25.00 |
| 52 | Passchendaele: The Untold Story; Third Edition | Robin Prior, Trevor Wilson | 25.00 |

ADOPT-A-BOOK ADOPTION FORM 2017

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Cheque enclosed for: Please mail form and cheque (payable to Friends of the Canadian War Museum) to the Friends address at 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa, ON K1A 0M8.

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A tax receipt will be sent.

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Doomsday Clock Moves Closer to Midnight

Adapted from an Article by Sarah Knapton,
Science Editor, The Telegraph, 26 January 2017

On Thursday, 26 Jan 2017 the Doomsday Clock, which symbolises the current threat of global annihilation, was moved closer to midnight by the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* by thirty seconds. The clock is now at 2357:30, the closest it has been to the apocalypse since 1953 when the US took the decision to upgrade its nuclear arsenal with the hydrogen bomb.

The countdown was established in 1947 by a group of experts who were working on the Manhattan Project to design and build the first atomic bomb. They wanted a simple means of demonstrating the danger to Earth and humanity posed by nuclear war.

The Doomsday Clock now not only takes into account the likelihood of nuclear Armageddon but also other emerging threats, such as climate change and advances in biotechnology and artificial intelligence. Scientists have been moving the Doomsday Clock since 1947

In a statement the regarding the latest change, the *Bulletin* noted that, “*Tensions between the United States and Russia that remain at levels reminiscent of the Cold War, the danger posed by climate change, and nuclear proliferation concerns - including the recent North Korean nuclear test - are the main factors influencing the decision about any adjustment that may be made to the Doomsday Clock.*”

It also posted the following warnings on its website; “*terrorism involving nuclear or radiological materials remains one of the gravest threats to humanity and to global stability*”, and, “*accidental, unauthorised, or inadvertent nuclear exchange between the United States and Russia*”, noting that the two countries had 800 warheads on high alert, ready to launch.

The clock moved closest to midnight in 1953 when the US developed the hydrogen bomb. This latest change sends the message



that the Earth is closer to oblivion than any time since those early days of hydrogen bomb testing and 1984, when US-Soviet relations reached “*their iciest point in decades*”.

The clock was originally set to seven minutes to midnight and the world reached its safest point in 1991, when it read 17 minutes to midnight as the Cold War officially ended and The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty greatly reduced the number of strategic nuclear weapons deployed by the US and Russia.

Group Friends

As of 31 March 2017, the following organisations are Group Friends and we thank them for their support:

- MacFie Clan Society of Canada, Orleans
- Royal Military Colleges Club (Ottawa), Ottawa
- The Black Watch Association - Pacific Coast Branch, North Vancouver
- The Polish Combatants' Association, Branch 8, Ottawa
- The Royal Canadian Legion - Dominion Command, Kanata
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 006 (ON), Owen Sound
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 037 (AB), High Prairie
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 047 (NL), Labrador City
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 055 (SK), Grenfell

- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 (SK), Nipawin
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 130 (SK), Hudson Bay
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 153 (MB), Carberry
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 167 (ON), Exeter
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 (AB), Caroline
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 185 (QC), Deux Montagnes
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 290 (SK), Nokomis
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314 (ON), Manotick
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 341 (SK), Pense
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 542 (ON), Westport
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 580 (ON), Cobourg
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 593 (ON), Nepean
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 (ON), Minden
- The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 638 (ON), Kanata

Donations

The Friends are grateful to the following who made general donations during the period 1 January - 31 March 2017.

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In-Memoriam Donations

The following is a list of donors making in-memoriam donations during the period 1 January – 31 March 2017. The tributes are recorded in the language in which they were provided.

- Mr. William Abbott, in memory of
Mr. Russel Morey
- Mr. John Braithwaite, in memory of
Howard Mansfield
- Col Angus Brown (Ret'd), in memory of
Howard Stutt
- Mr. W. Bruce Clark, in memory of
William (Bill) Coombs, 5th Canadian Division,
veteran of Italy and NW Europe 1943-45"
- Col Patrick Dennis (Ret'd), in memory of
F/Sgt Peter Dutchak, 630 Squadron (RAF),
killed in action 18 March 1944
- Ms. Diana Dewar, in memory of
Lt (N) G. (Hal) Halikowski and
Capt (N) John Dewar.
Lt Halikowski served in the RCN from 1943 to
1974. His wartime service included the North
Atlantic, Normandy and Korea. Capt Dewar
served in the RCN from 1969 to 2000. Both
officers died from their shipboard exposure to
asbestos.
- BGen David Edgecombe, in memory of
Maj Edward N. Edgecombe, ED, RCASC, also
Lt(NS) Mary S. Edgecombe, CD, RCAMC
- Mr. Gordon Foster, in memory of
Maj Howard A. Stutt, RCA
- Mr. Gerald Gallagher, in memory of
Dorothy Malott
- CPO 2 Charles Hamilton, in memory of
Pte. William Nichol, 5th Cdn Anti-Tank Regiment
North-west Europe
- Ms. Sigrid Hough, in memory of
WO William O. Hough, a veteran of the Second
World War
- Mr. Stephen Knowles, in memory of
LCDR Murray Knowles, In memory of
my father Murray Knowles (1916-2014) RCNVR
1940-1946.
- Ms. Elsa Lessard in memory of
CPO Francia (Frank) Lessard, RCN -
Telegraphist, and
- Thomas Oscar (Ossie) Lessard RCNVR,
Visual Signals
- Mr. J. R. Digger MacDougall, in memory of
LGen (Ret'd) Charlie H. Belzile, in honour of a
great friend, mentor and brother officer.
He is missed
- Ms. Anne Merritt, in memory of
Cpl Roland Lee Merritt, served in the 40th
Battery, Canadian Field Artillery at Vimy Ridge
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World War. Served at Vimy Ridge and
visited France in 1936 for the unveiling of the
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Mr. Peter Perry
- Ms. Beverlee Rombouts, in memory of a friend,
Mr. John Leonard Clark
- Ms. Betty Smith, in memory of
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First World War. Served at Vimy Ridge and
visited France in 1936 for the unveiling of
the Vimy Monument
- Dr. Peter Suedfeld, in memory of
Major James Gove, served as a tank
commander in the South Alberta Regiment,
Fourth Armoured Division, during World War II
(Commander in Chief's Certificate from Field
Marshal Montgomery), in the Ordnance Corps
during the Korean War, as a military advisor in
Ghana, and in various posts until retirement.
- Mr. André Tellier, in memory of
Lieut. Royal Cdn. Hussars André Tellier,
in loving memory of Dear Dad
- Mr. Edward Terry, in memory of
Capt. Edward L. Terry, died in Hong Kong
POW camp Aug. 1942
- Maj Leonard Woollven, in memory of
Colonel David Ian Smith, a friend and
Brother in Arms. "Stand Easy"

Soldier Priest in the Killing Fields of Europe: Padre Thomas Nangle, Chaplain to the Newfoundland Regiment, WWI

by Gary Browne and Darrin Michael McGrath

DRC Publishing, St. John's, 2006 (ISBN 0978149610)

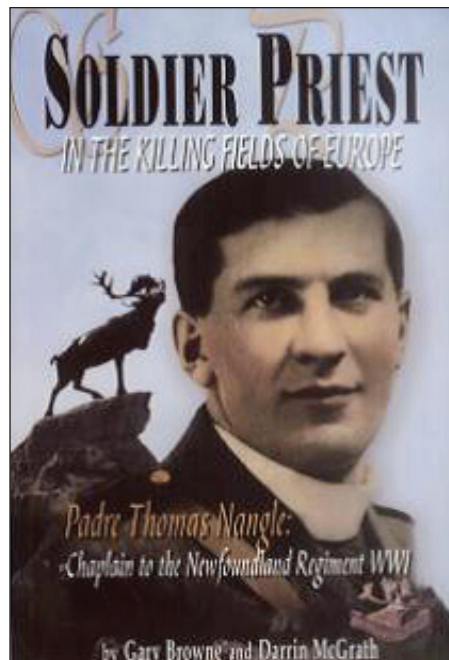
Reviewed by John Anderson

Many of us are familiar with the haunting beauty of the Newfoundland Memorial Park at Beaumont Hamel in France, where the Newfoundland Regiment was almost annihilated on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme, 01 July 1916. But relatively few of us are familiar with the story of how this park came into being. This book, published in 2006 but, apparently, never widely circulated, goes far toward filling this gap in our historical record, recording the career of a remarkable man, Thomas Nangle.

Nangle was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1889. He completed primary school there before going to Ireland to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in St. John's in 1913. He later became a chaplain with the Newfoundland Regiment, and the tale of the regiment's ordeal on the Western Front is told in the tally of dead and wounded that Nangle had to confront after every engagement.

But Nangle is best known for his exploits after the war ended, when he was named Newfoundland's Director of Grave Registration and Enquiry, and also as Newfoundland's representative on the (then) Imperial War Graves Commission. In these capacities, Nangle was responsible for finding the remains of Newfoundland's casualties and moving them to final resting places in IWGC cemeteries, exhausting, dispiriting and dangerous work.

Nangle was also charged with responsibility for developing suit-



able memorials for Newfoundland's fallen. This resulted in the construction of five memorial sites in France and Belgium, with the largest and principal site at Beaumont Hamel. Nangle also chose the design and arranged for the production of the statue of the Woodland Caribou stag, "The Monarch of the Topsails", that graces each site, thereby creating the "Trail of the Caribou."

It is clear from this book that Nangle threw himself into this work with tremendous passion and dedication. But, having completed all of this work, in 1926 he threw it all up, resigned from the priesthood, and moved to Rhodesia. The authors were unable to find any relevant records, but the studied (and, with hindsight, appalling) refusal by both ecclesiastical and temporal authorities to grant him any significant official recognition for his accomplishments might well have

been a factor. Nangle never returned to Newfoundland, and he virtually disappeared from public consciousness.

In Rhodesia, in 1929, Nangle married Thelma Watkinson. They had three sons, Timothy (1930), Hugh (1935), Rory (1940), and one daughter, Mavourneen (1942). In 1962, Hugh emigrated to Toronto, married and settled there. Mavourneen moved to Montreal and later Australia. In 1966, Nangle returned to Europe to attend ceremonies at Beaumont Hamel marking the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, and then went on to Canada to visit Hugh and Mavourneen. But while in Canada he refused an invitation from Joey Smallwood to also visit Newfoundland.

Thomas Nangle died in 1972 and is buried in Rhodesia.

This book was published in 2006 in time for the ninetieth anniversary of the Battle of Beaumont Hamel. On that occasion the Royal Newfoundland Regiment returned to Europe in strength to once again follow the "Trail of the Caribou". And three of Nangle's children, Hugh, Rory and Mavourneen, accompanied them.

This is a most remarkable book. It has only 165 pages and is thus quite intense, and the above is only the briefest summary of its contents. But much of the story is told at first-hand through excerpts from letters written to and by Nangle; these go far toward giving the book its sense of currency and urgency. To my mind, an invaluable addition to our historical record. Most highly recommended.