

The Torch

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Connections by Doug Rowland

In an Edmonton church there is a memorial stained glass window made of shards of glass collected by two close friends, a military chaplain and an army doctor, as their unit moved through the war-devastated towns and villages of Normandy.

Denis Marantz never had a chance to know his father well. He was only a child when his father enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and was posted overseas during World War II.

Denis writes:

"My father, Captain Harry Marantz, was felled by a German .88 on August 14th 1944 in the fighting to cross the bridge at Clare Tizon in Normandy, one of the many battles to close on Falaise. As a doctor, he was detached from the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg."

In his desire to know more about his father, Denis has tracked down his military service records, contacted old comrades and, searched news archives. He has made such discoveries as the recording of a report, from Matthew Halton of the CBC, broadcast from south of Caen on August 3, 1944 in which Halton described Captain Marantz's unit as "the most advanced regimental aid post on this front".

Denis discovered that his father, a Jew, had formed a close friendship with the regiment's Protestant Chaplain, Tom Davies, and had tended to the Chaplain's wounds immediately before being killed himself.

When Denis retired, he and his wife, Karen travelled to France to visit his father's

grave in the Canadian cemetery at Bretteville-sur-Laize. Also, through the assistance of local residents, they were able to determine and visit the very spot in the village of Clare Tizon where Captain Marantz fell and had been buried temporarily, pending relocation to his permanent burial site.

But his most remarkable find was completely unexpected. On the 22nd of April 2012, Denis was in his home in Tyne Valley, PEI, sipping a glass of wine and checking his email and he opened this message:

"Dear reader,

"Can you forward this e-mail to Mr. Denis Marantz who is Board Member of the Stewart Memorial Hospital in Tyne Valley, PEI? I do not have his mail address.

"Dear Mr. Marantz,

"Let me introduce myself to you first: My name is Leo Mackenbach of Jagerskreek 49, 3206 HJ Spijkenisse - The Netherlands. I am 60 years of age and happily married to my wife Liesbeth.

Last weekend we had a big flee (sic) market in our city in favour of our church. My wife and I were attending the booth with curiosities. Amongst these curiosities we found a (suit)case which left unsold. Normally all unsold items vanish in the garbage, but this case had "something" and we purchased it just for fun.

Inside the case we found the name: H. Marantz R.C.A.M.C.

Search on the internet produced a Captain H. Marantz who fell in the 2nd World War on the 14th of August 1944 and who
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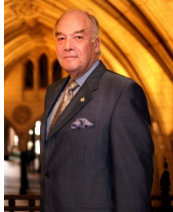
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President's Message Douglas Rowland



While in Sault Ste Marie recently, I visited some of the city's attractions. The city Museum has consecrated one of its galleries to the military history of the Algoma region. On display are artefacts and photographs from World War I and II, brief histories of the regiments of the area and memorials to some of the region's most decorated soldiers and airmen. Their three Afghanistan War dead are also memorialized.

An exhibition of paintings by local artist Doug Bradbury was also on view. It included some of his works on naval subjects. He is represented in the CWM collection. As an aside, the Sault's Bushplane Museum is first rate. Don't miss it if you pass that way.

We'd like to hear from you about attractions in your area that would be of interest to our actual and potential members. Send a brief write-up to us at fcwm-amcg@magma.ca or to 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa On K1A 0M8. We'll place them on our new website when it's up and running.

The Museum's plans for the marking of the sixtieth anniversary of the Korean armistice are well advanced. They include special events and upgrades to the permanent exhibits on Korea. The Friends have set aside funding to assist the Museum with its plans.

The CWM hopes to strengthen its collection of Korean conflict artefacts. If you have items that might fill in some gaps, let us know. We'll put you in touch with the right Museum staff.

Major changes to the LeBreton Gallery's displays are underway. The Museum is re-grouping and repositioning the equipment, organizing it into coherent themes and providing new, more complete, more visible, signage. Work should be complete around the end of March. Visitors and Friends will be pleased.



Sault Ste Marie Museum

Connections (continued from p.1)

War on the 14th of August 1944 and who was buried in Bretteville-sur-laize (Calvados) France.

I also found part of a newspaper article by Denis Marantz giving details about the burial of his father. (Is this you?) Your picture on the site of the Stewart Memorial Hospital gives us the impression that you are this person.

Another newspaper article showed the number of Marantz's from Flin Flon, Manitoba who went into war, quite impressive!

As the date of the death of H. Marantz is over 60 years ago, I assume that - when looking at your photograph - you have less recollection of Capt. H. Marantz. (Provided it is your father)...."

Heart thumping, Denis telephoned Mr. Mackenbach in Spijkenisse. It was indeed his father's medical case, and Mr. Machenback agreed to send it to him. How it got from Clare Tizon in Normandy to a town in the Netherlands, 68 years later, nobody knew – most probably the unit had taken the case and its contents with them as it moved through France and into Belgium and the Netherlands.

The medical case, and the fruits of Denis' research into his father's wartime experience have now been offered to the Canadian War Museum by Denis and his sister Denise Wilson.

Denis continues his quest to know more about the man who gave him life and who gave up his own in the service of Canada.

Recently, the search has led to a meeting with the children of his father's great friend, Tom Davies, Chaplain of the Camerons and the force behind that memorial stained glass window.

What stories the artefacts in this Museum have to tell us!



Change of Command by Howard Mansfield

At the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa on 29 October His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, presided over a ceremony marking the Change of Command of the Canadian Forces from General Walt Natynczyk to General Tom Lawson.

To the sound of a 21-gun salute, the Governor General received full

military honours, and inspected a 50-member Canadian Forces guard of honour accompanied by out-going CDS, General Walt Natynczyk. He then presented the Chief of Defence Staff pennant to the newly appointed Chief.

General Lawson, a former fighter pilot, served most recently as Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defence Command, in Colorado.



(l. to r.) Gen. Lawson, Governor General Johnston, Gen. Natynczyk

Group Friends

Normally we list our Group friends in each edition of the Torch.

However, I am pleased to say that

we now have so many that it is no longer possible.

Instead, we have now incorpo-

rated the listing of Group Friends on to our web site and will only note the addition of new members in the Torch.

Volunteer Profile

Mike Bedford was born in Oakland California in 1946 and immigrated to Canada with his parents in Montreal in 1960. After graduating (M.B.A) from McGill University Mike joined Bell Canada. His career with Bell spanned a variety of middle management assignments in Engineering, Marketing, Public Affairs, Regulatory Affairs and Human Resources. He moved with his family to Ottawa in 1978, From 1984 to 1986 Mike worked in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province as an advisor to the Saudi Telecom Expansion Project.



Mike's early volunteer activities were in support of Habitat for Humanity, Sustainable Ottawa, the Ottawa Carleton School Board and the Stewardship Committee of his local church.

Mike retired from Bell Canada in 2001 and went to

work, volunteering, with the Friends of the Canadian War Museum. As FCWM Volunteer Coordinator he led the development of new systems to support the Friends' recruiting of CWM volunteers. In 2005 Mike joined the FCWM Membership Committee and worked on modernizing the FCWM membership database. The Membership Committee is now exploring on-line options for enabling Friends to update their contact information and renewing their memberships. Encouraging greater engagement of Canadian youths and young families is also a priority for the Membership Committee. Mike has served on the FCWM Board of Directors since 2007.

When not volunteering at the CWM, Mike enjoys photography, woodworking and spending time with his adult children and four grandchildren.

Adopt-a-Book 2012 Final Report by Bill Smith

The 2012 Campaign was again a crowning success and achieved a total of forty-eight titles being adopted this year. Friends, you have done it again, and once more you have earned a Bravo Zulu for your wonderful effort. Well Done Friends.

In all, forty-eight (48) were adopted by twenty-eight (28) Friends. They are: Pat Barnhouse, Serge Bernier, Pamela Brunt, Larry Capstick, Mai-yu Chan, John Clarry, Ross Connors, Walter Conrad, Ernest Creber, John Friedlander, Eveline Goodall, John Grainger, Charles Gruchy, Ralph Hennessy, Jarrott Holtzhauer, Donald Hook,

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Former Gunter Award Winner Donates New Book to Museum

Brett Clifton of Lethbridge Alberta was the 2008 Colonel Douglas Gunther Award winner for his book, "*They Never Came Home – The Lethbridge Cenotaph Project.*"

He has recently completed an-

other book entitled, "*Dear Mom and Pop: the Overseas Letters of Private Penny*" which explores the contributions of Canadian women who served during the Second World War. It focuses on Pte. Penny Brander, who was a dancer with the Army Show. It is

based upon the sixty plus letters that Pte. Brander wrote home detailing her experiences.

Mr. Clifton has donated a copy of this book to the Museum's Military History Research Centre.

In Remembrance – Dr. Helen Mussallem by Howard Mansfield

Dr. Helen Kathleen Mussallem C.C., D.St.J., B.N., M.A., Ed.D., LL.D., D.Sc., D.U., F.R.C.N. died peacefully in Ottawa on Friday November 9th, 2012 in her 98th year.



Dr. Mussallem served overseas throughout the Second World War as a Nursing Sister Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and used her veteran's points to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing from McGill University. She subsequently be-

came the first Canadian to obtain master's and PhD degrees in nursing. Over the course of a career spanning more than six decades, Helen Mussallem accomplished for the nursing profession in Canada what Florence Nightingale did for Britain. She was responsible for major reforms in nursing education in Canada, moving teaching programs out of hospitals and into universities, and received the highest award of the International Red Cross, the Florence Nightingale Medal. She was also the first nurse outside the United Kingdom to be honoured as a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing.

Dr. Mussallem was a Companion of the Order of Canada, and a Dame of Grace of the Venerable Order of Saint John; and was appointed Capilano Herald Extraordinary within the Canadian Heraldic Authority. She received honorary degrees from Memorial University, the University of New Brunswick, Queen's University, McMaster University, and the University of British Columbia.

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum are honoured to have had Helen as a member. since 1996 and she will be truly missed.

FCWM Projects for 2012/13

During 2012/13 the Friends will have pledged financial support (in parentheses) to the Canadian War Museum for the following important projects:

Travelling Exhibits: supporting the CWM's efforts to make selected exhibitions available to subsidize medium and smaller museums across the country (\$10,000).

Korean War Exhibit: subsidizing the research and mounting of a temporary exhibition of photographs and

other visual material drawn mainly from the museum's own collections, to be opened in early June 2013 (\$25,000).

The Barney Danson Collection: organizing, cataloguing, arranging for conservation and creating a finding aid for the collection of archival and photographic material donated to the CWM by the Honorable Barnett Danson PC, CC (\$4,500).

Oral History Transcripts: creating PDF transcripts of the oral history re-

cordings in the CWM Archives (\$5,400) Portrait Wall Refurbishment: the second and final subsidy of the project to install an updated, more flexible hanging system, more detailed captions and enhanced lighting for the CWM Portrait Wall (\$25,000);.

Continuing grants in support of the

- CWM's Military History Research Centre,
- Rare Book Conservation,
- Douglas Gunter History Award

Changes to FCWM Membership Cards by Mike Bedford

Thank you to all readers who have responded to our request to renew their memberships for the 2013 calendar year. You probably noticed that we have discontinued the policy of issuing annual Membership Cards. Several factors led to this change:

- The membership card conferred

no tangible benefits to members; it was not required for admission to FCWM events or meetings;

- There was a financial cost of reprinting the cards each year to include the latest membership year (eg "2013"); and

- A sample of Friends surveyed in the Fall, 2012 supported the proposed change

We are currently exploring several (longer lasting) replacement options for the annual membership card. We will be in touch with you shortly.

Murmansk Run Sailors Honoured by Howard Mansfield



At a ceremony in the Canadian War Museum on 27 November 2012, Canadian veterans of the World War 2 Arctic Convoys were presented with the Medal of Ushakov by the Ambassador of the Russian Federation.

The Medal of Ushakov is a state decoration that was retained by the Russian Federation from the awards system of the USSR after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, and sanctioned for wearing, by the Canadian Gazette.

The award was made to naval veterans of the 1939-45 war and the merchant marine sailors they escorted on the "Murmansk Run". Of the seventy listed recipients from across Canada, three were present at the War Museum to receive the honour, among them long-time Friend of the Canadian War Museum, Col (Ret'd) Bob Grogan.

Named in honour of Admiral Fyodor Ushakov, known as the patron saint of the Russian Navy, who was responsible for the modernization of the Russian Navy in the 18th century, the medal was created by the USSR in 1944 and award-

ed to sailors for bravery and courage displayed in defence of the Soviet Union in naval theatres of military operations.

As reported in the February 2010 issue of *The Torch*, a "Victory Medal" had previously been awarded to Canadian sailors on the Murmansk Run and again one of the recipients of that medal was Bob Grogan, who had been an RCNVR seaman in the Canadian detachment on board HMS *Sheffield*.

Visit of HRH Countess Sophie by Mai-Yu Chan

On September 12, 2012, HRH Sophie, Countess of Wessex, visited the Canadian War Museum and took a tour of the War of 1812 Exhibit.

She was escorted by Sharon Johnstone, the wife of our Governor-General, and Jim Witham, Director-General of the CWM.

She then met with twenty-five

volunteer interpreters who were totally charmed by her smile and personality. She took time to shake hands and talked with every one of them.

One of the volunteers, Armand (Jas) Haley, presented the Countess with a Lincoln and Welland Regiment shoulder flash that he had worn during his service with the Regiment.

The Countess of Wessex is



the Colonel-in-Chief of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

150th Anniversary of the Black Watch by Robbie Robertson

2012 was the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Black Watch and to mark this event Robbie Robertson, a volunteer interpreter



at the Museum for over twenty years, gave a presentation on the history, customs and uniforms of both the Canadian and British Black Watch to a group of Friends.

He explained the origins of the Regiment by pointing out that they were initially a police force or 'watch' in Scotland and, as the dark tartan kilts they wore looked almost black at a distance, they became known as the Black Watch.

He then described how they became a unit of the British Army which eventually became the 42nd Regiment of Foot.

He outlined many of the battles the British Black Watch participated in and how they received the distinctive red hackle vulture feathers which they wear in place of a cap badge in most orders of dress.

Before starting a discussion on the 2nd South African War, he switched from the history of the British Black Watch to that of the Canadian Black Watch and mentioned how they were first formed in Montreal in 1862. He detailed the Canadian Black Watch involvement in the First World War and the number of Victoria Crosses awarded to members of the unit in that war. He commented on the Regiment's part in the terrible battles of Verrières Ridge, Woensdrecht and the Walcheren Causeway in the Second World War. In the early '50s the Black Watch became a Regular Force unit of the Canadian Army until 1970 and their activities during that

time frame were touched upon.

Various items of their uniform were examined and it was fascinating to discover their purposes and how they developed. Some of these uniforms have been depicted on a postage stamp commemorating this 150th anniversary which was issued by Canada Post in October.

Robbie summed up by stating that all these uniforms, customs and traditions and loyalty to a name gives Black Watch soldiers a cohesion, pride and a reputation that has rarely been equalled but never surpassed by any other British or Canadian regiment.

A Special Presentation

Ted Ronberg, a Friend and former air force officer is seen receiving his Jubilee Medal from Jacqueline Gagnon.

Jackie is a World War II veteran who served with Bomber Command in operations con-

trol.

She now dedicates her time as a volunteer several times a week in the FCWM office.

Jackie has been a member of the Friends since 2000.



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