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New Temporary Exhibit – War and Medicine

War inflicts terrible physical and mental injuries. Medical practitioners try to save lives, manage disease and rehabilitate the wounded. This is the paradox at the heart of **War and Medicine**, a major exhibition coming to the Canadian War Museum (CWM) from **May 26 to November 13, 2011**.

Developed by the Wellcome Collection in London, England and the Deutsches Hygiene Museum in Dresden, Germany, and adapted for a Canadian audience, the exhibition will trace the international history of the uneasy relationship between war and medicine from the Crimean War (1854–1856) to current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

War and Medicine goes beyond combat to tell stories of survival and compassion. The exhibition features the deeply moving stories of combat medics, surgeons, nurses and other caregivers—and the patients whose physical and psychological wounds they attempt to mend both on and off the battlefield.

War and Medicine presents hundreds of artifacts and haunting images from international museums, the Canadian War Museum's own collections and other lenders. Through these outstanding resources, the exhibition clearly examines the devastating impact of disease, physical injury and psychological trauma on fighting forces, as well as the resulting

adaptations in medical treatment, disease prevention, veterans' rehabilitation and psychological healing.

The Canadian War Museum is the only North American venue for this exhibition.



German First Aid Kit

During the First World War, front-line medical officer Lieutenant Lawrence Rogers used this captured German medical kit to treat patients. Rogers was killed in October 1917 while assisting an injured Canadian soldier during the battle of Passchendaele.
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Please see the insert with this issue of *The Torch* for full details of this year's campaign in support of the Military History Research Centre

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President's Message Bill Leach

They say time flies when you are too busy to notice it speeding past you or when you are having fun. Either way, Winter is gone and Spring is here. Said another way, we have just closed fiscal year 2010-2011 and we are preparing for our Annual General Meeting on 9 June, less than two months from now.

We have now finished our consideration of the 26 recommendations of the Strategic Study and we have made many decisions which I believe will help the Friends become more efficient on a day-to-day basis as well as situate us for success in the future. Work will start very soon on a multi-year implementation plan; there is too much to use the "big-bang" theory. We'll space the changes in a realistic and manageable way to make sure that one thing builds on another and we do not have to double back and duplicate any work. I owe all the Directors a very large THANK YOU for the three single-issue Board Meetings they lived through to get us to this point.

This has NOT been an easy year for the Friends or for the Director General of The Canadian War Museum and all his staff. We are still catching up for time lost during the work disruption of late 2009. We have met our funding commitments to Museum projects for the year just finished and we have had our first look at their wishes for funding in the new fiscal. You and the population at large are going to see some exciting equipment roll-outs and project unveilings before the end of 2011!

As I said last time, the Friends are moving forward in a

deliberate and controlled way. We must be ever conscious that we cannot exceed our capacity. We always want to celebrate success - it is a waste of time and effort to have to explain away failure. We will never have enough Friends - we need the time and energy that every Friend provides. We should all try and sign up at least one new individual (two would be even better).

Between now and our Annual General Meeting in early June, 2011 we have a number of key activities that will be ongoing. To repeat what I said in my last message to you, critical in all of this will be keeping you informed with a more aggressive communications plan than you have seen before. And most critical, a much more aggressive call for your time than I believe has ever been the case before - we need people who can give us bilingual coverage in the Friends office; people who can help with translation work that is very expensive if we have to buy it; people to flesh out committees and be workers as we try and reorganize ourselves in accordance with accepted Strategic Study recommendations. We need you and we need any new Friends that you can sign up.

The future is exciting! We will do our very best to keep you fully informed, so you can feel the vibrations as our ship picks up speed and you want to play your role in helping us move forward.

Have a good Spring - till next time - Bill



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL · LE GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL

I am delighted to congratulate the Friends of the Canadian War Museum on their 25th anniversary.

For the past 25 years, the Canadian War Museum and all Canadians have benefited from the unflagging efforts of the Friends of the CWM. Thanks to them, numerous projects have been brought to fruition, and countless objects and other milestones of our Canadian military history have been preserved in a magnificent building that does Canada proud.

Bravo to all of the volunteers for their unparalleled dedication and for so many achievements. I wish you all an excellent year and even more success in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Johnston".

David Johnston

January 2011

Absent Friends

Ramsey Withers

Major J. J. Bray, CD, Canadian Guards

Joe Bray, a member of the Friends for some twenty years and a supporter of *Passing the Torch*, passed away at the Perley Rideau Veterans Health Centre, in his 83rd year. Faithful to the end he continued to support us, making a final contribution last fall. He served in Korea with 3 RCR before joining the Canadian Guards on its formation. For those of us who attended the Canadian Army Staff College course, 1959-61 he will be remembered

as a brilliant cartoonist who added welcome levity to our lives.

Brigadier-General (Ret'd) E. A. "Ned" Amy, OBE, DSO, MC, CD

We have played the Last Post for Ned, in January, when he entered Valhalla in his 94th year. Never was as much energy, courage, compassion, love of country and sense of humour packed into a physique just more than five feet tall.

I first met him in Korea, when he was the GSO1 (today,

chief of staff) of the Commonwealth Division and I later served under his command as Signal Officer of The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

A loyal member of The Friends, he was a strong voice in supporting the drive for our new Museum. And, most recently, he fought ceaselessly and eventually won his campaign to restore the Halifax Rifles to the order-of-battle. To the last he was a fighter. We will remember him.

Canada's Naval History – New Online Web Site

Canada's Naval History is a web module that allows users to explore the history of Canada's navy from its origins to today.

Rather than presenting a detailed narrative, *Canada's Naval History* uses chronological and thematic approaches to organize and present approximately 700 digitized objects in a content-rich visitor experience. Drawn from the

collections of the Canadian War Museum and its partners, these artifacts, photographs, artworks, and documents help tell the story of the country's naval history and highlight the experiences of the men and women who lived it.

The artifacts and images are grouped in various ways to allow for different types of approaches.

- Historical Periods
- Special Themes

- By Type of Artifact (weapons / medals / models etc.)

Each artifact has a full and meaningful description.

Canada's Naval History can be accessed from the CWM Home Page. (warmuseum.ca). Click on Exhibits, and then on Online Exhibits. It's the one at the top left.

FCWM Student Volunteers

The Friends will be again be sponsoring the Student Volunteer program at the CWM this summer. This program is designed to encourage high school students to reflect upon the CWM mandate to educate, commemorate and preserve.

Last summer's FCWM Student Volunteers were Katie Sutton and Alex Purcell. Encouraged by FCWM Volunteer Interpreter Walter Conrad,

Katie wrote on the subject of "A Soldier's Trust". Alex wrote on "The Versatility of Artillery and its Evolution," guided by Volunteer Interpreter Gordon Foster.

Do you know...

- a student who is looking for a volunteer assignment this summer?
- a student with a strong interest in

Canadian military history?

- a student who would like to collaborate on a research project with a knowledgeable veteran?

Please ask interested high school students to visit the Friends web site:

http://friends-amis.org/student_volunteers_e.html to learn more about the FCWM Student Volunteer program.

FCWM Web Site News (www.friends-amis.org)

Work is underway on a redesign of the web site, and we hope to have this launched by the Fall. In order to keep the content up to date, we are looking for **Content Managers** to help keep the content on the web site fresh and interesting. Friends volunteering for this role will be responsible for taking care of specific pages of the web site by researching and writing original content, editing and formatting submitted copy, and submitting the content for posting on the web site. If you have an interest in volunteering for this task, or any other volunteer opportunity with the Friends, please email your

interest to vol-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca.

You may have noticed the announcement on the Home Page of the new publication "**The Torchbearers**" commemorating the Friends' 25th Anniversary. Bob Margeson, our excellent newsletter editor, has laboured for many months in updating the information in the 2005 edition to produce a very attractive publication. Other than specific requirements, we don't intend to print the booklet for wide distribution for reasons of economy. Consequently, the web site will be the only general source for the publication.

For the military history buffs

among us, under Publications/Facts and Research, new **Research Papers** on World War II Gallantry Awards and the Riel Rebellions have been added. In addition, **Fact Sheets** on Viscount Byng of Vimy and Private George Price have also been posted.

We are also trying to keep events of interest up-to date. Go to **Future Events** for the latest schedule of activities. If you have an event that you wish to publicize, send it to comms-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca for inclusion on the web site and the E-Bulletin.

Looking Ahead – Upcoming Special Exhibits

Peace: The Exhibition

December 16, 2011 to April 9, 2012

What is peace and how do you make it? This exhibit reveals that the answers are evolving and open to discussion. For the first time in one place, artifacts, multi-media and stories are combined to present the long,

rich and diverse history of peace advocacy in Canada.

War of 1812

May 31, 2012 to January 6, 2013

This exhibition looks at the War of 1812 – 15 through the eyes of American, British and First People participants.

Medieval Warfare

May 2013 to January 2014

It will challenge what we think we know about the bloody and fascinating world of kings, Vikings, crusaders, Saracens, swords, maces, shields and longbows.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum which will be held in Ateliers C and D of the Canadian War Museum, 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa on **Thursday 9 June, 2011 commencing at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.**

Business will consist of:

- Approval of the Minutes of the

23rd AGM

- The President's Report
- The Financial Report
- Appointment of Auditor
- Election of Directors
- Appointment of Honorary Life Members
- Volunteer of the Year
- Review by Director-General CWM
- Other Business.

Friends who wish to have other items added to the agenda should notify the Secretary (tel 819 776-8618) or by e-mail at sec-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca

Nominations for election of Friends to the Board of Directors are invited and should be sent to the Secretary.

The Friends to Enter the "Cloud"

Sandy McQuarrie

The Board of Directors of the Friends recently determined that the information management of key documents within the Friends' information structure needed to be sorted out and rationalized. The problem was that much of the information was dispersed over the network of three computers in the Friends' office and about six or seven home computers used by the some members of the Board and committee chairs in the preparation on Friends' material.

A small group of Friends was put together to examine the

details and to recommend solutions. After some review it was determined that the Friends needed to move into the era of "cloud computing" (a description that is used to describe storing your data offsite where it can be easily accessed by authorized users).

Given that there is some concern about security of our data, the study group recommended that we conduct a trial using a Canadian-developed application called Associcom. (For those of you, who might be interested in the details, visit

their website at www.associcom.com). This site allows us to establish libraries to store our key documents and data; share and collaborate on document preparation; form groups dealing with specific roles and tasks; and post event dates and details in a shared calendar.

Currently, access to the Friends' trial site is restricted to members of the Board, committee chairs and a few hard working volunteers. If it proves suitable and feasible, it may become accessible to all of our Friends.

The 2nd Friends' Luncheon and Sir Arthur Currie

On 23 March, almost 36 Friends (or about-to-be Friends) gathered in the clubhouse at the Pine View Golf Course in Ottawa to listen to Dr. Tim Cook's presentation on Sir Arthur Currie and to enjoy a meal with other military history buffs.

Those of us who attended were treated to an entertaining, revealing and thoughtful talk on Canada's most decorated and respected soldier to emerge from WWI. For almost 40 minutes, Tim's audience were spellbound by his knowledge and his story telling. Everyone who was there left the luncheon

with a much greater appreciation for Sir Arthur and his military and civilian exploits.

One attendee commented that he *"Enjoyed the get-together very much on Wednesday."* and added, *"I think you have hit the right note with a combination of good meal and location, good Friends, and an excellent speaker and subject. Tim was first class. Congratulations to all concerned."*

Luncheons like this will continue to be offered to the Friends (and their guests) in the future. Watch for

announcements of the next luncheon (likely in the Fall) and get your request to attend in early as seating is limited.



Tim Cook holds forth about Sir Arthur Currie.

Please remember to keep your co-ordinates up-to-date.

Please make sure the office has your current mailing address, phone number and email address, so we can keep you in the loop.

New Friends

Welcome to the new Friends who joined between Jan. 1 and Mar. 31, 2011

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