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## OPENING SALVO

The events in Afghanistan over the past several months, and more specifically the terrible week where 7 Canadian soldiers were killed in action, remind me of an essay that I wrote when I was at the Royal Military College and the comparisons that I can draw between Dieppe and Afghanistan.

I wrote on the Canadian actions at the ill-fated raid on Dieppe in August 1942. As a student of military history Dieppe was always a fascinating battle. The premise of my paper, strange as it may seem, was a question - was Dieppe a success or a failure? In my paper I argued that Dieppe was a success. I looked beyond the statistics of those killed, wounded or captured and I tried to see the positives coming out of Dieppe.

Now I am not going to argue the pros and cons of the Canadian involvement in Afghanistan and of course the growing list of those killed and wounded. I would like to look beyond those sad statistics and focus on the positives coming out of Afghanistan. In my opinion there are many positive outcomes that cannot be understated.

First and foremost there is a greater public awareness, greater political awareness and greater media awareness of the military as a result of Afghanistan. While some of this enhanced awareness has come at the expense of casualties, the exposure is important for the military as a whole. Other factors that cannot be discounted are the affirmation of the Canadian military tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs – most of us would recall them as Standard Operating Procedures etc). Our soldiers have not been tested in a war-fighting scenario since Korea. In the past 50 years, the military has not had any battle-hardened soldiers with first hand experience of combat; that expertise was lost. Today, the army now has proven itself in combat and has gained an immeasurable level of self-confidence and combat experience.

The military, which suffered from downsizing over the past 30 plus years is now being re-equipped and is growing in size. Why? I would suggest that a large percentage of the equipment being procured is a direct result of what is happening in Afghanistan and a greater awareness of the military as a whole. Additionally, as a direct result of the casualties being taken in Afghanistan, specialized equipment is being employed, changes to TTPs are being developed and the list goes on.

After Dieppe, changes were made to the way the Allies were going to invade the continent, specialized equipment was invented/employed and changes to SOPs and battle procedure were made. These changes I argued in my paper 30 years ago were realized in the successful D-Day landings. Today, the changes coming out of Afghanistan will allow the military to be successful hopefully for generations to come. That's the way I see it.

Editor

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT #8

This is my 8th report to you, as President of the Institute. What fantastic weather we have had this summer. As I kick off this report the summer months are waning and the "Fall Campaign" is ahead of us. Traditionally the summer months have been slow for RAUSI, but not this year. Again we held our annual Stampede Brunch and Summer BBQ, but this year we kept full service in the Mess, (See Report # 8 continued on page 2)

**Report #8** (continued from page 1)

including Happy Hours and our monthly luncheons. Kim, our new Secretary, is fitting in just fine, all members are encouraged to visit the office and meet her. Judy is staying on working with LCol Martin in managing our casino operations.

There have been changes in the Mess starting with Shannon, the new Mess Manager and Captain Alden the new PMC. A new large flat panel TV has been installed, as well as new curtains and the furniture has been reorganized. Sometime during the fall, outside railings will be installed at the south-east entrance door making that door far more accessible to all members. In addition, the south-east entrance door should now be open whenever the Mess is open. After some delays in contracting the work, the elevator has also been repaired.

The outlook for the fall is very encouraging. We will be having a Meet and Greet on September 22<sup>nd</sup>; this is something that has not been done in sometime. Another event that we are re-introducing is the annual Golf Tournament scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>. On November 25<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Fall Mess Dinner. So as you can see, in addition to the monthly Happy Hours and Business Lunches, we have planned monthly events, so mark your calendars accordingly.

The website is up and running, Sylvain (our webmaster) is always looking for suggestions so please feel free to drop him a line. Dana, our in-house caterer, is looking forward to a busy fall. As a reminder, the Mess is open for lunch Monday through Friday.

Finally, the senior leadership within the military in Alberta has changed; the Institute would like to congratulate the new Commander and Deputy Commander of 41 Brigade, Colonel Wriedt and Lieutenant Colonel Stanton respectively on their new appointments. In addition, a warm welcome is extended to the new Commander of the Area Support Group, Colonel Patch.

In closing, the RAUSI has been active through the summer and as we move into fall we will continue to be busy providing a venue for our members to gather for a variety of events.

### **2006 Calgary Leadership Dinner**

The Calgary Military Museums Society and The Royal Military Colleges of Canada will be hosting a Mess Dinner on 27 October 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The principal guest of honour and speaker is General Hillier, CDS. In addition, General de Chastelain and Honorary Colonel F. Mannix will be recognized and honoured for their leadership and support. This should be an outstanding memorable evening.

The RAUSI has reserved a table for 8 at this dinner; if any member of the Institute is interested in joining the table please contact either the President or the Secretary to confirm your reservation no later than 15 September. The cost per person is \$150. Dinner is 1800 for 1900 hrs and the dress is Mess Kit or Black Tie. Seating is limited, reserve early.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Monday to Friday Daily Lunches 1145 - 1300 hrs
- 8 September – CGOM Happy Hour, 1600 - 1900 hrs
- 15 September – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon, 1145 - 1300 hrs
- 17 September – Battle of Britain Commemoration 1045 hrs at the McDougall Centre followed by reception at CGOM at 1200 hrs
- 22 September – RAUSI Meet and Greet 1800 - 2100 hrs
- 6 October – Golf Tournament, details on page 3 and enclosed flyer
- 13 October – CGOM Happy Hour, 1600 - 1900 hrs
- 20 October – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon, 1145 - 1300 hrs
- 21 October – Trafalgar Dinner, contact Major Westbury for details
- 27 October – CMMS/RMC Leadership Dinner, see details on page 2
- 28 October – Calgary Highlanders Walcheren Causeway Mess Dinner by invitation
- 10 November – CGOM Happy Hour, 1600 - 1900 hrs
- 17 November – RAUSI Monthly Luncheon, 1145 - 1300 hrs
- 19-20 November – RAUSI Casino, details page 3
- 25 November – RAUSI Fall Mess Dinner

#### **Notes:**

1. Please remember when reservations are required; food is pre-ordered based upon your response. If you make reservations and cannot attend please let the Secretary know a minimum of two days in advance or unfortunately you will be required to reimburse the Institute for the expenses incurred. If there are any questions please feel free to call the Secretary for clarification.
2. The Mess is available for members to book private functions from 5 to 95 people; we have our own Caterer who will be willing to work with you in organizing your event either in the Mess or at another venue. Call the Secretary for more details.

### **Stampede Breakfast – 7 July 2006**

Once again the Royal Alberta United Services Institute (RAUSI) assisted the Calgary Garrison Officer's Mess (CGOM) in hosting the annual Stampede Breakfast immediately following the parade. As always an excellent turnout of over 60 excited Cowboys and Cowgirls celebrated the opening of the 2006 Stampede season.

Flapjacks, scrambled eggs, roast beef and delicious desserts were provided and nothing but positive comments were heard from everyone who attended. This was also the very first event for our new caterer, 'Who's in the Kitchen'. Needless to say it provided an excellent indication of the type of service we are receiving now and into the future.

One new innovation was the provision of three collectable Stampede posters as door prizes. The prizes, our pianist and the table decorations were new novel ideas of Allison our out going secretary. This is definitely an area that we will try to build on in the future.

For now remember to keep your powder dry, practise your Yee Has and YA Hoos, and plan to attend the next Stampede Breakfast on 6 July 2007.

### **RAUSI Annual Golf Tournament**

The Annual RAUSI Golf Tournament will be held on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cochrane Golf Club.

The "Low Gross Trophy" is up for the winning RAUSI member.

The first recorded winner on the Trophy was in 1952 – now engraved with 39 names representing 43 years of wonderful memories for many hundreds of participants, your name could be added.

18 holes, Power cart, prizes and banquet included in the price at \$75 members/spouses and \$95 for guests

Deadline for registration and payment is 15 September.

Tee-off is at 1200 hrs

See attached flyer for more information

### **RAUSI Meet and Greet**

When: Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Where: Calgary Garrison Officers' Mess

Time: 1900 to 2100 hrs

RAUSI invites you, your spouse, friends and guests to the RAUSI Annual Fall Meet and Greet.

What better way to start your weekend! Come and join the President, Board of Directors and other RAUSI members for some fellowship, some hot and cold appetizers provided by a new in-house Caterer, "Who's in the Kitchen".

### **RAUSI CASINO**

Casino time is rapidly approaching and we have just been provided with our next dates, **19 and 20 November 2006** (Sunday and Monday). Many of you will be saying that we just did one – in reality it will be 18 months since our last Casino in May of 2005.

As always, your help is urgently required. We will need to fill 40 positions that include General Managers, Bankers, Cashiers Chiprunners and Countroom Staff. These will cover both day and night positions over the two days that we are operating.

Many hands make a light load. Remember that the Casino lets RAUSI carry out its philanthropic activities and support to the military community and its ideals. A copy of the Casino volunteer form is required to be filled out, the form can be found at

[http://www.aglc.gov.ab.ca/pdf/gaming/gaming\\_forms/5400.pdf](http://www.aglc.gov.ab.ca/pdf/gaming/gaming_forms/5400.pdf) or at [www.rausi.ca](http://www.rausi.ca).

Although all volunteers are not required to have the form completed, filling it out now will save us work in the long run. Please send completed forms to our Secretary.

Please advise Kim at 265-6628 if you are able to assist.

### **Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Summer Training Centre Report**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, a glorious, sunny day, at 1000 hrs the Cadets marched onto the Parade Square for the annual RMNACSTC Graduation Parade, marking the completion of the Leadership and Challenge course for some 200 of the very best army cadets in Canada plus a dozen from the British Army Cadet system.

The Reviewing Officer was Major General H.M. Petras CMM, CD, a Reservist and former Commanding Officer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Irish Regiment of Canada, now Director General Land Combat Development at Kingston.

The Institute's trophy, awarded annually since 1967, was presented by RAUSI's Vice President, Lt(N) Sylvain Bouliane, CD.

The winner was Cadet Colour Sergeant Helen Robertson, a very smart, efficient and personable young lady from Scarborough College, North Yorkshire, Combined Cadet Force. Helen Robertson, who at 17 has one more year at Scarborough College after which she plans to study medicine at either Leeds University or the University of Glasgow, hopefully on an Army Scholarship after which she may decide on an Army career, as an officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Helen is from a medical family and if, as may be expected by her achievements to date, she qualifies, there can be no doubt that she will be a very fine doctor.



RAUSI Vice President, Lt(N) Sylvain Bouliane, CD presenting the RAUSI Trophy to the Best British Army Cadet, Cadet Colour Sergeant Helen Robertson from the Scarborough College, North Yorkshire, Combined Cadet Force.

## **"GRAF ZEPPELIN" REDISCOVERED**

July 27, 2006 der Spiegel

A Polish oil firm working in the Baltic Sea has found the remains of the "Graf Zeppelin," Hitler's first -- and last -- aircraft carrier. The ship sank for good sometime after WW II, but exactly where and why is an enduring mystery of the early Cold War.

Divers working for the Polish oil firm Petrobaltic on Monday discovered the rusting hulk of Nazi Germany's only aircraft carrier, the Graf Zeppelin, sunk in mysterious circumstances by the Soviets after WW II. Its exact location had been a riddle for almost 60 years.

Experts in the Polish Navy, using robots and sonar, confirmed on Thursday that the wreckage really was the Graf Zeppelin. The 260-meter (850-foot) ship had been a showpiece of Hitler's navy, but it never went into battle. Intended to carry 42 planes, the vessel was begun in 1936, launched in 1938, but never finished before German troops had to scuttle it in 1945. It was "a grandiose technical achievement," military historian Ulrich Israel told SPIEGEL ONLINE, "mainly when you consider that the Germans had no examples to work from to build such a carrier."

Hitler started the war before the German navy finished building its prestige ship. His planners gave priority to building U-Boats, and the Graf Zeppelin had to be towed to Gdansk, where it was used for storage. The Germans finally anchored it in a shallow stream feeding the Oder, where troops blew holes in its hull before they fled the invading Red Army. The Soviets renovated the ship, and moved it -- but how it met its final end is still the subject of controversy.

One story says the carrier hit a mine on its way to Russia. Another says the Soviets overloaded it with war booty, causing it to sink in a storm on the Baltic. But Ulrich Israel -- who's written a book about the ship -- claims the still-unfinished Graf Zeppelin (See Graf Zeppelin continued on page 5)

## **Wing Commander Don Freeman Memorial Bursary & The Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Bursary**

The Royal Alberta United Services Institute offers two annual bursaries of \$1,000.00 each. These bursaries are available to children and grand children of Members of RAUSI, to members of Reserves and to members of the Army, Navy and Air Cadet Corps.

Applicants should have home addresses within 110 Km of the Mewata Armoury. Please note that bursary applications must be submitted with both sides of the application form completed and accompanied by attachments as specified on the forms. Submission date is 31 January 2007. Each application is to be submitted individually by the applicant.

Applicants must be full time students in any recognized post-secondary institution or are applying to enter a post-secondary institution for the first time.

Copies of the Application Form are available upon request from the RAUSI Secretary and will be available shortly at the RAUSI website, [www.rausi.ca](http://www.rausi.ca).

The RAUSI is pleased to offer these bursaries to qualified applicants.

## **Military Snippets**

This day in history:

- 1 September 1944 – Dieppe occupied by Canadian troops
- 2 September 1945 – Japan officially surrenders
- 2 September 1660 – First Great Fire of London
- 6 September 1620 – Mayflower sails from Plymouth
- 8 September 1915 – First Zeppelin bombing attacks on London
- 9 September 1950 – Soap rationing ends in the UK
- 13 September 1915 – The Canadian Corps is formed in France
- 14 September 1852 – Duke of Wellington dies
- 14 September 1884 – Canadian boatmen depart to assist in the rescue of General Gordon at Khartoum
- 16 September 1814 – 104 gun St Lawrence is launched at Point Frederick shipyards in Kingston
- 19 September 1941 – Kiev falls to the Germans, Russians lose 350,000 troops, 3,718 guns and 884 AFVs
- 2 October 1710 – Port Royal surrenders to the British
- 4 October 1957 – Russians launch Sputnik
- 7 October 1942 – Japanese withdraw from the Aleutians
- 8 October 1992 – Peacekeeping Monument in Ottawa unveiled by Governor General and the Prime Minister
- 10 October 1911 – Colonel Sam Hughes appointed Minister of Militia and Defence
- 11 October 1899 – Boer War begins
- 13 October 1943 – Italy declares war on Germany
- 24 October 1945 – Formal start of the UN at San Francisco
- 26 October 1917 – Battle of Passchendaele begins
- 31 October 1940 – Battle of Britain ends with 2,375



Meet our new Secretary, Ms Kim Nelson, hard at work in the RAUSI office. Kim's hours are Monday through Friday from 1000 to 1400 hrs. Feel free to drop in and say hi.

## The Royal Canadian Mint commemorates the Royal Newfoundland Regiment



Inscription on the coin reads

“On this grim cratered ridge, they gave their all. And in giving won the Peace of Heaven and immortality.”

The ridge where they gave their all— Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial

It was 90 years ago that the Newfoundland Regiment paid the ultimate sacrifice at the battle of Beaumont Hamel.

In the early morning hours of July 1, 1916, the Regiment went over the top. Less than 30 minutes later 90 per cent of them lay dead or wounded

Nine kilometres north of the town of Albert in the Somme region of France, a large bronze caribou, the emblem of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, stands proud, its head raised in apparent defiance. This is the place where the Newfoundlanders faced their first battle in France.

The Newfoundland troops were renowned for their character; soldiers who could be relied upon whatever the cost and went into battle with courage, skill and conviction. On July 1, 1916, during the Battle of the Somme, the Newfoundland Regiment moved across “no man’s land” towards the enemy and lived up to their reputation.

On three bronze tablets located at the base of the caribou list the members of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve and the Mercantile Marine who were lost during the First World War and who have no known graves. In addition on another plaque found at the site are inscribed the words of John Oxenham that pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives—for the good of us all.

### Graf Zeppelin (continued from page 4)

was towed from its final harbor in the German town of Swinemünde in August 1947 and destroyed by Soviet bombs and torpedoes. The Russians, evidently with an eye on the American navy, wanted to practice sinking a foreign aircraft carrier.

On Monday, while sounding for oil deposits in the Baltic Sea, Polish workers discovered the wreck about 55 kilometers (34 miles) outside the Polish harbor town of Wladyslawowo, near Gdansk. According to international maritime law the remains belong to the Federal Republic of Germany, but the German Defense Ministry told news agency ddp that jurisdiction is still under discussion. In the meantime, the ship's mysteries are far from fully solved.

"It's difficult to say why the Russians have always been so stubbornly reluctant to talk about the location of the wreck," Lukasz Orlicki, a Polish maritime historian, told the *Times* of London. "Perhaps it was the usual obsession with secrecy, or perhaps there was some kind of suspect cargo."

## The RAUSI Annual Summer BBQ

Under a hot Calgary sun, sometimes partly covered sky, a little breeze brought the best of the Army Cadet Pipes and Drums temporarily stationed for the summer at the Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Summer Training Centre to accompany the RAUSI and CNVA members for the Annual Summer BBQ. Fresh burgers, sizzling sausages and hot dogs got us together again at the Corvette Club. Over 85 members from both organizations enjoyed the fabulous show provided by the Pipes and Drums. Chefs Bouliane and Haffenden BBQ'd well enough to satisfy everyone's taste buds. Reminiscence of old times, anecdotes, laughter and stories were exchanged. And of course there were refreshments as well... Big thanks to the organizers, Sylvain Bouliane and his team, Dick Westbury, Lloyd Downey and his staff, and of course the Pipes and Drums for again, a well attended BBQ.



RAUSI Chefs, Sylvain Bouliane and Eric Haffenden cooking up a storm at the RAUSI Annual Summer BBQ

## BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATION

783 (Calgary) Wing, Air Force Association of Canada, will be holding its annual Battle of Britain Service and Parade at the McDougall Centre, 455 – 6<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Calgary, on “Battle of Britain Sunday”, September 17, 2006, commencing at 10:45 am. Wreaths will be laid at the “Airman’s Statue” by government, veteran, association, military and youth representatives.

A short march past will follow and all veterans and members of veterans’ organizations are welcome to join. Col Ron Guidinger, CD (Ret), Honorary Group President, Alberta Group, Air Force Association of Canada, will be the Reviewing Officer.

A reception will follow at the Calgary Garrison Officers’ Mess, immediately following the parade.

783 Wing extends a warm invitation to all RAUSI members.

For more information contact Bob Roe at 620-7459 or Ken Nixon at 281-7037.

## New World-Class Training Prepares Canadian Soldiers for Afghanistan

By Bob Bergen PhD, CDFAI, 9 August 2006

It's not every day that you can use the words "state of the art" and "Canada's forces" in the same sentence, but remarkable new computerized army training equipment used for the first time at CFB Wainwright, Alberta, allows just that. Known as Weapons Effects Simulation or by its acronym WES, the complex array of lasers, sensors, global positioning systems, radio transmitters and computers gives the Canadian military among the world's most sophisticated training capability.

The Canadian Forces demonstrated how the system works to a group of four Calgary-area academics during a trip last week to the new Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre at Wainwright. The \$132-million WES system has been in trials for two years. This was the first time it has been used on exercise.

Here is how it works. Each soldier wears an array of 10 detectors on his body and another four on his helmet that register laser simulated fire emitted from rifles, machine guns, tank cannons, mines, artillery, grenades, improvised explosive devices and chemical contaminants. If a detector is struck by a laser, the system's computer in each soldier's tactical vest assesses whether he or she has been killed, mortally injured or slightly wounded. It tells wounded individuals where they have been injured, their comrades the emergency first aid required and how long the wounded will live unless they get medical treatment.

The WES system also shows commanders monitoring giant screens where each and every soldier, vehicle or weapon is on the entire 640-square km Wainwright training area. It monitors their movements and reveals in near-real time every shot fired, who fired it, who has been hit and who is a "friendly" force or not. As a result, commanders can look a soldier straight in the eye and say: "You fired five rounds and, on the third round, you killed a villager."

The thinking behind such precise training is that it is better to get it wrong in Wainwright and learn from it, than to get it wrong in Afghanistan. Moreover, the actions of an engagement—or for an entire battle if need be—can be played back so commanders can assess the strengths and weaknesses of every action with unprecedented clarity. In addition, individual unit actions like a raid on a building are recorded with video cameras which allow ever more precise after-action reviews of the soldiers' performance.

That precision is what the WES system brought to commanders and 80 Nova Scotia reservists on exercise at the manoeuvre training centre since late June. Later this fall, the same group of reservists will return to Wainwright and join up with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group to train for deployment to Afghanistan in early 2007. When they do, each and each member of the 1,200-man battle group will be equipped with the new WES training equipment. Altogether, there will be 2,300 individual "player units" which will enable the tracking of soldiers, vehicles, weapons, weapons systems and personnel among the infantry, a 300-member provincial reconstruction team, a Royal Canadian Dragoon armoured squadron, assorted engineers, artillerymen, command and support elements,.

Other countries have similar systems: the Americans were the first, followed by the British and the Australians. But, Canada's system is the most modern and the best in the world. On top of that, it was absolutely amazing for a long-time visitor to Camp Wainwright to see what the Forces have done with the training centre in an effort to replicate the environment Canadian troops will find in Afghanistan thanks to Canadians who have already been there.

In the past, when soldiers training to fight in built up areas they had only one cinder-block building to either assault or defend, they now have near exact replicas of Afghan villages, markets, farm complexes, towns, and caves. And, they will have (See **WES** continued on page 7)

## BRIGADIER-GENERAL DAVID FRASER IS 2006 VIMY AWARD WINNER

11 August 2006. Ottawa. The Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI) is pleased to announce that Brigadier-General David A. Fraser has been selected as the recipient of the Vimy Award for 2006.

Instituted in 1991, the Vimy Award recognizes one Canadian annually who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the defence and security of our nation and the preservation of our democratic values. The award will be presented on Friday, 17 November, at a mixed gala dinner in the Grand Hall of the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Gatineau, Quebec.

Currently the Commander of the Multi-National Brigade in Kandahar, Afghanistan, Brigadier-General Fraser is a distinguished Canadian who has exhibited the highest standards of leadership throughout his career of service to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.

He was commissioned as an infantry officer with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) upon graduation from Carleton University in 1980.

In 1994/95 he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his actions during the Bosnian Civil War. In 1996 Brigadier-General Fraser assumed command of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion PPCLI and took the Battalion to Bosnia as the first Canadian Battle Group with the NATO Stabilization Force (SFOR). On 29 June 2005, Brigadier-General Fraser assumed command of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and was promoted to his current rank shortly thereafter. Brigadier-General Fraser officially assumed command of the Multi-National Brigade (Regional Command South), based in Kandahar, on 28 February 2006, and will hold the position until November.

The CDAI, which sponsors the Vimy Award, is an Ottawa-based think-tank dedicated to increasing public awareness of Canada's security situation and the vital role played by the Canadian Armed Forces in our society. In announcing the 2006 award, the selection committee chairman, General (Ret'd) Paul Manson, acknowledged that the naming of this year's recipient was unanimous, and was a reflection of Brigadier-General Fraser's outstanding leadership and dedication in a very challenging and high-profile international position in Afghanistan. Said General Manson, "David Fraser has brought great credit to himself, to Canadian Forces personnel serving in Afghanistan, and indeed to Canada. He is a worthy recipient of this year's Vimy Award."

The Selection Committee was composed of The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice of Canada; General Rick Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff; Mr. John Watts, President, General Dynamics Canada; Mr. Harry Wilmot, President, ATCO Frontec; M. Richard Bertrand, Vice-President – Government Affairs, Pratt & Whitney Canada; Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Richard J. Evraire, Chairman of the Conference of Defence Associations, and General Manson, who is President of the CDA Institute.

## RAUSI Website

Just a reminder that the RAUSI website is up and running at [www.rausi.ca](http://www.rausi.ca). Please bookmark it and check it periodically. Upcoming events are listed, past issues of the Newsletter are on-line and many new additions are planned such as a photo archive.

### Padre's Corner

It seems to be standard wisdom that each generation in turn believes that the young folk are going to the dogs. Those who think this way can point to examples of behaviour, speech, disrespect for elders, laziness, and so on which support this view.

If this were true, the world would be in much more of a pickle than it is. The truth is that there are more young people of high character, enthusiasm, diligence and respectful of others than otherwise. Some of the best of these fine youth are members of the cadets. And some of the finest of the cadets have just concluded six weeks of training at the Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Training Centre. It was a privilege to attend the closing parade at the camp on August 18th. It was also a privilege to be in the company of the cadet instructors, many of whom have put in entire summers for many years, even up to thirty years. An impressive record!

Each year, RAUSI seeks members to take part in visiting the various cadet corps in the Calgary area, and to visit the camp. If you are interested in sharing in RAUSI's support for the cadets, please let the office know. You'll gain a new appreciation for the young people of Canada.

*by Padre Eric Haffenden*

### **WES** (continued from page 6)

150 people dressed and acting like locals to deal with.

In the replicated abandoned town of Spin Boldak in the south that borders on Pakistan, the soldiers must learn to deal with insurgents moving back and forth across the border just like they would in theatre. They will have to deal with refugees and Imams and a police chief who cannot speak English. This will force the soldiers to deal with translators, because there is an art to carrying on business with a translator.

To make the training even more life like, the Forces will bring in college journalism students from Calgary and Edmonton who will receive course credits for spending extended periods covering the training and reporting on what went right and what went wrong.

This is great news for the next rotation of troops into Afghanistan because the next time the government trots out the old argument that Canadian troops are well equipped and well-trained for their mission, it will actually mean it.

### Membership Status

As of 31 August 2006 the RAUSI 2006 paid-up membership stood at 199 members as follows:

- 8 Life Members,
- 5 Honourary Members,
- 142 Regular Members,
- 13 Out of Town Members,
- 2 Corporate Members, and
- 29 Garrison Members.

### Librarian's Report, by Capt Ted Cooke

Future: Tense

The Coming World Order author Gwynne Dyer  
254 pages ISBN 0-7710-2978-0 McClelland and Stewart 2004

"It was never about Iraq. It is not really about terrorism any more either, though the terrorists are still there. Suddenly, to the vast surprise of practically everybody, it is about the whole way we run the world." Future: Tense

The U.S. invasion of Iraq, sold to the American public as a response to the attacks of 9/11, was really the announcement to the world of the "Pax Americana." This idea, that the U.S. will not hesitate to strike preventively or preemptively against its enemies and will never again allow its military supremacy to be challenged, was submitted to Congress in September 2002, proposed and supported by most of the people around President Bush.

Iraq was supposed to fall, quickly and painlessly, to American military technology, and it did. The unrest afterwards was abetted by U.S. lack of post war planning and Paul Bremer's decision to send several hundred thousand Iraqi soldiers home with their weapons. [Dyer says this was one of the ten stupidest decisions of the past century!] This was what bin Laden and al-Qaeda wanted, infidel targets in a Muslim country.

For a five-paragraph history of Muslim/Christian relations since the fifth century, see pages 60 through 62!

Dyer is sure the American public would not pay the price in lives and taxes for the U.S. to be the world's policeman, and the sooner the "Pax Americana" is discarded and the U.S. leaves Iraq, the better the world will be. The U N, in his opinion, is the best hope for the future, and will evolve over time because the world needs its presence and influence. This is a small book, but not a quick read, with ideas and controversy on every page.

### **U.S. Awards Bronze Star to Canadian Vets**

American Forces Press Service, August 21, 2006

The Bronze Star for Service has been awarded to living Canadian veterans of the 1st Special Service Force for their service to the U.S. Army during the Second World War. Known later as the 'Devil's Brigade,' the unit was composed of soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Special Service Battalion and the U.S. Army. Some 2,500 men from both nations served under American command from 1942 to 1944. They were assigned interchangeably at the section level, wore U.S. uniforms and carried U.S. weapons. The unit deployed to the Aleutian Islands in 1943 and then to Italy, where it participated in actions at the Anzio beachhead, the liberation of Rome and the landings in southern France. The 'Devil's Brigade' sobriquet was unknowingly conferred in Italy by a dead German officer who had written in his diary, "The black devils are all around us every time we come into line and we never hear them." The unit took so many casualties it was disbanded in January 1945. The Bronze Star is in addition to the Combat Infantryman Badge authorized for almost 1,200 Canadian veterans in 2005.

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Corporal Anthony Joseph **Boneca**, Lake Superior Scottish Regiment,  
9 July 2006, Pashmul, Afghanistan, age 21 years old  
Sergeant Dwayne **Brazil**, 413 SAR Sqn, 13 July 2006,  
Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia, 39 years old  
Master Corporal Kirk **Noel**, 413 SAR Sqn, 13 July 2006,  
Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia, 33 years old  
Corporal Trevor **McDavid**, 413 SAR Sqn, 13 July 2006,  
Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia, 31 years old  
Corporal Francisco **Gomez**, LdSH(RC)/PPCLI, 22 July 2006,  
Helmand Province, Afghanistan, 44 years old  
Corporal Jason Patrick **Warren**, Black Watch, 22 July 2006,  
Helmand Province, Afghanistan, 29 years old  
Major Paeta **Hess-von Kruedener**, PPCLI, 25 July 2006,  
Khiyam, South Lebanon, 43 years old  
Lieutenant Colonel Don **Johnston**, MD, RAUSI, 30 July 2006, Calgary  
Private Kevin **Dallaire**, 1 PPCLI, 3 August 2006,  
Pashmul, Afghanistan, 22 years old  
Corporal Christopher Jonathan **Reid**, 1 PPCLI, 3 August 2006,  
Pashmul, Afghanistan, 34 years old  
Sergeant Vaughan **Ingram**, 1 PPCLI, 3 August 2006,  
Pashmul, Afghanistan, 35 years old  
Corporal Bryce Jeffrey **Keller**, 1 PPCLI, 3 August 2006,  
Pashmul, Afghanistan, 27 years old  
Master Corporal Raymond **Arndt**, Loyal Edmonton Regiment,  
5 August 2006, Spin Boldak, Afghanistan, 32 years old  
Master Corporal Jeffrey Scott **Walsh**, 2 PPCLI, 9 August 2006,  
Kandahar, Afghanistan, 33 years old  
Corporal Andrew **Eykelenboom**, 1 Field Ambulance, 11 August 2006,  
Spin Boldak, Afghanistan, 23 years old  
Corporal David **Braun**, 2 PPCLI, 22 August 2006,  
Kandahar, Afghanistan, 27 years old

