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RCA Museum's new senior curator Jonathan Ferguson stands in front of a 15 CM Schwere Feldhaubitze (heavy field Howitzer). Inset: Master Gunner James Maher's toiletries case is on display as part of Ubique 150 temporary exhibit.



Archeologist digs into archives to create Ubique 150 for new exhibit

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

Imagine having your toiletries on display in a temporary exhibit at the RCA Museum?

There's a reason why Master Gunner James Maher's toiletries case and its contents are being showcased when the museum's new senior curator Jonathan Ferguson culled artifacts from the vast collection for Ubique 150, which opened April 1.

"I wanted some aspects of the daily life of an artillery soldier, something a military historian might not have done," explained Ferguson during a *Stag* interview in the museum's outdoor gun park. "From the original draft of what would have been done, there's a lot of changes we made to tell the story. It's not always about military strategy, but what are the daily lives of artillery soldiers."

While there are a number of Great Gunner display cases like Maher's showcased, Ferguson and museum director Andrew Oakden were restricted by space despite having a wealth of content to work with in mapping out an exhibit. A lot did not make it into the final exhibit.

Both had to edit what they found in storage, then map out displays to afford room for museum visitors to move about with COVID-19 protocols in place.

"When I started working with Andrew I was working on preliminary themes," he said. "We wanted to tell a story and that meant we had to be selective in what we used."

Once artifacts were selected, the toughest job was writing labels in both English and French to tell the story of 150 years of artillery in Canada, and including the stories of A and B Batteries.

"I'm happy with how the exhibit came out when I look at it set up now," he said. "I have to thank the teamwork of the staff and museum volunteers. I had lots of ideas, but what did we have to put in it [because] I was not familiar with the vast collection here."

He added, "So, I went window shopping to see what we had in the collection which I could use."

Ferguson only has a few months working at the museum, replacing now retired senior curator Kathleen Christensen. He arrived from Ontario just as initial plans were being drawn up for Ubique 150. But he could not start working on it until he self-isolated for two weeks.

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Early opening for Base golf course

The earliest start in club history was March 23, 2012, but on this day it eclipsed that record, according to CGPA golf pro Dave Scinocca. Alex McPhail (left) opened the Shilo Country Club's 2021 golf season March 19 with his drive from the first tee box. Covering the event was *Brandon Sun* golf beat reporter Thomas Friesen (right), who found time to hone his putting skills before tackling the 18-hole course. COVID protocols are in place for golfers who frequent the Base venue, which now can sell beer on the course. *Photos Jules Xavier/Shilo Stag*

Canadian Army modernization strategy finds opportunity in future challenges

Steven Fouchard Stag Special

Boots on the ground will continue to be a vital tool for the Canadian Army (CA) in an increasingly complex world, but it must also be prepared to act in areas once considered non-traditional.

That is one objective laid out in a recently-released document entitled *Advancing with Purpose: The Canadian Army Modernization Strategy (CAMS)*.

In his preface to the document, then-Commander of the CA, LGen Wayne Eyre said it is one part "change agenda" and one part action plan, setting a path for the next five years.

"We must be ready," the Acting CDS said. "Our country and our soldiers deserve nothing less."

MGen Derek Macaulay, current Acting Commander of the CA, has vowed to continue the work started by LGen Eyre.

An early draft of the document was shared with senior leaders during virtual meetings held last fall, outlining a vision for evolving the CA to meet the many and varied demands to come.

The strategy also notes that diversity and inclusion would be part of the overall vision laid out in CAMS, saying the CA will "endeavour to properly reflect Canadian society and improve its administrative policies to promote inclusion" and contribute to "a capable, agile Canadian Armed Forces that reflects Canada's rich diversity in a way that improves resilience and relevance."

A key line of effort in the strategy stresses the importance

of fully integrating all CA elements: Regular and Reserve forces, Canadian Rangers and civilians.

This includes building on the CA's ongoing Strengthening the Army Reserve (StAR) initiative, which introduced measures to increase recruitment among many others.

It envisions a Reserve Force which "will deliver many of the new and developing capabilities. Capitalizing on the strengths of these capabilities will require full integration of the One Army."

One of those emerging areas is Cyber Mission Assurance (CMA), a process to safeguard digital infrastructure, which includes computer networks and vehicle control systems. CAMS includes direction to establish a CMA strategy to meet needs specific to the CA.

Realizing the goals set out in CAMS will require a re-organization of CA resources that has been dubbed Force 2025 (F2025).

F2025 also includes investment in communications intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance capabilities, and other areas to ensure the CA has all the most relevant resources available.

This, as noted in CAMS, will also require divestment of obsolete equipment and capabilities.

"Difficult decisions will be made on divestment of capability in order to privilege new investment in the future."

The process of modernization will require collaboration between all elements of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), said MGen Macaulay.

"We can't do it without the other services. We do need to be team players."

Steven Fouchard/Army Public Affairs

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CAF members receive pay increase

Stag Special

Most Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members can expect to see something extra in their pay this month.

Starting March 31, eligible CAF members will receive a general pay increase, effective retroactively to April 1, 2018 and covering the past three fiscal years.

Those who may be eligible for a lump sum back-payment include Regular or Reserve Force Non-commissioned members, general service officers and pilots at the rank of lieutenant-colonel and commander and below, as well as medical and dental officers.

This pay increase does not apply to senior officers at the rank of colonels and captains (Navy) and above. Their rates are managed separately and at this time, no decision has been made regarding an increase for them.

The compounded increase of 6.1 per cent demonstrates Canada's continued support of CAF members, fairly compensating them for their continued service.

The Government of Canada recognizes and appreciates the outstanding contributions and sacrifices made by CAF members and their families in service to our country.

The back payment covers retroactive increases starting April 1, 2018, calculated as follows: effective April 1, 2018, an economic increase of 2.8 per cent; effective April 1, 2019,

an economic increase of 2.2 per cent; and effective April 1, 2020, an economic increase of 1.0 per cent.

CAF members can view their new pay rate or statement electronically via Employee Member Access Application (EMAA), as individual payments will depend on rank, pay increment (PI), and time worked in each category.

CAF members who released after March 31, 2018 will be eligible for a lump sum back payment and adjustments to their Canadian Forces Severance Pay based on the new rates effective at release March 31 of this year.

Former members who have not received the lump sum back payment by the end of this April should contact the release benefits administration via e-mail at release_benefits_administration@forces.gc.ca to inquire about their own specific case.

An estimated 10,000 former CAF members received CF Severance Pay at the time of their release; these amounts will be recalculated, with adjustments sent to the former members' bank accounts over the next few months.

This updates the rates of pay for the majority of CAF members with an economic increase aligned to the salary improvements reached through the collective bargaining process for employees of the Core Public Administration of the Public Service of Canada.

The Department of National Defence (DND) and the CAF

recognize the need to ensure that military compensation remains fair and relevant, to ensure the attraction and retention of the highest standard of personnel required for the challenges of service in the profession of arms.

Treasury Board approval of these increases recognizes the value of military members, strengthens overall morale, supports Strong, Secure, and Engaged initiatives in attraction and retention, and strengthens the larger employment model of the CAF.



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Fitness, sports and recreation manager Jim MacKenzie checks out the latest news in the award-winning *Shilo Stag* while working in his GSH office.

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Pandemic forces RCA Reunion postponement

Shilo Stag

Have you been wondering about the 2021 RCA Reunion?

RCA Reunion organizing committee treasurer Mike McEwan and organizing committee chair Maj (Ret'd) Chuck Laroque, confirmed the event planned for this summer, coinciding with the 150th anniversary for A and B Batteries, has been postponed to 2022.

They ask that former Gunners consult the RCA website at <http://rca-arc.org/> for further information as plans will be announced for the summer of '22 and a return to CFB Shilo to celebrate.

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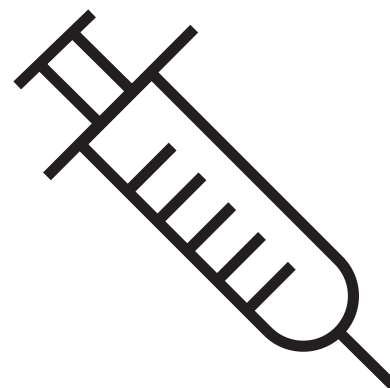
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Museum's archives provide treasures to tell artillery story

From the front

The daily life display area near the back south wall was one he thought might pique the interest of museum goers, besides the usual artillery pieces or uniforms worn during 150 years of artillery soldiering in Canada.

"It's interesting to put out a soldier's toiletries and what soldiers have used in the past 150 years," he said. "Same as what they smoked, from cigarettes to pipes. It's all interesting when you think of what we have in our collection, what has been donated over the years."

Master Gunner Maher has an array of his donations on display, besides what he used to shave. His collection also includes a diary, medals and a portrait of him as a grandfather.

Born in Ireland in 1839, he enlisted in the Royal Artillery of Woolwich at age 13. By the spring of 1861, he was serving at Portsmouth as a sergeant. From 1862 to 1867, he served in North America. In 1868, he served in Malta for six years. In 1874, he served in England, then retired in 1877.

In 1880, Master Gunner Maher returned to Canada and enrolled in RCA's A Bty. He served with A Bty for 18 years, including seeing action in the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. He finally retired from active service in 1898.

For his service, he received the Meritorious Service Medals from both Great Britain and Canada. After retirement, he worked in the offices of the Director of Artillery at militia headquarters in Ottawa. After 64 years of service to the guns, he finally retired for good at age 78. He died in 1925.

With the temporary exhibit now completed, Ferguson is turning his attention to his to-do list which includes revamping Base HQ's indoor military displays. He's thinking about doing a retrospective of Camp Hughes and using the hallways and walls as the backdrop of showing the Great War training area's history for another audience who frequent the building to work, or visitors stopping in to see BComd LCol Jeff Lyttle.

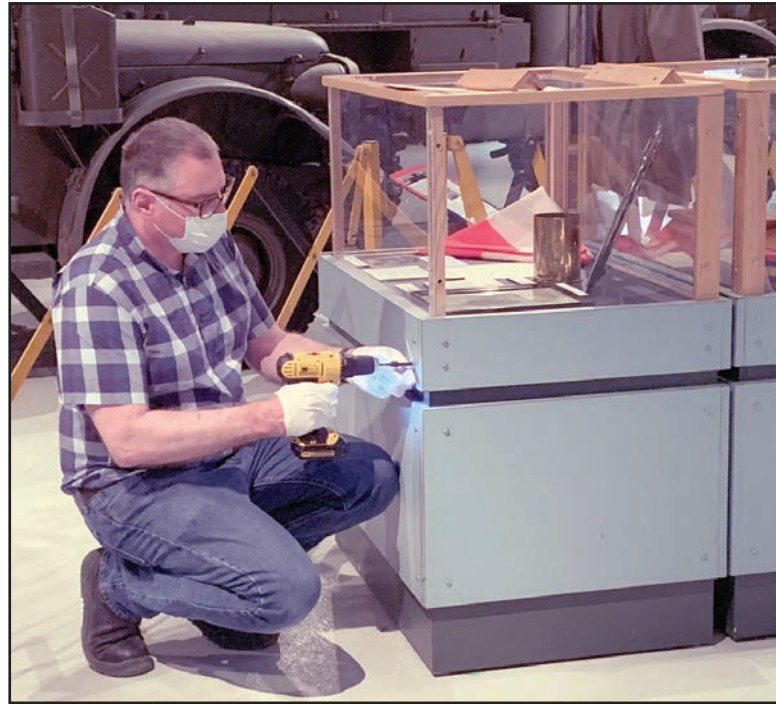
"And I'm going to tackle revamping the signage in the museum," he said. "We are going to look at the panels in French and English and using fewer words. The narrative needs to be more coherent as people don't spend a lot of time reading them when moving among displays."

He's also preparing for his summer students once they arrive. Under his tutelage, this group will work alongside the senior curator as they dive into a backlog of donations currently in storage collecting dust during the pandemic. The contents will be organized and catalogued so future exhibits can make use of the contents if Ferguson knows what he has in storage.

Who is the new senior curator? Born and raised in North Bay, Ont., Ferguson attended the University of Toronto (U of T), McMaster University and Wilfred Laurier University.

In his mid-40s, the father of three boys has an archeology background, and previously worked at Toronto-based Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). He's worked on contract there in the arts/culture department doing inventory; his permanent position saw him working out of the learning department, looking after school visits.

And if he can find any extra free time, he still has a PhD to complete. He started it after working at U of T field schools in the summer months on archeol-



RCA Museum senior curator Jonathan Ferguson works on a display case prior to the April 1 opening of a temporary exhibit called Ubique 150.

Photos Jules Xavier/Shilo Stag

ogy digs in Jordan.

While he still had a year on his ROM contract, he decided to look for more permanent work and found the job posting for the RCA Museum. It was no problem leaving the GTA to come west to Manitoba, he said.

The job description piqued his interest, and he felt his archeology skills honed on digs would work in a museum setting, too.

"When you see archeology [portrayed] on TV it looks like a great life," he offered. "But the only person who earns a good living is the boss. The rest of us doing the work are like volunteers who are provided room and board."

"I loved my job on digs in Jordan, but it was time for me to find a job to support the family. Working in a museum, it's a transfer of your skills, but in a different medium. You're still finding things to tell a story about the past, but now I'm looking through donations [in boxes] not in the soil."

And his new focus is military history, specifically Canada's artillery. He will definitely miss digging up artifacts from the soil, but relishes what he might find sifting through a box dropped off at the museum.

"With this new job," he said, "I'm looking to tell the story of Canada through the lens of the artillery. I'm looking at the

Gunners and looking for a bigger picture."

He's been on military digs before, like a Roman fort in Jordan. He's also perused the cannon collection at Fort Albany, where the military history dates back to the 1600s and 1700s.

It was his history teacher at Chippewa Secondary School who pointed him to his post-secondary studies, and life as an archeologist.

"It was my history teacher's passion for teaching history that saw me choose what I studied at university," he recalled.

It's this reason why he always enjoyed working with visiting students at ROM, providing them with history lessons which took them to places like Egypt or Rome based on artifacts on display. But it was Canada in the 20th century which entertained his young guests.

"We had a hands-on approach where students were exposed to artifacts they could handle at ROM, from the Boer War to the First and Second World Wars," he recalled. "I'd really like to do the same here, where teachers look to the RCA Museum as a place to come to expose students to Canada's military history in-person, and not just learning about it from a book."

"I'd like to create a robust education program here, where teachers see [the museum] as a destination to learn history."

He then chuckled, "But I first have to figure out where we could have a classroom. There's limited space inside for a classroom."

You can't miss Ferguson when he's busy setting up a display case, standing more than 6-foot-3. Besides finding his way around the museum archives and display cases, plus what's stored in other buildings on the Base, he wants to learn more about Camp Hughes.

He acknowledged the recent grass fire in the area where soldiers pitched their tents, swam, played baseball, ate and held parades on horseback could provide some treasures. The burned off grass exposed the landscape and perhaps some long hidden military paraphernalia. He plans to take a drive out for a look.

In the meantime, besides his museum duties, he's made the switch as a Reservist from 32 Svs Battalion in Toronto, where he was a logistics officer, to 26 Field Brandon.

2Lt Ferguson dons his uniform and ruck sack for long marches around the Base as part of his training, to keep in shape for weekends spent out in the training area with 26 Field.

"It has always been difficult being fully involved in Reserves because most summers I was away in England or Jordan on archeological digs," he said. "So, I always put on hold joining until time permitted."

He now has three years under his belt in Reserves, and looks forward to what he will glean from being part of 26 Field. "I know I wanted to be a Reservist before I was too old," he said. "When I was sworn in before going to basics, I'd just turned 45."

He's also proud of his choice being in the logistics trade, and his archeological skills proved beneficial during basic training.

"I had the best and neatest trench when I did mine," he recalled laughing. "I even found some old blanks in the soil [digging]."

With work and Reserves keeping him busy for now, he will look to buying a home this summer to accommodate the family, with his wife expected back in Canada after finishing her job working for a Cairo museum.

While he was an Air Cadet in his youth, including glider training, growing up in North Bay, the family military history features a great-great-grandfather in the Royal Artillery in the 1860s; his great-grandfather was artillery during the Great War; his grandfather was in the RAF, while his father's uncle died over the North Sea when his Halifax crashed during the Second World War.



Horses played a key role in the early days of Canada's artillery, moving guns to the battle.



Master Gunner James Maher's medal collection is on display as part of Ubique 150.

Interactive display gives history lessons for A, B Batteries

Shilo Stag

History can sometimes be complicated.

Take for example the 150th anniversary of A and B Batteries.

And to help provide a history lesson on this anniversary, the RCA Museum will have an interactive display which launched in March called Ubique 150. It will run until December.

Plus a temporary exhibit explaining 150 years of history for A and B Batteries opened April 1.

Museum director Andrew Oakden offered this summation to the *Stag* of what museum goers can expect from the interactive display.

"In this exhibit, the museum will celebrate the 150th anniversary of A and B Batteries. These units were the first 'full-time' or 'regular' elements of the post-Confederation Canadian Army.

"They represent a significant step in the evolution of Canada. In 2021, the RCA Museum will celebrate Ubique 150 as part of meaningful local, regional, and national activities.

"The Regiment designed the campaign to nurture the esprit de corps, celebrate our regimental heritage, and connect with Canadians."

What do we know about the founding of A and B Batteries?

"After Confederation, Britain pushed for Canada to provide for its defence. By 1871, most of the Imperial troops had left, except in Halifax. Canada responded by authorizing A and B Batteries of Garrison Artillery and Schools of Gunners in Kingston, Ont., and Quebec City, Que.," offered Oakden.

"LCol G.A. French commanded A Bty and LCol T.B. Strange commanded B Bty. These initial two batteries were 'total force' units and had a profound impact. They helped provide well-trained NCOs and Gunners across Canada. They established themselves as an efficient branch of the Canadian militia.

"Today, A and B Batteries of 1RCHA can trace their origins to these batteries' formation. They present part of the early history of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.



RCA Museum director Andrew Oakden places labels in a display showcasing artillery helmets used the past 150 years.

Photo Jules Xavier/Shilo Stag

"They were the first full-time Canadian militia elements and represented a watershed event in Canadian military history."

What is the meaning of Ubique 150?

"The Ubique 150 events are of historical importance to the Regiment and Canada itself. These events provide a platform for The Royal Regiment to celebrate their unique history and heritage," explained Oakden.

"They contribute to the Regimental Family Strategy mission of 'fostering a credible, relevant, cohesive and valued Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.'

"The celebration advances at least five of the strategy's goals, including heritage recognition, development and employment, leadership advancement, nurturing the regimental family, and connecting with Canadians.

"The RCA remains a key and active member of the Canadian Army. The RCA is a family of regular and reserve soldiers that depend on each other.

"The RCA is more than just the guns and guaranteed close support for the infantry. They provide surveillance and target acquisition, fire support co-ordination, airspace co-ordination, 24/7 precision strike, ground-based air defence and more.

"The Ubique 150 provides a platform to celebrate the Regiment."

According to Oakden, it is important to celebrate our military heritage.

"Events such as this act as learning tools and for the next generation. It is an honour to present the RCA Museum's Ubique 150 temporary exhibit. We are immensely proud of the contributions and achievements of the Regiment over the past 150 years."

He added, "The 150th celebration of A and B Batteries' founding creates an excellent opportunity to celebrate the unique history and heritage of the Royal Regiment. The past reinforces the attributes of the Regiments and encourages new contributions."

Chaplaincy not about one religion, says rookie

Kimberley Kielley

Shilo Stag

A sergeant in the South Korean airforce who worked as a radar technician during the week and as assistant chaplain on the weekends for three years, is the newest member of CFB Shilo's team of Padres.

When Capt David Chang left the military service in South Korea, he faced the choice of studying abroad or working in a world ministry.

But he had to explore the local rural ministries in South Korea first to find out where his calling lay.

It took him a year to investigate while he worked odd jobs.

"I wanted to see what I could do for the rural ministry in South Korea," he told the *Stag*.

And he prayed for a sign or a direction to go in.

Meanwhile, a senior colleague in South Korea approached him to help his father at a Brandon Korean community church as a youth minister.

There was his answer.

He landed in Winnipeg in February 2009.

"I said, 'Oh David, are you in the right place?'"

"But the people are warmer than the weather. I've met wonderful people in Brandon and Carberry," he added with a smile.

But it was a chance to minister in Brandon.

"My English was terrible," he conceded. "It was painful to learn."

But everything happens for a reason.

He met his future wife Yoomi Kim, a pianist studying at University of Brandon and a youth minister at the church they both attended. They married in South Korea and have a three-year-old daughter now.

The couple worked together in the youth ministry at the Knox Zion Presbyterian church in Carberry. Between 2013-2016, Capt Chang moved to Toronto to study for his Master of Divinity degree at the University of Toronto at Knox College.

Once he completed the program, "I was called to serve in



Capt David Chang is looking forward to his role as a padre working at CFB Shilo.

Photo Kimberley Kielley/Shilo Stag

Tiverton, Ontario in Bruce County," he said.

He served the Knox Presbyterian church until April 2020. He became a Canadian citizen in April 2019 and was ac-

cepted into the Canadian Armed Forces in March 2020.

Now a captain posted to CFB Shilo, he is learning the CFB theological ropes of being a Base Padre as he gets into shape to start his BTL later this month at St. Jean, Que.

As an assistant Padre on Base, he doesn't officiate church service, but observes as he learns how the CAF navigates its ministries.

Once BTL is completed, he's off for further officer training and BOQ directly related to chaplaincy at CFB Borden, Ont.

Asked why he decided to become a military Padre and not stay in a civilian ministry, he is very clear.

"In South Korea, you have to be older to be a senior minister. I needed to grow as a minister. One of the struggles of the church is there are no young people. I believe we need to approach ministering in a different way."

For Capt Chang, becoming a Base or unit Padre with the CAF allows him the type of physical and personal growth he feels he needs in order to continue as a minister. And he has access to young families and military members he can guide or provide religious or spiritual support.

"Military life is not an easy life. Families and members always encounter the clarity of life and death. What does it mean to go to church today? As a Padre, we need to provide [support] to all faiths. As a chaplain, you don't have to be one religion."

This is Padre Chang's first posting since joining the CAF.

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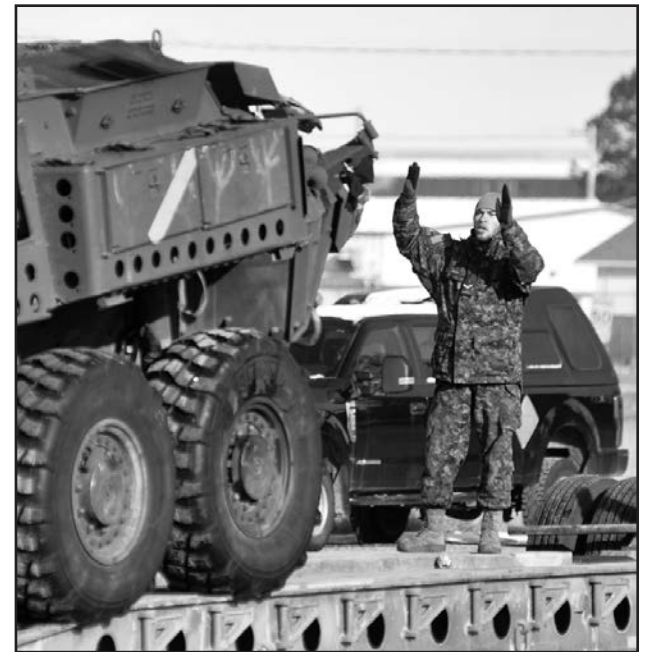
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2PPCLI loaded its equipment for transport to CFB Wainwright, here a LAV is aligned for movement on a flatbed from this Base. Photo Jules Xavier/Shilo Stag



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- Projected application dates = May 15 to October 31, 2021
- Herbicide = Roundup Transorb HC Liquid

Control of noxious weeds

- Projected application dates = May 15 to October 31, 2021
- Herbicide = 2-4-D Amine
- RPOU will NOT be applying 2-4-D Amine in the BASE/ PMQ area to control dandelions

Control of vegetation in gravel utility compounds and along compound fences.

- Projected application dates = May 15 to October 31, 2021
- Herbicide = Glyphosate

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- Projected application dates = May 15 to October 31, 2021
- Insecticide = Liberty 150 SN

Control of Richardson's ground squirrels (gophers)

- Projected application dates = May 15 to October 31, 2021
- Rodenticide = Chlorophacinone (Gopher Doom)

Signs will be posted prior the applications. Further information may be obtained by calling RPOU contracts officer WO Nick Karsin at 204-765-3000 ext 3169.

LETTER HOME FROM FRANCE

Delay in letter writing resulted from return to front

Editor's Note: During the First World War Pte Cecil Minary served in the CEF, beginning his military training at Camp Hughes prior to being shipped to England for further training. He saw his first action soon after Canada's involvement in the Battle of Vimy Ridge in France. His great-great-niece Kendra Minary has spent the COVID pandemic going thru the original letters he wrote home from England and France prior to being KIA on Aug. 28, 1918. The Lewis gunner died on the battlefield after his crew was hit by a German artillery shell. The Stag will share Kendra's great-great-uncle's letters with our Stag readers to give you a peek at what a soldier was contemplating with pencil and paper while in the UK training or in France in a trench waiting for the next attack or counter-attack. Cecil's letters are transcribed as they were written, so this includes his spelling, grammar and punctuation. Of note, from his letters home he rarely described his clashes with Fritz, instead preferring to enquire about life on the family farm or what his family and friends were doing back in Manitba. Unlike some some soldiers who would share their war stories in their letters, Pte Minary had his own distinct writing style no matter if it's his dad, sister or a relative. He also made the job of Army censors easier by not including war details which would be blacked out. That's the reason why his letters are "somewhere in France" once he left England for the Western Front.

From France
April 19th 1917

Dear Annie,

You will be surprised to see the difference in the dates of these two notes, a long time to finish a letter what do you think eh? The truth is that we got a sudden call up to the front and of course the letter went with me, but I'll try and get it posted this time

but you will have to be satisfied with less letters from this on for we are all pretty busy at present here.

The mail is coming in great now though I got four letters today from Margaret Smith, Berta Prette, Annie + Lucy Prette and from you. There were two boxes for me too, the first since coming to France. One was from Bertha Minary and was in dandy shape apples candies, gum, and nuts "oh my" the other was two pairs of socks from Aunt Aggie they certainly

came in fine after just coming out yesterday for a fellows socks are in an awfull (sic) shape after the trenches. Maggie Smith said they were sending me a parcel of ten socks but I was to divide them among my chums.

Well Annie I guess this is all for this time
So Bye Bye for this time

With love to all
Cecil

ORV ban due to wildfire danger

Shilo Stag

CFB Shilo's ORV riders are reminded there is a ban on ORV use in this area.

The Manitoba Wildfire Service advises that due to high wildfire danger levels, Level 2 travel restrictions are in effect across the southwest and eastern regions of the province.

Restrictions are in place for Spruce Woods Provincial Park, Spruce Woods Provincial Forest and the surrounding Crown land. This is the area immediately adjacent to the north side of the Base and is accessible from the north gate.

Also affected is nearby Criddle/Vane Homestead Provincial Park immediately adjacent to the south edge of the RTA.

Level 2 travel restrictions means motorized backcountry travel, including ATVs and other off-road vehicles, is prohibited.

Meanwhile, the RM of Cornwallis has issued a full burn ban which forbids any campfires/burn barrels/fire pits from being used. This includes the residential areas of the Base.

The RM of Oakland/Wawanesa has a similar burn ban in place as of April 4.

For areas where ATV use is allowed, riders are reminded they can play a role in protecting against wildfires.

Anyone using an ATV is asked to stay on developed trails, ensure their ATV has a working spark arrestor, check areas around the engine and exhaust frequently, and carefully remove and extinguish any debris from these areas.

Operators are also reminded to be prepared by carrying a fire extinguisher, axe and shovel.

To report a wildfire, call 911 or the TIP line (toll-free) at 1-800-782-0076. The TIP line is dedicated for reporting fires only.

For further information on the fire status, maps, travel restrictions, burning permit cancellations or other restrictions visit www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/ or follow the Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/mbgovnews>



Classroom lessons

38 CBG Artillery Tactical Group featuring artillery members from 26th Field Artillery Regt, Brandon (71 Bty), Portage la Prairie (13 Bty), 10th Field Artillery Regt, Regina (18 Bty) and Yorkton (64th Bty) out of Saskatchewan plus Kenora, Ontario-based 116th Independent Field Battery, participated in Forward Observer training focusing on fire planning while engaging troops with application of fire drills during a recent Ex VIRTUAL GUNNER, with COVID-19 protocols in place.

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Former COs, CWO Smith receive promotions, appointments

Shilo Stag

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) will see movement in the military family this year with soldiers having ties to CFB Shilo among those being promoted and appointed to new jobs.

This was announced in several CANFOR-GEN notices by acting Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) LGen Wayne Eyre.

First up was the announcement of colonel promotions, appointments and retirements which have already occurred, or will occur, this year.

"I wish to offer my deepest appreciation for the service and sacrifices of those officers and their families as they transition from the CAF and I offer my heartfelt congratulations and sincerest best wishes to those assuming new appointments and new responsibilities," said LGen Eyre.

Former 2PPCLI CO now Col Jay MacKeen, currently 3 DIV COS at Garrison Edmonton, will proceed to the advanced training list to attend the developmental phase four program with a move to the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



Then LCol Wayne Niven during his 2PPCLI outdoor CoC ceremony, where he replaced CO LCol Bob Ritchie in June 2015.

Col Robert McBride, currently working at NDHQ Ottawa, has been appointed Comd of 3CDSG at Garrison Edmonton, replacing Col Patrick Lemyre, who was recently promoted to brigadier-general prior to his next posting as CDS liaison officer to the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

Another former 2PPCLI CO is taking on a new position in Ottawa. Col Wayne Niven was previously the Director of Personnel Strategy Co-ordination and Synchronization, but is now replacing Col Richard Raymond as COS with Director General Professional Military Conduct. His former position will be filled by Col Nick Torrington-Smith.



Then LCol Stephen Haire during his 1RCHA CoC rehearsal, where he replaced LCol Stu Taylor. That ceremony eventually moved indoors in June 2016 because of inclement weather.

Former 1RCHA CO LCol Stephen Haire will be promoted to colonel and returns to NDHQ Ottawa this summer, where he's been appointed Director Strategic Effects and Targeting in Strategic Joint Staff. He replaces Col Julien Richard. Currently, LCol Haire is CADTC COS at CFB Gagetown.

Former CFB Shilo COS,

Winnipeg. CWO Appel is currently 38 CBG RSM with 64 Fd Bty out of Yorkton Armoury, Sask.

3 DIV will have a new DSM when CWO Wayne Bantock, currently deployed on Op CALUMET, arrives at Garrison Edmonton to replace CWO Rene Kiens.

3CDSG will have a new GSM when CWO PP Chartrand arrives at Garrison Edmonton to replace CWO Mark von Kalben.

Former 1RCHA soldier CWO Wayne Lundrigan is being replaced as Kingston-based Canadian Combat Support Brigade sergeant-major by CWO Stephane Daigle, who is currently Army NCM PO at CFB Kingston.

now LCol Katherine Haire is leaving her post as commandant at the artillery school at CFB Gagetown following a two-year stint, and will be the executive assistant for the Canadian Army (CA) commander.

There are a number of senior appointments in key positions among the CAF's CWO ranks.

Among them is former 2PPCLI RSM CWO Jim Smith, who has been appointed to a Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) as CA sergeant-major and will report to Ottawa after replacing CWO Stuart Hartnell, who is retiring.

CWO Smith was RSM 2015-17 with CO now Col Niven. They replaced now BGen Bob Ritchie, who is at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and now Capt Todd D'Andrade, who is Force Protection Officer at CFB Borden, as 2PPCLI's command team. Prior to this new appointment, CWO Smith is currently DSM with 5 DIV in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Among the Post Tactical Leadership Team (PILT) announcements, CWO Todd Appel is replacing 38 CBG BSM CWO Robert Morris, and will report to

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Then 2PPCLI CO LCol Bob Ritchie hands the pace stick to new RSM CWO Jim Smith, who replaced now Capt Thaddeus D'Andrade during a CoA ceremony which also saw then LCol Wayne Niven take the 2PPCLI helm from now BGen Ritchie. CWO Smith will be the new CA sergeant-major starting this summer.

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