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It was a game not soon to be forgotten thanks to an avalanche of 16 goals scored at Gunner Arena. B Bty came out on top with a 9-7 Kingston Cup triumph thanks to the game-winner by Bdr Kyle Timm. B Bty goalie Sgt Tyler Paynton (above) stops a goal with his stick fired by A Bty forward Gnr Coltan Neufeld. Veteran D-man WO Norman Wiebe (left) waves the B Bty flag following his team's victory, while B Bty BC Maj Brendon Rath (right) hoists the historic Kingston Cup after receiving it from 1RCHA CO LCol David Brassard. For more on the high-scoring affair, see page 8.

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# Community generosity fills Christmas hampers

**Kimberley Kielley**  
Shilo Stag

By the time this story is printed in the *Stag*, the Christmas hamper program will have concluded.

Roughly 30 hampers were created through a collective effort from 21 participating units, departments and organizations which included O'Kelly School, PSP, RCA Museum, Shilo Scouts, Shilo Community Council and CFHA, according to Padre Capt David Chang of the Faith Centre. He oversaw the program this year with Padre Samuel Agustin and Shilo MFRC's Lindsay Ruddick.

Registration for the Christmas hamper program began Nov. 15 and ended Dec. 6. Distribution of the hampers began soon after.

The annual program began in 2008 to support military families and members in need.

"This is a really important part of our chaplain ministry," Capt Chang said. "Not only is it the focus of our ministry, it's the participation of all units."

He added, "It's a really good opportunity for each one of us to support each other."

Christmas is about sharing the joys we have with our friends and other families, he explained.

The focus this year was to gather enough food items for a full Christmas dinner with the fixings. Children's toys were also included in some hampers depending on the need.

Non-perishable food items were on the list with money collected during that time to go towards gift cards so people could pick up what they wanted for fresh food, he said.

Selecting a family or individual for a Christmas hamper involved multiple points during the selection process, Capt Chang explained.

"Confidentiality is our priority."

The Faith Centre does not share information on individuals or families. They are also cognizant of the delivery process taking steps to protect people's privacy.

The hamper program was a huge success, Capt Chang said.

"We are blessed and lucky our community was so supportive and generous."

Units on the Base were eager to get started as the announcement for the Christmas hamper program was about to begin, he recalled.

With so many participants supporting the program, there was more than enough to go around. Extra hampers were to be distributed throughout the community once military needs were met, Capt Chang explained.

The hampers came in small, medium, large and extra large sizes. Monetarily, Capt Chang was unsure of how much it cost to gather the items for those hampers.

Financial donations were also gathered and gift cards purchased so people could purchase whatever their needs were.

"It's an amazing program," he said. "Even though I'm organizing this program now, through the process of organizing it, I feel like I belong to the community. It's a great feeling to be able to contribute to the community."

He added, "This is about what we can do for our community altogether."



With the amount of food items collected, BTL chaplain Capt David Chang gave two thumbs up during the sorting process. With an abundance of food dropped off at the Faith Centre, extras will be donated to food banks and other Westman agencies where it can be distributed to those in need during the Christmas holidays. BComd LCol Chris Wood (inset) drops off food items collected at Base HQ.

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Community Town Hall meeting

# Follow chain-of-command dealing with Base problems, says BComd

**Kimberley Kielley**  
Shilo Stag

Your voice matters is the message BComd LCol Chris Wood wants to relay to residents living in the RHUs on Base. In his inaugural Community Town Hall meeting at the GSH Dec. 9, LCol Wood relayed residents' concerns matter, and he's there to listen. The town hall-format meetings are an opportunity for the community to meet with the BComd and voice their concerns once every six months.

"Particularly if there's frustrations with other means of communication that have not been [met], that folks have not been able to further, I'd certainly like to provide that opportunity here to listen," he said.

He stressed the importance of following the chain-of-command before actioning any contact with his office, but wanted to reiterate his availability to CFB Shilo's small military community.

"The military chain-of-command is expected to respond to and be responsible for the welfare of their subordinates. If a military member brings something up, the first response should come from that. I would encourage them to go there first."

However, civilians with concerns requiring further action, have access to other options which include reporting

their concerns to the Shilo Community Council's mayor Capt James Smith via e-mail james.smith7@forces.gc.ca and/or CFHA's Jodi McFadden via e-mail jodi.mcfadden@forces.gc.ca or phone at 204-765-3000 ext 4111.

If a solution isn't met at those levels, there is the Rural Municipality (RM) of Cornwallis.

"There is a bit of an overlap and different expectations if you're a military member or not," he said.

Once those options are exhausted, LCol Wood suggested contacting his office at Base HQ.

Despite only four people in attendance at the evening meeting, LCol Wood was encouraged and actively listened to their concerns while BRSM CWO Jeremy Abrahamse recorded the information, which included excessive dog barking in the RHUs during silent hours; status of ambulance service in the community; role of Shilo Community Council (SCC); and discussion around the newly appointed Special Military Envoy representative for the province.

"They weren't many, but their concerns were valid," LCol Wood said.

While it may have been the inaugural meeting, he hopes to keep communication open despite the gray areas between municipal, provincial and federal governments while striking a balance for a Base he described as evolving and resilient.

"I hope to take the issues forward," he said. "And hope for more of an answer."

LCol Wood believes in small communities such as CFB Shilo.

"It evolves. Grows. And changes based on the folks here. You expect reasonableness. That's our evolving community."

He encouraged being involved in the community and will look at opportuni-

ties to present himself to residents to provide opportunities to communicate should all other avenues be exhausted.

"I'm responsible for more than military members," he offered. "As the keeper of all things within Shilo, I want to reach out to members of this community including family members and employees. While I can't solve all the problems, I can put people together."



## Promoted to MWO

BRSM CWO Jeremy Abrahamse looks on at Base HQ as newly promoted MWO Robert Young has his new rank attached to his CADPAT. MWO Young is currently working for Base Foods as the facility manager at Flatlands Dining Hall. Photo Jules Xavier/Shilo Stag



The action was fast and furious as 1RCHA hosted its 'Kingston Casing' ad hoc indoor ball hockey tournament while on Op PALACI in the Rocky Mountains of BC. Photo submitted

## 1RCHA in BC play for 'Kingston Casing'

**Lt Mathieu Lussier**  
Stag Special

Members of 1RCHA's A and B Bty deployed on Op PALACI were unable to participate in this year's edition of the Kingston Cup.

Missing out on one of the great events of the year, the troops instead competed in the "Kingston Casing," an ad hoc ball hockey tournament while deployed to Roger's Pass, BC.

The ball hockey championship took place on the most festive of dates, Dec. 4, in honour of the artillery's Patron Saint St-Barbara.

The two teams facing off for Kingston Casing bragging rights were: Big Willy and the heavy hitters (Bdr Williams, Bdr Saunders, Bdr Foley and Gnr Dean) versus MBdr Houston's French Connection (MBdr Houston, Bdr Rosamond, Gnr Kurtness and Gnr Croteau).

With a final score of 6-2, MBdr Houston and the French Connection took home the honours by outscoring their opponents 6-2 and received a 105mm casing engraved by B Bty's Gnr Beaudoin.



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# Newspaper covers Base for 75 years

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

Seventy-five years ago when the inaugural *Shilo Stag* was published and distributed on this Base, Kodak's Tri-X black and white film was used in what would now be considered an antique camera your grandfather brought out at family outings.

Layout was done the old-fashion way — wax, pica ruler, Photo Mechanical Transfers (PMTs), hot-lead type — by hand once the typesetting was done. Film was processed in a darkroom using Kodak chemicals.

Reporters did interviews in person, not on-line, or via landline telephone when you did not need to use an area code before the number. In fact, in 1947 you did not need an area code for making calls in Manitoba — as there weren't many phones compared to the population of Manitoba today. A phone number in Brandon more than a half century ago was PA6-5377.

There were no fax machines, computers, digital cameras or cell phones.

A lot has changed for the current *Stag* editorial team compared to 75 years ago when it was military staff producing your community newspaper.

The first newspaper was published in July 1947.

A lot was happening in Canada in 1947 — Jan. 1 Canadian Citizenship Act 1946 comes into effect; Jan. 2 Dominion of Newfoundland (later a province in '49) switches to driving on the right from the left; Jan. 27 the cabinet order deporting Japanese-Canadians to Japan is repealed after widespread protests; Feb. 13 oil is discovered near Leduc, Alberta; May 14 Chinese Immigration Act of 1923 is repealed; June 15 laws limiting Asian immigration to Canada are repealed and Canadians of Asian descent are allowed to vote in federal elections; July 22 two new nuclear reactors go online at the Chalk River research facility; Sept. 30 last group of personnel who had been on active service, for the Second World War, since Sept. 1, 1939, stood down; Dec. 29 federal law was changed such that Canadian women no longer lost their citizenship automatically if they married non-Canadians.

Did you know Stuart Garson was premier of Manitoba, while William Lyon Mackenzie King was our prime minister. Our dollar bill and all paper currency, plus coins, featured the face of King George VI, father of our current monarch Queen Elizabeth II.

Turning 75 in 2022 are a number of famous Canadians: Andrea Martin, actress and comedian; Abby Hoffman, track and field athlete; Kim Campbell, politician and 19th — and first female — prime minister of Canada; Lynn Johnston, cartoonist; Rosella Bjornson, airline pilot, first female pilot for a commercial airline in North America; Ken Dryden, Montreal Canadiens goaltender, politician, lawyer, businessman and author; RH Thomson, actor; and Burton Cummings, musician and songwriter who was born in Winnipeg.

This Base has been a training facility for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) since 1910, and saw an increase in its use as a training facility following the outbreak of the Great War, with nearby Camp Hughes home to thousands of soldiers preparing themselves for the battlefields of Belgium and France.

The principal purpose of this Base initially was for training in artillery and munitions, activities audibly recognized, though not begrudged, by generations of nearby residents.

In 1942, training of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion



The look and content of the 75-year-old *Shilo Stag* has changed considerably based on technology and how the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) serves its members and families. This is evident in two different editions of the paper. The one on the left from March 27, 2014 was done using pagination, with photos taken on digital cameras. Editorial staff were civilians, while military members had the responsibility to produce the copy on the right which was published on July 30, 1964. Cut and paste and hotlead type was used in the late 60s, while photos were taken using film cameras containing Kodak Tri-X 400 ASA film.

new GSM was Clifford Ludtke, who served with the PPCLI during the Second World War and Korean War. The Base was also actively involved in Brandon's annual Travellers Day parade.

Five years later, the *Stag* was under the authority of BComd Col Francis, while Capt Numbers was editor in a six-person newsroom, which included photographer Sgt Hull and teen editor Sharlene Rowland and ladies editor Thelma McFarland.

While 75 years might seem young, your Base newspaper has been around as long as some of the other CAF publications serving other Canadian Bases/Wings.

While we're not the oldest, we're close when you compare publishing dates for the following: CFB Petawawa *Post* '44, CFB Esquimalt RCN *Gangway* '43 (now the *Lookout*), CFB Trenton *Contact* '40 (now published by newspaper giant Metroland since 2011) and CFB Borden *Citizen* '48.

Younger Base newspapers include: 17 Wing Winnipeg *Voxair* '52, CFB Comox *Totem Times* '60, CFB Cold Lake *Courier* '54, then reborn in '67, CFB North Bay *Shield* '66 (first moniker was *The Jet*), CFB St. Jean/Montreal *Servir* 1993 (fusion of the *Aladin* and *Parapet*), CFB Halifax *Trident* '66, CFB Val Cartier *Adsum* '72. CFB Greenwood's community newspaper was born in 1953 as the *Wings over Greenwood*. Its moniker later changed to *The Angus*, then to its current *The Aurora*.

For the past decade, your *Stag* has been judged the No. 1 Army newspaper in Canada, based on judging from our newspaper peers from across the country. The highest ranking among all CAF newspapers was a second-place in 2014. Stories, photo essays and photographs have also been judged top-three in the CCNA competition.

So happy 75th anniversary as the *Stag* continues to cover your community with the advent of 2022.



Pte JP Gignac shows the wives "how to do it" on one of 28 COD sewing machines. Looking on with interest as 28 Central Ordnance Depot celebrates its 15th anniversary are Mrs Brando, Pte DeBartolo, Mrs DiBartolo, Mrs Hagget, Sgt Cunningham and Mrs Cunningham. This photo was on the front page of the *Camp Shilo Stag* newspaper published on Nov. 18, 1965.



# Willemien van Lankvelt learned about military lifestyle starting Base job

## Two commanders recognize executive director's 15 years at MFRC

**Jules Xavier**

Shilo Stag

To mark her 15th anniversary working for CFB Shilo's MFRC, executive director Willemien van Lankvelt was recognized by two military commanders.

First up, BComd LCol Chris Wood and his fire team partner BRSM CWO Jeremy Abrahamse presented van Lankvelt with a CFB Shilo certificate of appreciation and a Command Team coin.

The certificate of appreciation reads: "This CFB Shilo Command Team coin and certificate of appreciation is presented to Willemien van Lankvelt in recognition of her 15 years of loyal and dedicated service as the executive director for the CFB Shilo Military Family Resource Centre.

"She has fostered many local partnerships which have greatly contributed to the success of the MFRC. Her outstanding mentorship resulted in the MFRC experiencing significant growth in both the family services and daycare operations and provided our families with outstanding support through many domestic and international operational deployments."

She was then recognized for her work by 3CDSG Comd Col Robert McBride, who presented her with his palm-sized Commander's coin.

And to top off the afternoon, her own MFRC team presented her with a special gift to mark the occasion, while board chairperson CWO (Ret'd) James Doppler provided the 15-year acknowledgement with another certificate.

The Stag caught up with van Lankvelt for a Q&A about her job, and memories she's accumulated during the past 15 years.

**Shilo Stag (SS):** How did you come to find yourself working on an Army Base in Manitoba when you started working for CFB Shilo's MFRC?

**Willemien van Lankvelt (WvL):** "I saw the position advertised and it immediately captured my attention. I am originally from the Netherlands and there's always been a strong connection with the Canadian Armed Forces as they liberated the Netherlands in 1945.

"I had worked for not-for-profit organizations pretty much my whole career and felt that gave me lots of experience to apply for the position."

**SS: What were you doing previous to this job.**

**WvL:** "I was the executive director for what was then called Westman Employment Opportunities [which is now part of Career Connections] for about three years, but there was not enough work and the job didn't challenge me.

"Prior to that I was the executive director at Rolling Dale Enterprises, a non-profit organization providing programs and services to adults with developmental disabilities. I had been at Rolling Dale for 10 years."

**SS: Where were you located before moving to the Westman to take the job?**

**WvL:** "We used to farm north of Rivers in a small community named Cardale. When I first started in Shilo, I commuted for about 11 months, but with a 96-kilometre one-way commute, I knew I couldn't keep that up. We sold the farm and moved to Brandon."

**SS: What was it like doing your job starting out 15 years ago; learning the ways of the military and military families?**

**WvL:** "When I first started I had very little military knowledge, but with the incredible staff support, I learned the ins/outs of the military lifestyle.

"Canada was heavily involved in Afghanistan so our jobs were definitely different in those days. We had the Deployment Support Group (DSG) in our building under the leadership of Lonnie Goodfellow.

"That is still one of my favourite times. We worked closely with them and the units and we were making a real difference in the lives of families. This was before FaceTime etc. and we would sometimes open up in the middle of the night so a family could video conference [VTC] with their loved ones overseas."

**SS: What is your favourite tradition you've come**



Shilo MFRC's Military Family Appreciation Day was held in an adjacent parking lot, with military families enjoying barbecued hotdogs or smokies during the tailgate dinner event.

Photos Jules Xavier/Shilo Stag

**SS: How has role as executive director evolved during the past 15 years when it comes to dealing with soldiers going off to war in Afghanistan, to our current dealing with a pandemic?**

**WvL:** "Our role during the Afghanistan years was very different. Early on, social media was almost non-existent and the only way for families to communicate with their loved ones was through VTC.

"And it was only when the troops were inside the wire. It was definitely stressful, but I feel that families were more connected to one and other and supported each other. That's likely due to most of them being in the same situation and they could really relate to each other. During the pandemic, things are almost opposite where circumstances and restrictions prevent us from physically connecting with families or families connecting with each other."

**SS: How has the Shilo MFRC adapted to the pandemic when it comes to dealing with the needs of military families?**

**WvL:** "It took a bit of time to get set up virtually when the pandemic first hit, but we have adapted very well since.

"Most of our services were still available when our doors were locked, just in a different format. We will continue to offer some services in a virtual format now that we have the tools, which will enhance our outreach program to those families living further away from Base."

**SS: What three highlights in your career as executive director come to mind when you look back on 15 years of working on this Army Base?**

**WvL:** It's really hard to just pick three. But here we go: working with the DSG and the close connection we had with deployed families; expansion of the daycare, from 98 to 114 licensed spots; and opening of the counselling centre."

**SS: What major changes have you observed doing your job working for Shilo's MFRC?**

**WvL:** "This job and this environment is constantly changing. Whether it's the Command Team, board and staff turnover or community dynamics, my job is to manage change every day. It's also what keeps the job interesting."

**SS: Finally, what will you miss the most when you call it a day and retire in a few years?**

**WvL:** "Without a doubt, what I will miss most when I retire [which isn't for a few years yet] is the people — heather it's community members, partners and most of all the staff I get to work with. They are the ones who have taught me so much over the years and have made me a better person because of their influences."

to enjoy/appreciate at CFB Shilo?

**MvL:** "I truly enjoy the Change of Command parades. The discipline and respect that comes through each time is something I will never forget.

"I also really enjoy the annual Base Christmas dinners, where leadership from all units serves the guests and all the traditions that come with that."

**SS: What have you learned about yourself doing your job, while observing your staff in action?**

"I have learned I am stronger than I gave myself credit for. We often work in a stressful environment and I found ways to support everyone through those stressful times.

"I find providing [informal] mental health support very rewarding, which is something I didn't know about myself."

**SS: How have you made the transition of losing staff to welcoming new to the fold?**

**MvL:** "In most cases, we've had lots of notice when a staff [member] gets posted, so we've been able to have a decent handover and training period. And we are all so accustomed to people coming and going, that this is not new for us."



Willemien van Lankvelt shows off the 3CDSG Commander's coin she received from Col Robert McBride.



CWO (Ret'd) James Doppler presented Willemien van Lankvelt with her Shilo MFRC 15-year certificate.



# G8 cashier garners 3CDSG Soldier of the Year honours

**Kimberley Kielley**  
Shilo Stag

No one was more surprised than G8's Pte Melanie Richard when she received 3CDSG Soldier of the Year honours from Comd Col Robert McBride.

Tears filled the private's eyes as she shook the colonel's outstretched hand while accepting his coin and commendation certificates.

"I don't know why I'm so emotional," she laughed.

Then she looked around the room at her colleagues.

"I wouldn't have been able to do this without my team," the head cashier said. "They're like family to me."

The former make-up artist joined the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in October 2019. CFB Shilo is her first posting although she's no stranger to military life as her partner is in the military, too.



Pte Melanie Richard shakes hands with Comd Col Robert McBride after she was presented with 3CDSG Soldier of the Year honours.

Photo Kimberley Kielley/Shilo Stag

Originally from Trois Rivieres, Quebec, Pte Richard explained her struggles with English when she first arrived at CFB Shilo.

"I'm French. It was very new and stressful."

Pte Richard joined the military because it was in alignment with her goals after observing her partner enjoy a life so different from the one she had in retail — she worked holidays, weekends and evenings.

But, she had to make some changes before she could be accepted into the CAF. She had her body modifications removed by a plastic surgeon prior to enlisting.

Six months later, she received the call which changed her life forever. She was offered her first choice, which was a Finance Services Administrator (FSA).

In her job, she pays civilian and military claims and advances.

"I'm looking to make sure the paperwork is in order before paying it out," she explained.

The learning curve has been steep as she navigates a role meant for a master corporal or sergeant, she explained.

"I'm learning something I didn't in school, [but] I love doing my work."

Pte Richard's team and chain-of-command have been exceptionally supportive, she said, as she completes claims and operates the cash office.

"I always keep in mind there's a member awaiting a payment."

But, it is her positive attitude and approach to her work which makes her view her co-workers as a second family as she looks ahead to Christmas at CFB Shilo.

Reinforcing the camaraderie she shares with her team, the master corporal in her office interjected during the interview to point out Pte Richard is a great asset to the office.

"She's a good human," he said smiling. "She's a very positive person. We are so lucky to have her."

**Editor's note:** Besides her 3CDSG Soldier of the Year honours, Pte Richard was also named CFB Shilo's Soldier of the Year. Civilian of the Year honours went to G3 Ops and Training clerk Janna Mushie. Will have a story in Jan. 13 Stag.

## United Way campaign raises \$32,243.42

**Kimberley Kielley**  
Shilo Stag

CFB Shilo's United Way campaign drew to a close with \$32,243.42 raised.

It was the second campaign held during the pandemic which the Base successfully raised funds despite the lack of activities due to COVID-19.

Last year's total hit \$16,000. This year, the amount doubled despite limited activities offered in the past — like Base HQ and RPOU-W Det Shilo each hosting a chili cook-off.

Base Maintenance was able to offer its fall car care event, where vehicle owners could have an oil change done or have winter tires put on by military members.

While fundraising money continues to trickle in, BComd LCol Chris Wood presented Brandon United Way representative Cynamon Mychasiw with the funds currently



BComd LCol Chris Wood presented a cheque for \$32,243.42 to Cynamon Mychasiw from the Brandon United Way to mark the end of the Base's 2021 campaign.

Photo Kimberley Kielley/Shilo Stag

collected.

BRSM CWO Jeremy Abrahamse was on hand for the presentation as were members from the various units and organizations which gathered at Shilo's MFRC for the cheque presentation.

OPI Capt Nick Ethier and 2IC Sgt Ryan Draper oversaw the fundraiser which saw 1RCHA contribute the most, with \$18,200 raised.

2PPCLI was next with \$7,300, followed by 11 CF Health Svcs \$2,117, Base \$1,900, Dental Unit Det \$1,071, Shilo MFRC \$951, Transition Centre \$430 and RPOU - W Det Shilo \$400.

"I'm very happy with the amount of support the community has shown," said Capt Ethier. "It's quite humbling to see the level of community support."

## DND's 404 driver's licence eliminates sex designation

**Shilo Stag**

To make Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) institutions more inclusive sex designation has been eliminated on the DND 404, the military's driver's licence.

Since June 1, all new DND 404s have been issued without sex identification on them. Current versions will remain valid until their expiry date.

Anyone who wishes to exchange their current version before its expiry date for a new version without a sex identification can do so by requesting this to their local Road and Vehicle Safety Section (RVSS).

Their RVSS will process a regular DND renewal request and this new DND 404 will be issued.

This change to the DND 404 will not affect the card as a valid piece of federal government identification since it is not used as a primary identity document.

Nor will it affect the licence's status under the Canadian Driver Licence Agreement, which means it will continue to be recognized by provincial and territorial jurisdictions, and by law enforcement officers across Canada.

There will be no impact on provincial or territorial driver's licence qualification exchange programs, or on the recognition of CAF driver qualifications abroad.

The provincial and territorial driver's licence qualification exchange program allows recently retired or currently serving military members to transfer their DND 404-related qualifications onto their civilian provincial/territorial licence without additional training or testing.

In general, most, if not all, military driving qualifications that have an equivalent class for a civilian driver licence are granted by the jurisdiction.

However, each province and territory has its own process, so interested members should check the specific requirements of the province or territory in which they reside.

## Season's Greetings

This is a special time of year for all of us, especially when it provides the opportunity to spend quality time with loved ones and friends. While recalling — peace on earth, good will to all, it is good we hold fast to these goals now and throughout the year. During this festive season and throughout the New Year let us take the time to share the spirit of love, compassion, hope and happiness with all we meet along the way. We hope to see you at one of our meetings or events in 2022. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

The Western Manitoba Branch Board of Directors



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## LETTER HOME FROM FRANCE

*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.*

## Cousin learns about private's trip to England on leave

Somewhere in France  
Friday Dec 7th 1917

Dear Edna.

Well Teddy here I am again, still alive and feeling fine as usual but I am afraid with little or nothing to say.

There has been no mail at all from Canada for a long time untill (sic) last night, when your letter of Nov. fourth arrived and also one from Margaret Smith and a parcel from Aunt Bell at Unity But there was no news from home, I am sorry that you had no letter from me though, I guess it was my fault for not writing oftener for I have been awfull (sic) lazy

in that line latley (sic).

We are still out on that rest yet and are fattening up like a lot of pigs although the weather is as cold as the mischief. My address is the same 829297 B. Coy. 52nd Battalion Canadians BEF France.

Oh say Edna I am expecting leave to England very soon I was to be away by now only it was cancelled for a few days. I'll be going for fourteen days in London some change to what I have been used too latley (sic) and well that is about all I can think of these days.

Things are very quiet around here nothing doing at all, we were at a concert in the Y.M.C.A. at the next village last night, the first since coming here, it

was very good though although the girls were just imitations.

I will be on the look out for that parcel of yours and will write as soon as it arrives and let you know how I enjoyed the meal. I sent you a Christmas card a while back, it is not up to much but the best I could get here, it has the Battalion Badge on it and the ribbons are our division and Brigade colors we all wear them on the shoulders of our tunics.

Well this is all I can scrape up this time, so will close hoping to hear from you soon again.

I remain  
Your loving Cousin  
Cecil Minary.

## RCA Museum has new Afghan exhibition

### Shilo Stag

The RCA Museum will host the Mission Afghanistan exhibit starting Jan. 14, and running to May 20. The official opening is slated for Feb. 3.

The Military Museums of Calgary and the Directorate of History and Heritage developed the \$1-million travelling exhibit to recognize the achievements of Canadians during the Afghanistan War, which ran from 2001 to 2014.

More than 40,000 Canadians served in combat roles until 2011, then transitioned to training roles until 2014. Mission Afghanistan is an immersive, first-person exhibit covering 2,000 square feet in the museum's temporary gallery.

Visitors to the RCA Museum can explore the Afghanistan War through the eyes of Canadian soldiers, including wounded soldiers and key decision-makers.

The exhibition includes many artifacts from Afghanistan, multimedia and text panels arranged chronologically.



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# Bdr Kyle Timm paces B Bty to Kingston Cup win

## Shilo Stag

A bloodied Bdr Kyle Timm did not let injuries keep him on the bench at Gunner Arena.

The tenacious forward, despite a bloodied face and an earlier stick to the stomach, scored the game-winning goal to pace B Bty to a 9-7 triumph over A Bty during the annual Kingston Cup tilt.

B Bty looked to have the game in hand, leading 4-1 after the opening period. However, A Bty quickly erased the three-goal deficit to even the score early in the middle period.

The two teams, playing the game during the 150th anniversary for A & B Btys (UBIQUE 150), traded goals before the teams went to their respective dressing rooms with B Bty up 7-6.

Early on in the final period, A Bty put the puck past B Bty veteran goalie Sgt Tyler Paynton before Bdr Timm put his team back in the lead for good.

A Bty had its chances, but Sgt Paynton was equal to the challenge, especially making a few TSN "turning point" saves in this exciting tilt for those in attendance.

Trailing by a goal, A Bty had a two-man advantage with under five minutes to play, but could not solve Sgt Paynton between the pipes.

An insurance marker was scored with a few minutes on the clock, and the game was never in doubt for a triumphant B Bty.

B Bty BC Maj Brendon Rath then hoisted the Kingston



This was a TSN turning point moment in the second period during the Kingston Cup, with B Bty goalie Sgt Tyler Paynton thrusting his stick out to stop a shot taken by A Bty forward Gnr Coltan Neufeld.

Photo Jules Xavier/Shilo Stag

Cup — wearing protective gloves to avoid damaging the historic trophy — for a few celebratory minutes on the ice, before the trophy was returned to 1RCHA CO LCol David Brassard, and whisked back to the RCA Museum.

There would be no beer sipped from the cup this time, with B Bty departing the ice to celebrate in the dressing room.

Meanwhile, former B Bty BC John McNair was pleased with B Bty's triumph in the annual hockey contest first played in Kingston, Ont., in 1873.

"I am pleased B Bty won, [and] pleased the Kingston Cup itself resurfaced after its arduous journey from Germany to Shilo in 1993," he wrote on the Stag's Facebook page.

"... having been found, I believe, in someone's basement in Gagetown along the way. And [I'm] pleased the Regiment is able to carry on traditions such as this, in these times.

"In 1995, when I was BC Bty, sadly we lost. Being useless on skates I freely admit I contributed absolutely nothing to the game except my presence."

Wallie Cusick, a Kingston businessman, commissioned the trophy in 1927. The presentation of the Kingston Cup is a Canadian artillery tradition which originates from the 1930s.

A and B Btys play on the first Friday in December every year, when not deployed, in honour of St. Barbara, the patron Saint of Gunners.

After the founding of A Bty in 1871, the garrison troops played an early form of the game. Once Lake Ontario froze over they played games on it, as well as the icy barrack square.

Without a doubt, the Kingston Cup represents part of this uniquely Canadian story when it comes to Gunners being pioneers of hockey in Canada.

To think, hockey teams started competing for the Stanley Cup in 1893. The NHL started in 1917.



Photos Jules Xavier/Shilo Stag

## Appreciation dinner

SCC mayor Capt James Smith (left) delivers turkey dinners to Base Transport's bus. Base COS Maj Scott Youngson delivered Christmas cheer as Santa, while BRSM CWO Jeremy Abrahamse welcomed all to decorated Flatlands Dining Hall at drive-thru event.



## BComd clarifies GSH COVID access policy

LCol Chris Wood  
Stag Special

This message is intended to clarify the GSH access policy considering some members of the CAF/DND remain unvaccinated awaiting a decision on their respective accommodation request.

The GSH fitness facility is a location which requires personnel accessing the facility to be fully vaccinated except under specific circumstances.

Military members not fully vaccinated are to ensure they have had a negative rapid antigen result within the last 72 hours, and adhere to the constraints identified below.

The direction going forward for CAF members that are not yet fully vaccinated and wishing to access GSH will adhere to the following:

- A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the member's chain of command;
- Individual PT workouts will be authorized Monday to Friday from 6 to 11 a.m. only;
- Not authorized to participate in group PT; and
- Not authorized to participate in organized sports or pick-up sports.

Members of the public and military members participating in open sports — GSH organized or pick-up — will be expected to provide proof they are fully vaccinated.

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