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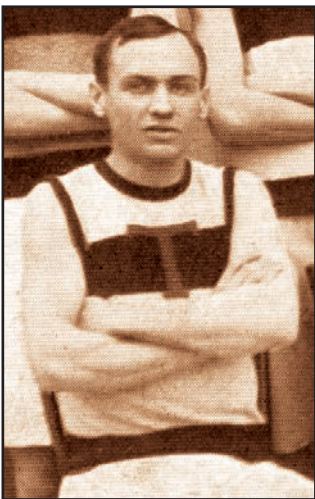
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**LEST WE FORGET**

Wawanesa erected its cenotaph following the First World War "in memory of those who gave their lives for freedom in the Great War." A dozen men, four of them with the 43rd Battalion, left Wawanesa between 1914 and 1918 and paid the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefields of France and Belgium and never returned home. Their names are now engraved on a side of the monument: 1916 - A. Austin, F. Bloom, J.H. McFadden, F.W. Leachman, W.B. Lawrence, Jack Fisher; 1917 - C Livingston, T. Wichtman, F.C.J. Watson, L.F. Geoffroy; 1918 - J.T. Stevenson, W.W. Irvine. Another 12 men from Wawanesa, seven of them with the RCAF, were "killed in action" during the Second World War from 1939 to 1945: W.L. Cory, P.J. Ellis, J. B. Ferris, C.C. Corrie, R.T. Hemmons, F.J. Lowe, H.V. Millen, R.F. Noton, W.S. Powers, C.E. Stevenson, W.C. Wallace, W.J. Wilton. The cenotaph also features eight men who "died in service" of their country, with S. Blair Cory losing his life on April 28, 1983 while serving with NATO CFE. The others died during the Great War, or a few years after the war ended on Nov. 11, 1918. These men were T.F. Webster in '16; J. Robertson in '17; R. Clark, H.J. Dent, and H.D. Smith in '18; W.H. Rumford in '19 and T.H. Reynolds in '21. Standing at attention, and saluting, Afghanistan veteran Cpl Bryce Cooper visited the cenotaph during a recent visit to Wawanesa. He stood stoically in front while reflecting on the names, plus the men he served alongside who died fighting the Taliban during his 2008 deployment. Turn to page 7 to read his story about what Remembrance Day means to him following his Afghan experience with 2PPCLI.

*Photo by Jules Xavier*





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Want to know what's happening with the United Way 2016 campaign? Drop by Base HQ and see the chairman, Base Padre Maj Greg Costen. The wall outside his door is plastered with United Way posters for upcoming events.

*Photos by Jules Xavier*

## United Way campaign's final event Barbecue lunch at L25 Nov. 18 marks the end

### Shilo Stag

CFB Shilo's United Way campaign is underway, with more than \$25,000 raised so far.

A goal of \$35,000 was set for the 2016 campaign.

Maj Greg Costen, your Base padre and the United Way's campaign chairperson, provided this updated list of events or activities scheduled for the next few weeks.

During this year's United Way campaign, there's a firewood sale with pick-up only. You pay \$50 for a truckload of firewood. Contact Range Control at ext 3333 to make arrangements for your firewood.

Here's what else is coming up:

Nov. 8 - Bring your loose change when you drive to work on the Base and participate in the Boot Blitz. There will be someone at each gate collecting change between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Nov. 9 - Wine raffle gives you a chance to win 30 bottles of wine if you buy one ticket at \$5 or five tickets at \$20. Draw will be on this date at 10 a.m. Tickets available at IPSC, which is building L106 adjacent to Base headquarters.

Nov. 16 - CFHA United Way fundraiser has a Black and Decker Café Select Dual Brew Coffee Maker and large coffee package (worth \$350), with tickets being sold at the CFHA office (78 Kingston Ave.) or at the CANEX Mall by CFHA staff. Tickets are going one for \$5 or three for \$10.

Nov. 18 - Grand prize package raffle valued at \$1,000. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. Available for purchase from Padre Costen, Padre Dennis, Lt Kang at 1RCHA, WO Desjardins at 2PPCLI, BHQ or visit the Base's Faith Centre or MFRC main reception desk. Draw at 12:30 p.m. during United Way Checkered Flag event on this date at L25. Winner must be present.

Nov. 18 - United Way's final event will mark the end of the 2016 campaign. There's a barbecue lunch at L25. The campaign's grand prize draw will be made at 12:30 p.m.

Skate sharpening at Gunner Arena will cost you \$2 during regular open hours. These funds will go to the United Way campaign. For more info contact Karen Gero at 204-765-3000, ext 3326.



United Way chairman and Base Padre Maj Greg Costen shows off the Brandon Wheat Kings jersey and autographed poster you can win. Just record your bid, with a minimum bid of \$100, and the winner will receive it after Nov. 18. It will be at 2PPCLI and 1RCHA after leaving HQ.

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# Canadian Rangers take the reins outdoors during Ex CHOKE APPLE

**Steven Fouchard**  
Stag Special

VICTORIA — The Canadian Army (CA) may have plenty of high technology and complex vehicles at its disposal, but there will always be situations that demand much simpler approaches to things.

As Ex CHOKE APPLE proved recently, sometimes only a horse will do.

This year's edition of Ex CHOKE APPLE, this past summer, brought together personnel from the CA's 3rd Canadian Division, including members of 4 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (4CRPG) along with Regular Force and Army Reserve troops, to learn skills associated with using one of the world's oldest forms of transportation: horses.

Among those taking part was CFB Shilo's MCpl Charles Pietracupa, who is with 1RCHA's headquarters and service battery.

Using CHOKE APPLE for this exercise was a decidedly tongue-in-cheek choice for a name: newcomers to horse riding are prone to grabbing the pommel, the raised part of the saddle in front of the rider. Pommel is derived from 'pommum,' Latin for 'apple.' Seasoned riders therefore refer to novice riders as 'apple chokers.'

LCol Russ Meades, Commanding Officer (CO) of 4CRPG, said the exercise is aimed mainly at Canadian Rangers, a sub-component of the Army Reserve that carries out national security and public safety missions in Canada's sparsely settled northern, coastal and more isolated areas.

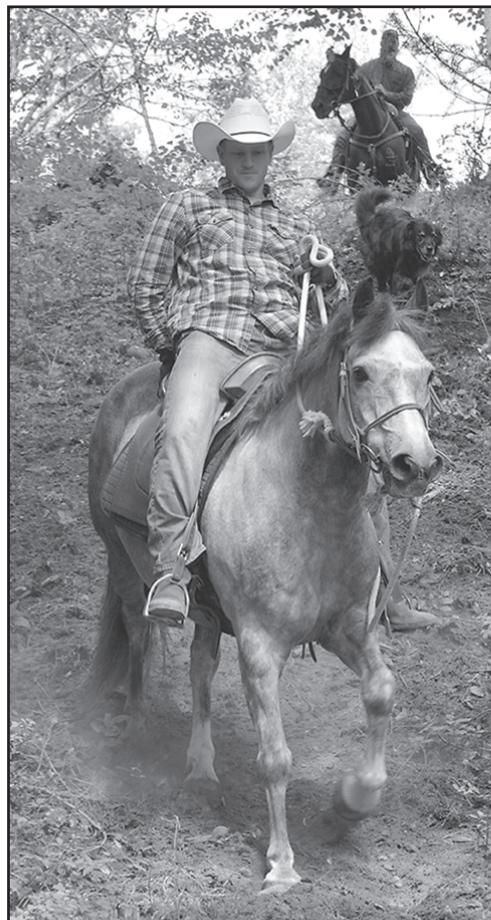
"Primarily horseback riding is mobility training for Canadian Rangers," he explained. "A lot of our terrain is extremely rugged and there are places even ATVs or snowmobiles can't get to. And one viable alternative is horses."

4CRPG is fortunate to have a number of experts in all things equine within its own ranks. Canadian Ranger Paul Nichols hosted Ex CHOKE APPLE, along with his wife Terry, at their own Pen-Y-Bryn Farm near Quesnel in the interior of BC.

"With the long legs that a horse has, it can step through country that would snarl up a wheeled vehicle," Ranger Nichols said.

"And the other part of it is that we can move very quietly. And they have incredible senses. They're constantly aware, constantly scanning for noises or any kind of disturbance in the bush. And if you're in tune with your horses they will tell and show you much more than we can see or feel."

It is Canadian Rangers who are most likely to be



MCpl Charles Pietracupa from CFB Shilo takes his horse downhill, practicing his riding skills during Ex CHOKE APPLE.

Photo by Lindsay Chung  
Pen-Y-Bryn Ranch, Quesnel, BC

first on the scene of remote search and rescue missions and other similar scenarios, LCol Meades added, but there is good reason to include Reservists and Regular Force members in this training.

"There's a lot of scope for Canadian Rangers, Regular Force, and Reserve troops to interact together," he said.

"The more they do, the more they're used to each other and the better integrated and cohesive they will be when it comes to doing it for real."

Terry Nichols is well-regarded in the field of equine-assisted therapy, which has documented benefits for soldiers who have experienced trauma.

The animals are highly sensitive to a rider's mood and more responsive to commands when he or she projects strength, for example, so riding can help a traumatized soldier regain lost confidence.

Therapeutic work was not officially part of Ex CHOKE APPLE, LCol Meades noted, but was among topics discussed by the participants after the formal daytime activities had ended.

"The energy that the human is giving off to that horse will decide in large measure what the relationship is going to be like," he said. "The horse is capable of drawing out certain issues in a

person's life. I've personally seen a person brought to tears simply by being in the presence of a horse. It is quite amazing."

Ranger Nichols likened his role in Ex CHOKE APPLE to that of an instructor offering a military driving course, and Terry Nichols offered a different perspective.

"Terry is a gifted horsewoman and really has a feel for what makes a horse work — inside their heads," he said. "If you want to get the most out of your horses, you have to get inside their heads."

"You have to convince them this is the right idea, that where we're going makes sense and that we have their best interests at heart. So this is a really good tie-in to leadership training."

LCol Meades added that Ex CHOKE APPLE is a good fit with the CA's multifaceted approach to taking care of its members.

"We're approaching things like personal awareness, spiritual fitness, physical fitness, familial fitness, relational fitness," he said.

"These are things that, if addressed appropriately, build resiliency in the individual and therefore in the institution. And if we address that in part with CHOKE APPLE, then we have absolutely got our money's worth and so has the public."

Steven Fouchard is with Army Public Affairs

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# Army unveils new Canadian flag

## Stag Special

The Canadian Army (CA) will advance into the future under a new flag that nods to its proud past.

The flag was unveiled this past summer during a ceremony on Parliament Hill in which CA members welcomed their new Commander, LGen Paul Wynnyk.

The new design features the Canadian flag and a white, stylized maple leaf against a red background. Superimposed on the white maple leaf is the badge that members used during the Second World War and the Korean conflict, consisting of three maple leaves over a pair of crossed swords.

Sitting atop the centre leaf is an image of St. Edward's Crown, a symbol that has been used in coronation ceremonies for more than 300 years. The maple leaf was worn on the collars of Canadian soldiers who fought in the Battle of Vimy Ridge during the First World War, and was included on the new flag to hon-

our the 100th anniversary of the battle, which will be marked in 2017.

The same maple leaf flew on the headquarters flags of the fighting divisions during the Second World War and still flies across Canada at the CA's various division headquarters. The flag traces the evolution of the CA's identity, reinforcing the link between the brave veterans of Afghanistan and the Cold War period with the heroes of First and Second World Wars and Korea.

"These changes are collectively directed at promoting the military traditions that shape our Army," said LGen Wynnyk. "Our symbols and history increase



The Canadian Army's new flag was unveiled this past summer.

the pride that each soldier feels in their trade and duty within the Canadian Army. Maximizing corps and regimental identity is key to our soldiers' personal and collective esprit de corps."

The Canadian Army name was restored in 2011 following several decades in which all three military branches were known collectively as the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). The CA's divisions and corps began restoring their identities in 2013 and there have been several additional restorations of Army badges and rank designations since. The new CA flag will be featured at the Canada Army Run this September.

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# Legion president shares uncle's Second World War death in Italy

"We are the dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders Fields."  
— John McCrae

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

He was not born when his uncle Donald paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Second World War.

"I was not around when my Uncle Donald died, but I like to share his story at this time of year with Remembrance Day just around the corner," said Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 3 president Garry Andrew.

Born on May 14, 1916 at Thurso, Caithness, Scotland, Pte Donald Sinclair was with PPCLI in Italy when he was Killed in Action (KIA).



It was a sad day in the Sinclair household at 304 10th Street in Brandon soon after July 22, 1943 when Jessie and Donald Sinclair learned two sons became casualties of the war during Canada's involvement fighting the Germans in Italy.

Pte Sinclair, then 27, was KIA, while younger brother Cpl George Sinclair, 23, was wounded.

The Sinclair brothers enlisted with the Canadian Army, and then taken on by the Patricias at the same time at the outbreak of the Second World War when they left Souris for Winni-

peg. It was Sept. 20, 1939. In a yellowed Brandon Sun newspaper clipping Andrew keeps with his uncle's war memorabilia, including medals, the newspaper reported: "Both brothers had been together in the same unit ever since [enlisting], and Pte Donald Sinclair had been married in England sometime before the unit left for action in Sicily."

Andrew's uncles had followed in his grandfather George's military footsteps when they decided to enlist. He was a veteran of the Great War, and had died in 1938.

Pte Sinclair was age seven when his parents brought their large family and immigrated to Canada, settling in Souris. He attended school here until age 14, then took farm labourer job before moving on to become a driver for a transport company in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. But with Canada becoming involved in the Second World War, Pte Sinclair and his fellow Patricias were deployed overseas and, after arriving from the west by

train to the east coast, took a ship across the Atlantic Ocean. The Sinclair brothers landed at Greenock, Scotland on Dec. 30, 1939.

The following year while undergoing extensive training prior to deployment to any number of battlefields involving Canadian soldiers, Pte Sinclair was admitted to No. 15 General Hospital from Aug. 28 to Sept. 24. In August 1941, the Patricias became part of Force 111, which was assembling in Scotland for operations at Spitsbergen. According to Andrew's military records on his uncle, Pte Sinclair and his fellow soldiers were tasked to destroy the coal facilities on the island located in the Arctic.

However, Force 111 was downsized and PPCLI did not deploy. Instead, they returned to 1 Canadian Infantry Division's area in England. Pte Sinclair and PPCLI then deployed on Op HUSKY, landing on July 10, 1943 and fighting on the beaches of Sicily. PPCLI advanced north through Grammichele, Piazza Armerina and Valguarnera.

Pte Sinclair, his brother George, then advanced to the edge of the Town of Leonforte, where PPCLI established a firm base for the Edmonton Regiment to assault the town.

Pte Sinclair and his comrades took a large portion of the town prior to the Germans unleashing a counter-attack on the dispersed companies. PPCLI soldiers held in Company defended localities waiting for reinforcements from the Second Brigade. Prior to the attack, the Germans had destroyed the only bridge into town, so Canadian military engineers working under fire put a span across the gap.

Not knowing the fate of the PPCLI soldiers, the Brigade ordered a dash to the town which was conducted by C Coy and tanks of the Three Rivers Regiment. C Coy moved quickly under indirect and small arms fire to the edge of town, then assaulted to the center where they relieved HQ Coy. Pte Sinclair and his fellow soldiers continued to clear the town without the aid of armour.

Two more companies were committed to the battle, linking up with Pte Sinclair's C Coy to successfully evict the enemy from the town and surrounding hills.

It was during this heavy house fighting that Pte Sinclair was KIA. After the battle he was buried in a temporary grave north of Leonforte, then following the war was reburied at the Canadian War Cemetery.

Agira Canadian War Cemetery lies in the Commune of Agira, Province of Enna, in the centre of Sicily. On July 10, 1943, following the successful conclusion of the north African campaign in mid-May, a combined allied force of 160,000 Commonwealth and American troops invaded Sicily as a prelude to the assault on mainland Italy.



Legion president Garry Andrew is proud to show off his uncle's Second World War medals. Pte Donald Sinclair was buried (left) in a temporary grave after being KIA during street fighting when his company fought Germans in Italy.  
Photo by Jules Xavier

The Italians, who would shortly make peace with the Allies and re-enter the war on their side, offered little determined resistance, but German opposition was vigorous and stubborn. The campaign in Sicily came to an end on Aug. 17, 1943 when the two allied forces came together at Messina, but failed to cut off the retreating German lines. Agira was taken by the 1st Canadian Division on July 28 and the site for the war cemetery was chosen in September for the burial of all Canadians who had been killed in the Sicily campaign.

Agira Canadian War Cemetery contains 491 Commonwealth burials, including Pte Sinclair, from the Second World War. For his service to Canada, Pte Sinclair was awarded the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, Defence Medal, War Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with clasp. Andrew also has his uncle's Memorial Cross, which was presented to the Sinclair family following his death overseas. Pte Sinclair has not been forgotten in Manitoba — on March 24, 1995 Sinclair Peninsula which is located on Kapechekamasic Lake was named in his honour. "It's a nice honour for him," said Andrew proudly. "You serve your country as a lot of young Canadians did back then, but unfortunately, my one uncle never came home."

## Pet of the Week



### KHALEESI

Dan McInnis owns Khaleesi, a one-year-old Malamute cross. She is a vocal enemy of the cat (Willow), until mom and dad aren't paying attention, when they cuddle and groom each other. Do you have a photo of your pet — cat, dog, bird, snake, hamster — you'd like to share with our Stag readers? If so, e-mail it to us via [stag@mymts.net](mailto:stag@mymts.net)



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# Remembrance Day has new meaning for Afghan veteran

## *Cpl Cooper reflects on comrades KIA fighting Taliban*

**Cpl Bryce Cooper**  
Shilo Stag

Before spending the summer of 2008 in southern Afghanistan the 11th of November had a very different meaning for me.

At the end of May, I was with 6 Platoon (6PI) when we took over Combat Outpost (COP) Talukan from 4PI. Talukan was the third of four such outposts — Haji, Zangabad, Talukan and Mushan. The COPs were arranged east to west, south of the Argandab River in the Khandahar provinces Panjwai district.

Each COP was garrisoned by some Canadians, depending on the situation and the size of the COP, a section or a platoon. Part of the garrison was made up of Afghan National Army (ANA). In the case of Talukan, a platoon of Canadians made up the garrison.

COP Talukan was surrounded by wide green fields. Good clear arcs of fire. The closest building was a grape drying hut several hundred metres away.

Grape drying huts are large roofless buildings with mud walls and slits cut in them. Although in theory for drying grapes to make raisins all I remember them being used for was defensive positions for Taliban fighters.

The slits could be shot through by small arms and the dark interiors made it impossible to see movement inside. The walls were often durable enough to withstand multiple 25mm canon hits.



**CAPT RICHARD LEARY**

To the south some jagged ridges rose out of the arid landscape. East and west if you were standing on one of the two towers on a clear day you could see clay mounds in the distance that looked like mud castles made by a very young child.

All around there were narrow canals flanked by deliberate trees and conspicuously green fields. A short distance from any canals there was only dusty beige desert.

The fields were mostly growing grapes although there were marijuana fields and the occasional opium field. Instead of the tresses we build for grapes they use mud mounds — sometimes several feet high to grow their vines on. Grape fields also provided good shelter for Taliban.

Between the fields and roads and around the compounds that served as houses mud walls stood in defence. Everything felt a little claustrophobic between the walls. Roads seemed narrow, fields seemed small.

Unseen enemies lurked undetectable behind the walls as well as in the grape fields and grape drying huts.

The fighting was seasonal in Afghanistan largely due to the relationship with the drug trade. Growers would harvest their crop of opium by mid-May, refine it to heroin, and move it to markets.

The Taliban would benefit from the drug trade and use the influx of money to buy weapons and ammo. From May to September the direct attacks by insurgent were at their highest. By fall the money would run low and so would the insurgent resources for direct attacks.

For Canadians fighting in Afghanistan, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) posed a constant threat regardless of the season. Direct attacks with small arms, technical vehicles and recoilless rifles happened in the



2PPCLI soldier Cpl Bryce Cooper on patrol near a poppy field in Afghanistan during the summer of '08.  
Photo by Adam Day, Legion Magazine

summer.

When 6PI occupied COP Talukan in June, troops were in combat during patrols of the area on a weekly basis. In actuality, anytime a patrol went south into the built-up area where the population was centred they were likely to end up in a gunfight with Taliban fighters.

When we moved in and took up the routine of tower shifts and patrols there was a sense of foreboding that came over the platoon. Everyone was aware we were in a perilous situation.

A section commander from 4PI had already been repatriated because of injuries he sustained at Talukan. While patrolling south of the COP his platoon was attacked by a child clad in an explosive vest. The vest was remote detonated by a man hiding at a safe distance. Debris including ball bearings showered the patrol.

No Canadians died, but there were real injuries both physical and, because of the nature of the attack, psychological.

A few days after arriving in Talukan on June 3 our worst fears were realized. The patrol I was on was ambushed.

The ambush faltered when a Taliban fighter's RPG 7 failed to fire. The Taliban was killed as the patrol fought through the ambush and attempted to

develop an objective for an airstrike or an artillery barrage.

The patrol remained in place taking cover against the banks of a canal as well as the surrounding walls and trees. The lifeless Taliban floated face down below us.

After several attempts to call Close Air Support (CAS) and artillery, our patrol prepared to move back to the COP.

The ANA soldiers on patrol with us were attempting to drag the body of the dead Taliban out of the canal in order to deny him an appropriate burial. 2PPCLI Capt Richard Leary told them to stop what they were doing and go back to the COP. This was the last time I would see 32-year-old Capt Leary give an order.

While we were at the canal Taliban fighters had staged an ambush between the patrol and the COP. I was near the front of the patrol running a gauntlet of gunfire.

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# Letters give a glimpse of a Great War soldier's life

## Sgt Henry Hayes killed during Battle of the Somme

**Jules Xavier**

Shilo Stag

Yesterday, marked the 100th anniversary of the death on the battlefield in Courcellette, France of a soldier who served his country for 244 days, and left \$184.26 in army pay for his grieving mother in Trenton, Ont.

Sgt Henry Hayes, a lanky five-foot-seven, 148-pound soldier, according to his attestation papers, was with the 26th Battery, 7th Brigade of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) which was the entire overseas force fielded by Canada during the First World War. Of the 630,000 Canadians who enlisted for military service, 424,000 went overseas as part of the CEF.

For Sgt Hayes and his 26th Battery comrades, Courcellette was a major tactical objective in the Battle of Flers-Courcellette during the Somme Offensive of the First World War during which the village was razed. The village was assigned as the major objective of the Canadian Corps during that battle and they succeeded in capturing it.

It was on the 107th day of the Somme Offensive that Sgt Hayes died of wounds on the battlefield — following hostile German artillery fire in the afternoon on his own artillery position.

**"I say there is absolutely no need for worry now. It will be time enough to worry when I get to travel. Besides that I am going with the artillery. We fight many miles away from the battle line and danger is very small indeed."**

— Excerpt from a Sgt Henry Hayes letter he wrote to his parents on July 16, 1915

scribbled with a pencil a century ago, plus his military records. These documents were donated to the RCA Museum in January 2014 by Linda Flindall, and are currently on display as part of the Battle of the Somme exhibit that closes after Nov. 25.

Sgt Hayes was part of a battle that lasted only five months and cost more than one million casualties on all sides — with gains which could only be measured in yards.

Enlisting with the CEF was a decision Sgt Hayes did not take lightly, evident in poignant letters he wrote to his parents in the summer of '15 while he was in Toronto. The first was written on July 16, 1915 when he decided to go overseas with the Canadian Field Artillery (CFA). He justified his decision to go artillery versus infantry because he would not be on the front lines where the trench fighting was the fiercest.

"I hope mother spent a very pleasant birthday and that what I am going to say now won't make any of you unhappy.

"Since the last time that I was home, I have not said much about the war and perhaps you all thought that I had given up the idea of going. I did not give up the idea but I know how you all felt and I decided to wait until the emergency seemed greater. For this last two or three weeks, it has been hard to get recruits and men are needed badly.

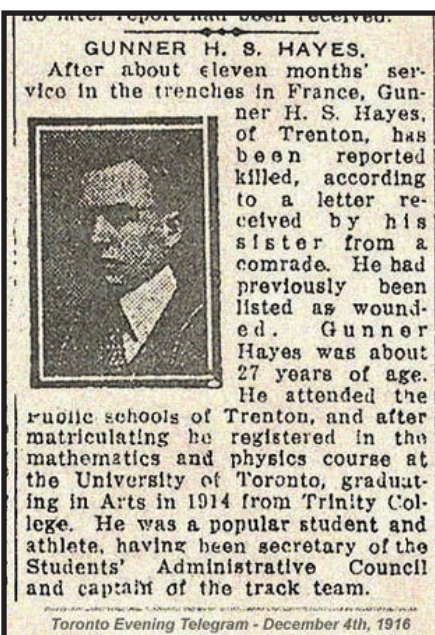
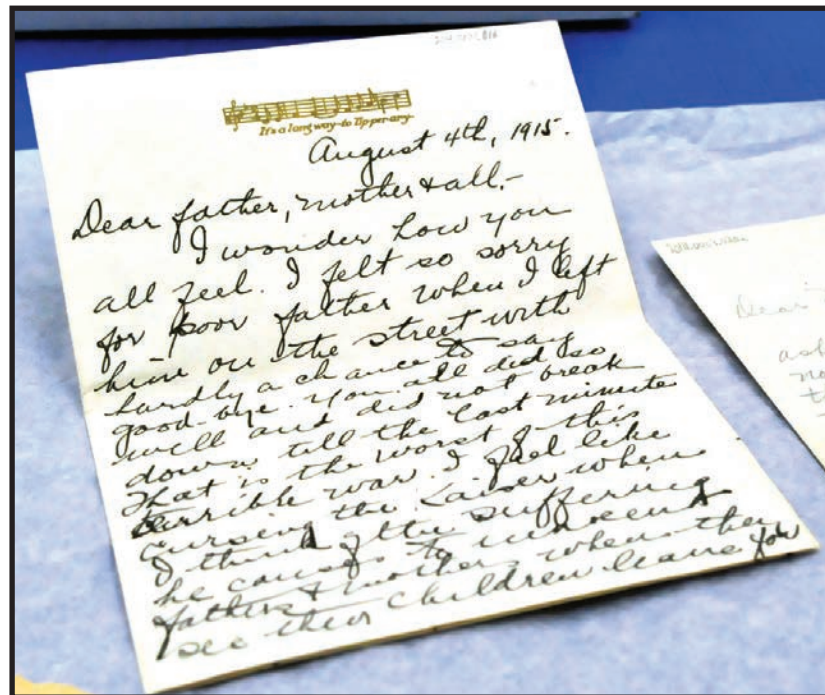
"Now I didn't want to go to war, neither did that hundreds of others who have gone want war. I prayed about it fervently. I considered it from every point of view. So last week I wrote to the 26th Battery which has been drilling at Kingston and which is now at Valcartier and asked if I could get in. This morning I received an answer saying that they would enlist me, in about three weeks and will send transportation when I

There were five casualties including Sgt Hayes on the day that Maj J. McKay assumed temporary command of the 7th Brigade.

It was Nov. 2, 1916 when 26-year-old Sgt Hayes died and was buried in the Pozieres British Cemetery alongside Gnr Fairchild. The other three wounded comrades were evacuated and taken to a medical facility behind the lines for further treatment.

Born on Feb. 21, 1890 in Northumberland County (Quinte West, Ont. today), Henry Stuart Hayes was the son of Henry W. Hayes. He was attending the University of Toronto's Trinity College when he decided to enlist in the summer of 1915.

How does the Stag know this and other interesting facts about Sgt Hayes' military career? From hand-written letters he wrote with pen and ink or



am ready. I knew that I would never be happy until I had gone because it is so clearly my duty.

"I hate to go, to leave my work here and to go so far away from home but surely it is God's will. I am no longer a child but a man and must decide this thing for myself. I could not call myself a man if I did not go to fight for the cause of humanity ... to help defend the defenceless women and children. Now there is no need whatever for you people to worry. We will be in training here for many weeks, then we will go to England and train there for months perhaps. Perhaps by that time the war will be over. So, as I say there is absolutely no need for worry now. It will be time enough to worry when I get to travel. Besides that I am going with the artillery. We fight many miles away from the battle line and danger is very small indeed.

"But talking about danger there is almost as much in the ordinary walks of life. See that terrible accident at Niagara. And besides I feel I will come back safely enough. Let us all trust in God, surely we can not do anything better and I think it is surely God's will that I should go. Its a sacrifice we all must make but that is the result of war. We did not want the war but it came and it is our duty to see that [it] ends properly.

"You all may think that I am losing a good deal by going but I do not see it that way. I have earned the respect of many good people and positions will be open for me when I come back. Mr. Paterson said today 'Hayes I have never seen a man leave the office with more regret than (sic) you. I had hoped that you would stay with us for three years.' McFarlane said 'You are the best first-year student I have ever seen.'

"So you see that I will be able to get a job and those men respect me far more because I am going than if I had stayed. I won't even lose any time because they will grant my year at Osgoode Hall. Then too I am going to have a wonderful experience ... an experience that will be worth thousands of dollars to me. So you see the thing is right both from the point of view of duty and assistance to me afterwards.

"The only doubtful thing is the way you people will see it. I have prayed that you might see it from the right point and I hope you will. It will make it so hard for me if you don't. And remember don't worry now because there is nothing to worry about.

"I don't have to leave for about three weeks. So I am going to hustle and get things here straightened up and try and get home for a week or more. I will try and run down towards the end of next week. I will let you know when I am coming.

"The bunch that I am going with are all university men that I know and there will be no trench fighting nor anything of that sort for me. I am extremely lucky to get in with such a fine bunch."

Love & kisses to all from Harry

After his medical on Aug. 5, 1915, Sgt Hayes enlisted and was sent to Valcartier, Que., the following day. Assigned Regimental No. 89814, he joined 26th Battery to commence his training. He landed in Plymouth, England on

Sgt Henry Hayes was captain of the University of Toronto track team (top) prior to enlisting with the CEF. The letter (left) was written to his parents the day before he left for Valcartier, Que. The Toronto Evening Telegram published (below) a small article about his death in the Dec. 4, 1916 edition.

Aug. 18 and was promoted to provisional Bombardier three days later. He left for France on Jan. 16, 1916 and, by Jan. 22, was now Bdr Hayes.

The day before leaving to enlist, Sgt Hayes scrawled another letter home dated Aug. 4, 1915.

"I wonder how you all feel. I felt so sorry for poor father when I left him on the street with hardly a chance to say good-bye. You all did so well and did not break down till the last minute that is the worst of this terrible war. I feel like cursing the Kaiser when I think of the suffering he causes to innocent fathers & mothers when they see their children leave for the war.

"We must remember however that our suffering is nothing compared to that of thousands in Belgium, Serbia and Poland who have had their wives and children & fathers slaughtered and homes destroyed. It is only fair and right that we should do something to help our fellow men and that is true righteousness too.

"I know that although you sorrow about me going, you are still proud that your son had courage to make sacrifices and to do his part for the cause of humanity.

"For the present there is nothing to worry about. I am as safe or safer in a training camp better here or in England anywhere. I hope to be home again before I go to England and if not it is quite certain that we shall not be at the firing line for six months at least and I pray God that the war will be over by that time.

"I am sure that mother will look on the bright side of things and I feel that father will come to see that I have done right in offering to fight for my God & King. I trust Art to stay home and look after you all and to comfort everyone and not to cause anyone any anxiety or annoyance. That is his duty in the war. I am very sorry that I did not see Florence & Ron to say good-bye but I will think of them often. Amelia and Florence have been the best sisters a man ever had. I know that you will all pray for me and my safe return and that gives me faith. I don't know whether you can read this or not. I am writing it on the train. We have just left Kingston where I ate a couple of ham sandwiches and burned my mouth trying to drink a cup of coffee before the train left. I do hope you are not worrying. Please don't. Write soon."

Love & kisses Harry

See **BRAVERY** page 8



# Bravery medal awarded after death

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The collection does not contain letters Sgt Hayes might have wrote home, but there is one he wrote on May 14, 1916 to Miss Hellen Beasley. There is no mention that she might have been a girlfriend, or just a close female friend, but she was corresponding with him regularly while he was overseas.

"I feel terribly ashamed of myself for not writing you before to thank you for the very many parcels of papers you have sent me. However I suppose you hear all the news I am able to write from Amelia. As a matter of fact you people probably know more about the progress of the war than we do ourselves. I notice that the Canadian papers report all operations much more fully than the British. In any case most Canadian newspapers are better than almost any English newspaper even the Times.

"Of course practically all the Canadians are together and occupy a relatively very small part of the western front so if you know the location of any of the Canadians you will know that the rest are not far away. Trench warfare is so very different from the warfare we have been accustomed to study that it is very hard for people in Canada to understand.

"Every one is under cover practically all the time. It is very rarely that one sees a German or a German sees one of us. In fact I have never seen one except at a distance of about 3 miles through a telescope. All changes and reliefs are carried out under cover of darkness.

"Ammunition supplies also are taken up at night. At these times the enemy usually shell the roads along which supplies are supposed to be coming and quite often casualties result. Artillery firing is useless unless observation of fire is possible. Observation is done from balloons, hills, church towers etc.

"It is quite common to see a hundred shells to come over and drop harmless in a field. There of course one shell might just happen to get 20 men. However war is not nearly such a dangerous game as most people imagine. Even in Canada one runs risks and over here of course the risk is slightly higher.

"I enjoy reading the 'Saturday Nights' very much. Their editorials are always so safe and reasonable. I have just been reading the 'Daily Explorers' (English). Several articles deal with subject of shortage of food in Germany. Eventually the British blockade is working and the British Navy will once more be responsible for victory. Let us hope that it will be an early one.

"Please give my best regards to your father and mother and thanking you for your great kindness, I remain

Yours very sincerely, Harry Hayes

Promoted to corporal on March 3, 1916, he received his sergeant's stripes 38 days after the Battle of the Sommes started. Following his death, Sgt Hayes was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field on Jan. 6, 1917, while his mother received the Memorial Cross.

With communications as it was during the Great War, his parents received official word of the death via a Great North Western Telegraph Company of Canada telegram which arrived at their rural Trenton home on Dec. 18.

The Officer in Charge from the record office wrote: "Deeply regret inform you 89814 Herbert Henry Stuart Hayes artillery officially reported died of wounds Nov. 2 1916."

However, they would have known a lot earlier outside of the military chain of command because his sis-

ter received a letter from one of his comrades from overseas. This information made its way to a reporter at the *Toronto Evening Telegram*, which ran an obit story in its Dec. 4, 1916 edition.

Paid a dollar plus 10 cents field allowance per day, and \$1.05 after he was promoted to bombardier, Sgt Hayes wrote his will on a piece of paper in his pocket-sized military book on Aug. 19, 1916. He wrote, "In the event of my death, I hereby give and bequeath the whole of my regimental play due me and all other personal effects to my dear mother" in Trenton, Ont.

Fellow artillery soldier Fred D. Baragar was the first to reach out to the Hayes family when he mailed them a type-written letter on Nov. 8, 1916.

"You have already received word of your son's death in action, but I would like to tell you how we, his friends and comrades admired his ability and valued his friendship.

"Many of us knew Harry at the university, and there we recognized his great ability, and we learned that his sense of duty equalled his ability.

"But it is only since Harry joined this battery that I came to know him as a comrade and friend. Though he joined later than some of us, yet his worth soon placed him in charge of our sub-section, and with every promotion, we rejoiced, for we knew he was our friend and a competent leader. We all looked forward to the time when he would receive his commission for service in the field.

"In spite of many conditions in the army, your son lived as nobly as you dreamed of him. His influence was always for the best and highest, but as a friend we valued him most. Ever he thought for his men and comrades, and now so recently we have lost our friend, we think of his life, young, incomplete — but perhaps it was not incomplete — Harry Hayes, in his few years, has crowded more real work and service than most of use will accomplish in three score and ten.

"We mourn our friend, but we are proud of our Sergeant, and to you, his loved ones, we send our sympathy. Your son lived and died a brave Christian gentleman."

Writing in the field on Feb. 20, 1917, Maj E.C. Hale wrote a short letter to the Hayes about their son's funeral following his death.

"Have just returned from convalescing so work has piled up as well as my correspondence so please excuse the tardiness.

"Of course in a battle there is no chance of an elaborate funeral still all burials are done by chaplains when possible and I am certain your son had that attention although I cannot tell you the name of the chaplain.

"It is quite impossible to have any bodies brought home during the war but I think it could be arranged after peace has been declared.

"Hoping his Mother is bearing up under the sorrow & that you feel slightly comforted to know the high esteem all officers & men of the battery had for your son.

"I wish you to feel that I will be only too pleased to give you any information in my power."

QMS Will Little, the OTC with 5th Battery of the CFA's Reserve Brigade from Shorncliffe, England wrote Mrs. Hayes a letter on May 6, 1917. He knew Sgt Hayes well from their time in France, and gave her a first-hand account of her son's last moments.

"I must ask you to pardon me for not writing sooner but I have not been able to sum up enough courage to write. I got a letter from major

Hale a couple of days ago saying that you had not heard from me.

"I know just how my own mother would feel were she in your place, and I hope that this letter may as much as possible comfort you in your sorrow. Harry and myself were constantly together from the time he enlisted being in the same subsection, and in France were in the same section both as corporals and later on as sergeants Harry being in D sub and I in C.

"And Mrs. Hayes I have never known a straighter or better living fellow in my life and I can assure you when one goes in the straight and narrow path in the army, he is putting aside many more temptations than he would have to in civil life. I knew Harry only by sight at school I was in medicine so did not come in contact with him very much.

"When we were at the Somme pretty much in tight places all the time you find out exactly what a fellow is made of and I can assure you he was all man. I remember on one occasion our battery was shelled out of a position and I thought that there were wounded in some of the gun pits and knowing something of first aid that I might be of some use.

"So I went stumbling around in the dark with a flashlight dodging shells and I ran into Harry sent on a similar errand and I do not think that I have been so glad to see anyone in all my life. You know it is much easier for two to go in certain places than it is for one. The night that Harry and his gun crew were hit I was only about 20 yards away at the time, got there as fast as I could but I am sorry to say he was past much help. He did not have a large wound just a small one in the right groin. I can assure you that everything possible was done for him but had all the doctors in the world been present they could not have saved him.

"He was not in much pain and was conscious. He was carried to the nearest dressing station at Pozieres but poor fellow did not reach there alive. I did not go to Pozieres with him being busy trying to patch up other fellows but while I was with him your name was often on his lips and I heard him repeat in a clear voice several times the Lord's Prayer.

"I visited his grave several times which is in the cemetery at Posieres (sic) and he is buried beside Fairchild a gunner in his subsection who was wounded by the same shell and who also is a U of T man. There is a plain white cross above their grave in which is printed in black letters. Gr. H. Fairchild Sgt. H.S. Hayes M.M. 26th Battery 7th Brigade C-F-A- Poor Harry never knew that he had won the military medal.

"I hope it has not been too trying to read this letter. It is hard to believe that such things happen for the best as we are taught to believe but I suppose God knows best; and Harry's death was the noblest a man can have.

"At present I am in England taking an artillery officers training course. I hope to get back again to France in a couple of months. Things are beginning to look better for us and I think another year will see the end of it.

"This war has most certainly caused much unhappiness, and anxiety but it is for a good cause and we must just put up with it.

"I hope I have given you some little comfort in this letter and if there is any more information I can give you I will only be too pleased to do so. Please accept my sympathy."

Graduating with an arts degree from Trinity College in 1914, prior to enlisting Sgt Hayes was registered in the mathematics and physics course at the University of Toronto. A popular student and athlete, he was the captain of the track team. Sgt Hayes is commemorated on Page 100 of the First World War Book of Remembrance.

Sgt Henry Hayes wrote his will in his pay book on Aug. 19, 1916 during the Battle of the Somme (inset). His parents received an official notice of his death via telegram on Dec. 18, 1916. He died of his wounds on the battlefield on Nov. 2, 1916.

**WILL**

In the event of my death, I hereby give and bequeath the whole of my regimental play due me and all other personal effects to my dear mother Mrs. H. W. Hayes, Trenton, Ontario, Canada.

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2PPCLI's 6PI pose for a group photo taken by Cpl Bryce Cooper during his deployment to Afghanistan in the summer of '08. Capt Richard Leary is kneeling in the middle of this photograph which was taken on May 31, 2008. He was KIA during an ambush with the Taliban three days later.

# Daring rescue not enough to save platoon commander

From page 7

The COP assisted in covering our withdrawal with 60mm mortars and the LAV III's 25mm canons.

We were almost back at the COP, I turned a 90 degree corner and hid behind a wall. I was waiting for the rest of the patrol to catch up. A LAV III shot directly over my head. The muzzle blast was deafening and my ears were ringing, but I still heard someone yell to me that Call Sign 23 was down.

In the midst of the battle evacuating the casualty to the COP was very difficult. Luckily, a brave soldier from 12e RBC assigned to do electronic recon at Talukan made a daring rescue. He took a Ford Ranger belonging to the ANA and drove it out into the battle where Capt Leary was loaded in the back.

Although he never regained consciousness his vital signs remained until shortly before his medevac helicopter (Blackhawk dust-off call sign) arrived.

I was already back up on a tower after the patrol when I heard the medic and TCCC start CPR below me — meaning he no longer had vital signs.

After the death of the platoon commander I left Afghanistan to go on leave. When I came back it was obvious how much we had lost in Talukan. Capt Leary had taken the time to teach the people under his command. He was very personable. He would let his subordinates know what he thought in given situations as well.

***"I will especially remember Capt Leary, who died on June 3, 2008 at Talukan. This was a 2PPCLI soldier who led from the front."***

— Cpl Bryce Cooper

If there was something to complain about he didn't wait to overhear it from the troops. Capt Leary would be the first to gripe and the loudest.

Without him the platoon seemed like it had gone sour. There were constant complaints about leadership and tasks that had not been there before.

Although challenging before



PTE TERRY STREET

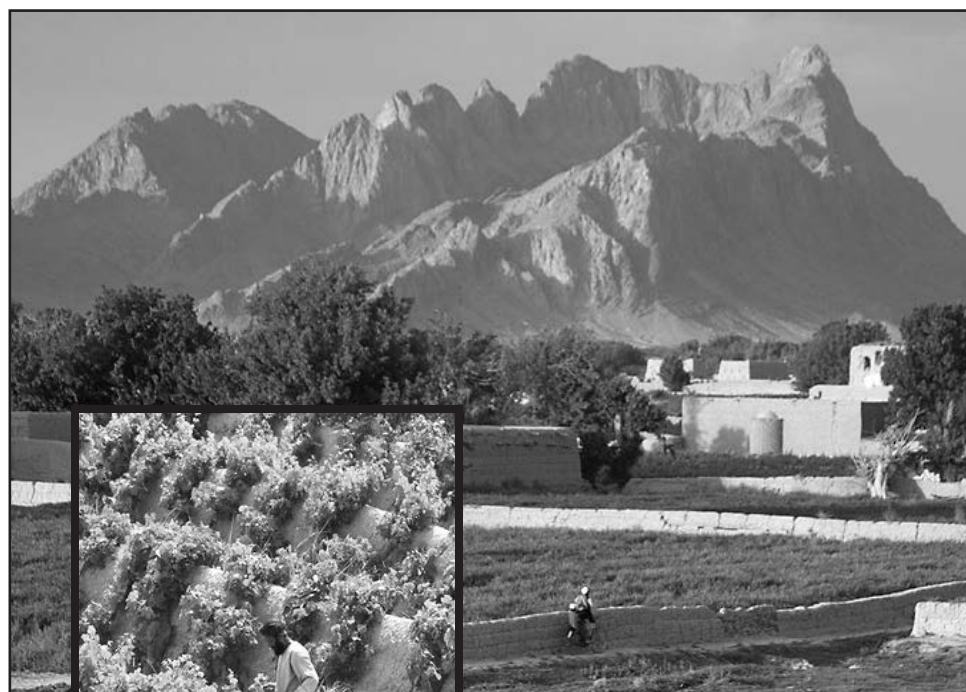
he died, the experience I had on tour was significantly worse after he died. I waited for it to be over. We counted days until the end starting at more than 50.

Before the summer of 2008 on the 11th of November, I would read about an individual soldier who had died in one of the World Wars or Korea so his personal legacy would be remembered. I would bow my head in thanks to the unnamed masses.

Since Talukan, Remembrance Day has been much more personal to me.

This Remembrance Day I will be remembering MCpl Erin Doyle, who wouldn't care what you thought about him, but always put the needs of his

men before himself. He died at Haji. I will remember 24-year-old Pte Terry Street of Surrey, BC, who I enrolled with at CFRC Vancouver. He died in an IED blast on April 4, 2008 near Zangabad. I will especially remember Capt Leary, who died on June 3, 2008 at Talukan. This was a 2PPCLI soldier who led from the front. Lest We Forget!



The Taliban would use the grape fields and drying huts as places where they could ambush Canadian soldiers on foot patrols. Cpl Bryce Cooper says 2PPCLI soldiers had to be vigilant while on patrol.  
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## Culinary cuisine for lunch

The menu being served at Flatlands dining hall was not available to every soldier who arrived for lunch. The table being served was invited to sample and critique the menu prepared by Pte Clinton Grierson, a Base Foods shift cook, for his QL4 presentation dinner. BComd LCol John Cochrane and BRSM CWO Don Askeland were part of the group of 10 having a culinary experience provided by Pte Grierson, who was assisted by 2PPCLI cook MCpl William Tuckett. Pte Grierson opened with salad featuring escarole with toasted walnuts, poached pears, goat cheese and mustard vinaigrette. Soup was cream of mushroom. The main course was pork tenderloin with apple maple glaze. For starch, roasted baby potatoes were served alongside roasted carrots and brussel sprouts. For dessert, he served up pumpkin spice cake. Excellent portions and a nice array of flavours were some of the comments made to Pte Grierson afterwards. The only negative he received was about the mushroom soup. Nicely presented, including a floating roasted mushroom, diners suggested that the tangy soup be hotter the next time.

*Photos by Jules Xavier*

## Swimmer garners second provincial award

### Shilo Stag

A teenager from CFB Shilo continues to make a splash in the pool in western Canada.

For the second consecutive year, the daughter of Base Transport's Cpl Andrew Stewart was named Swim Manitoba's swimmer of the year from an outlying area.

A veteran of the Brandon Bluefins swim program, 17-year-old Isabelle Stewart has competed at the Western Canada championships and was an alternate for the Western Canada Games in 2015.

When's she not racing in the pool with her various strokes, Stewart can be found lifeguarding at the GSH pool as well as the Sportsplex pool in Brandon, where she trains with the Bluefins.

With her swimming prowess since taking up the sport, Stewart holds a number of Bluefins club records.



Shilo's Isabelle Stewart trains at the GSH pool when her Brandon Bluefins left the Sportsplex while it was being renovated.

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Shilo MFRC executive director Willie van Lankvelt received a 25-year award for her organization, along 31 other MFRCs located at CAF Bases/Wings/Stations from CDS Gen Vance via BComd LCol John Cochrane during a teleconference at Base HQ. All of the MFRCs hooked up and were online for the ceremony co-ordinated out of Ottawa with the CDS. The plaque reads: "With sincere appreciation and recognition for your steadfast contributions to the local support and well-being of military families on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Military Family Services Program (MFSP).

Photo by Cpl Bryce Cooper



## CAF celebrates 25 years of support to military families

### Stag Special

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Military Family Services (MFS) program — a program built by families for families.

The program, established in 1991, forms the backbone of the family-based approach to service delivery. In partnership with Military Family Resource Centres (MFRC) across the country and MFS outside Canada, services are delivered to meet the unique demands of military members and their families.

The anniversary was celebrated at events in Ottawa last week, and at MFRC across the country, including CFB Shilo Oct. 24, and MFS outside Canada until the end of the year.

"Military families play a critical role in supporting the women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces, and we recognize the sacrifices they make alongside our soldiers, sailors and air personnel," offered Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan.

"On behalf of the Government of Canada, I thank all those who provide front-line support to military families, through the Military Family Services program. The 25th anniversary of the program is an opportune time to reiterate our commitment to military families and the crucial role they play as enablers of the operational success of our Canadian Armed Forces."

CDS Gen Jonathan Vance added, "We know from personal experience as Canadian Armed Forces members how crucial it is to have the support of our families.

"Just as our families look after us, we need to take care of them. For more than 25 years the Military Family Services program has done just that ... providing effective, responsive support to our families."

#### Quick Facts

- Canada's support to military families has evolved over the years and keeps evolving in order to meet the unique needs of modern military families.

- The MFS program supports military families in three ways: through MFRC venues located at Bases, Wings and Stations across the country and MFSs outside Canada; through the 24/7 Family Information Line at 1-800-866-4546; and online at [www.family-force.ca](http://www.family-force.ca)

- Military families are at the core of a modern, professional military force, influencing recruiting, retention, morale, performance, reputation, operational readiness, and operational sustainability.

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# Annual CAF Sports Day features ball hockey at GSH, ice hockey at Gunner Arena

**Danny Hamilton**  
Stag Special

Another hockey season at Gunner Arena is under-way for the community recreation hockey league, which opened play Oct. 3.

The 2016-17 season features eight team representing the following units: 1RCHA's HQ, A and B Bty;

2PPCLI's Adm, Cbt Sp, A and B Coy, and Base Reps.

Game action occurs Monday and Thursday with either a triple or double header. Games go at 5, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Base hosted its fourth annual Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Sports Day Oct. 21.


The day started with a 5.3-kilometre road run, with about 600 runners hitting the pavement.

This was followed by tournaments at the GSH for floor hockey and Gunner Arena for ice hockey.


Seven teams took part in ball hockey, with the Base's fire hall team garnering bragging rights as champs following a 3-2 shootout win over 2PPCLI.

At Gunner Arena, 1RCHA's B Bty ran the table, going undefeated in four contests to earn championship honours.

**NEXT HOME GAME:**



Nov. 4 @ 7:30 pm vs Seattle  
Nov. 5 @ 7:30 pm vs Edmonton  
Nov. 11 @ 2:30 pm vs Red Deer  
Nov. 13 @ 4 pm vs Swift Current



Base COS Maj Katherine Haire protected the ball against two 2PPCLI defenders during ball hockey action at the GSH. As part of CAF Sports Day, CFB Shilo featured ball hockey and ice hockey at Gunner Arena.

Photos by  
Cpl Bryce Cooper



He shoots, he scores! Action around the nets was fast and furious as netminders showed off their reflexes in making stops of the orange ball fired their way. This time, however, the deke worked for the goal.

## Where's Willie?

Somewhere on the pages of this *Shilo Stag* is a picture of Willie, the Wheat Kings mascot.

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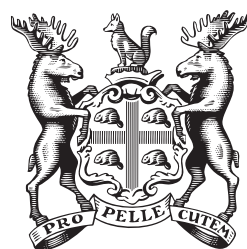




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