

# OATMEAL RAG

## THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



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\* LAST POST \*



*H 10481 PRIVATE THOMAS, BERTRUM JOSEPH  
30 MARCH 1945  
GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY, NL*

*After a heavy battle the village of Netterden, Gelderland was liberated on March 31, 1945 by The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. 10 members of this regiment were killed on March 30, 1945 during this liberation. In honor and remembrance of these soldiers a memorial was unveiled on March 28, 2015 by Johan Küster, chairman of Vereniging Leefbaarheid Netterden and next of kin Joann Pellerin, daughter of L/Sgt Rocco Andrew Speziali (photo 3). Bert was the son of Joseph H. Thomas and Harriet J. Becker*

<https://www.tracesofwar.com/sights/71256/Memorial-Fallen-Canadian-Soldiers.htm>

**DAVID MURRAY PEDEN, QC, DFC**  
**October 19, 1923 - January 06, 2022**  
[WFP Obit for David Murray Peden, QC, DFC](#)

David Murray Peden QC, DFC, was born October 19, 1923, and passed away peacefully on January 6, 2022 after a short illness.

He is survived by his son John (aka “Jock”) (Karen), daughter Laura (Greg), daughter-in-law Sara and five grandchildren Kirstie and Alexander Peden, and Andrew, Ryan and Scott Miskiewicz, as well as two great-grandchildren, Alfred Urban and Eloise Peden. He is also survived by his younger brother, Allan. He was pre-deceased by his son Roderick in 2013, and his wife Jean in 2018.

Murray was born in Winnipeg, but grew up in Portage la Prairie between the ages of 6 and 16, taking most of his early schooling there. He played in the City band, and was active in Portage Collegiate’s cadet corps, winning several rifle marksmanship awards.

In 1940 the family returned to Winnipeg, and Murray took Grade 12 at Gordon Bell and also played solo cornet with the band of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. Upon turning 18 in 1941, he enlisted in the RCAF, took pilot training and in Nov., 1942, was sent overseas to fly operationally.

After further training in England, he was posted to #214 Squadron, RAF Bomber Command. He and his crew first operated Stirlings performing bombing missions and special operations dropping supplies to the Free French underground. They later converted onto B-17 Flying Fortresses, doing secret radar-countermeasures work. He and his crew were one of five on his squadron selected for a special radar mission in support of the D-Day landings on the night of June 5/6, 1944. He received a special commendation later in June, 1944, following a raid into the Ruhr, when his aircraft was attacked twice, 2 of his crew were wounded and the flight terminating in a successful crash-landing back in England. He was subsequently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Upon completion of his operational tour, he served as an instructor on Fortresses until his return to Canada in July, 1945.

Upon discharge, he took his B.A. at United College (1948) and his LL.B. (1952) winning a gold medal in each. During this period, in April 1949 he married the daughter of Rev. Phillip Barker, Jean Duncan Barker, with whom he had graduated at United.

Upon graduation, he first joined Manitoba’s Attorney-General’s Department, working as a Crown Attorney for three enjoyable years and then in 1955 joined the firm Greenberg, Arpin and Rich. In 1960 he was appointed Counsel to the Greater Winnipeg Transit Commission and later, the first counsel of the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg. In 1961 he rejoined the provincial government as Ass’t Dep. Minister of Municipal Affairs and later as Dep. Minister of Public Utilities. In 1968 he became the first Chairman of the newly-formed Securities Commission, an appointment he held until his retirement in 1988.

He was gratified, late in life, to be awarded the Legion of Honor by the French government, in recognition of his services during the Second World War.

Throughout much of his life, he was a writer. Three of his books were published, “A Thousand Shall Fall” an account of his flying experiences during the Second World War, “Fall of an Arrow”, detailing the development and eventual cancellation of the Avro Arrow fighter aircraft in the 1950s, and “Hearken to the Evidence” a description of the criminal justice system of the 1950s. The first two were repeatedly reissued over a period of 20-odd years and “A Thousand Shall Fall” received wide acclaim as one of the best and most accurate first person accounts ever written about that conflict.

From childhood on, he was a keen duck hunter, fisherman and skeet shooter. In addition to his writing, his other hobbies included photography, the study of military history and music. As an adult, he learned to play the bagpipes, played with **the Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band**, and later taught the pipes with the Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Pipe Band (now Lord Selkirk RFM Pipe Band).

Murray had a brilliant and incisive intellect, possessed a wonderful sense of humor, tremendous musical talents, and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Murray and Jean enjoyed 69 years of a loving marriage and both were admired for their devotion and commitment to their family. Murray frequently said however, that his greatest satisfaction and enjoyment in life came from being in company with, and keeping abreast of the accomplishments of their five grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, January 17 at 10:00 am at Thomson “In the Park” Funeral Home. COVID protocols require that all in attendance be fully vaccinated. Only those who can show proof of vaccination and government issued ID will be permitted to attend. COVID restrictions unfortunately, will also preclude the usual reception following the service.

**\* SICK & VISITING \***

**Mavis Coutts** (Gord's widow) – Good days, bad days. If you're interested in visiting her please get in touch with her daughter Brenda first. Hugh can put you in touch if you don't have her contact info.

**\* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \***

Hello to all. Winter is finally over and COVID seems to be behaving so it is time to get back to what we do starting with the reunion Friday 16 September. This will be followed by the golf tournament on Saturday and the monument dedication on Sunday afternoon. I look forward to seeing as many of the old guard as possible at this weekend. We will have a great time!!

See you then.

Steve MacMillan

**\* VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \***

Our VP is still very busy boy but sends his regards. Keep up the good work Fred !

**\* RECONNECT WITH FORMER CAMERONS \***

This is an important thing to do for the health of the Association. There are still lots of former Camerons out there that we don't know about for various reasons. Just because you or they weren't Second World War or Korea veterans doesn't make anyone less important to the

Cameron Association. Please help us locate them and bring them back into the fold.

Also, there are still families of First and Second War Camerons asking for more information about their kin. If anyone can help out please send the Oatmeal Rag editor what you have or ask to be put in touch directly and he'll do so.

Thanks very much to those fine souls who have donated some of their hard earned dollars to keep hard copies of this newsletter going out to the guys and the widows of our guys without computers. A few were Second War men but some are younger former Camerons who live in areas with poor internet service, dial up, or are just plain happy to be off of the grid.

Genealogy Research on my German Father

12/22/2019

Sir/Madam:

I am researching my German father's genealogy and seek your assistance. My father's name is Hans Joachim Bruse and he was a member of the 7. Kompanie Fallschirmjäger-Regiment 17, which was part of 6. Fallschirmjäger-Division. As best I can reconstruct from his German military records he was stationed in the Arnhem, Netherlands corridor. Research leads me to believe that my father's unit was engaged in the vicinity of the town of Netterden against the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade, specifically, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada during the late March 1945 timeframe. He was wounded, taken prisoner and later transported to England as a Prisoner of War. I cannot find any records to where in England or to which POW camp he was assigned to. His Military Identification number was 19-1./U.S. 2 d. Lw.

I have attempted to research the War Diary of the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and had some limited success, in that their war diary stated on 28 Mar 1945, that 2 officers and 22 enlisted men were taken prisoner from my father's unit (17th Fallschirmjäger Regiment of the 6th Fallschirmjäger Division). It is my believe that the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders did indeed capture my father, treated his wounds, and evacuated him which lead to his eventual captivity England.

I would be very grateful if you could find any records from the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade that may or may not substantiate my above research. Also, any information as to where my father may have been held as a POW in England would prove useful as well.

I suspect that I may not have provide all the information you may need to conduct your search and stand prepared to assist further in any way to make it easier for you. I will also be happy to defray any cost you may occur, provide I get some advance notice.

In way of some background on me. I am a retired US Army Officer, having served for 28 years. My German mother married my father after he was repatriated to Germany in 1946, but unfortunately, the marriage didn't last and they were divorced in 1953 when I was six years old. I never saw my father again until 1988 when a series of lucky circumstances brought us together for a brief 6 hour reunion. I left the next day for a large scale military exercise in Ger-

many. Sadly, upon my return 17 days later, I received a call that dad passed away due to a massive heart attack. Unfortunately, my father and I did not discuss his military record since I wanted to save that conversation until a later date.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Cheers,

Herb Bruse

*Editor's Note: My apologies to Herb for being so terribly slow to get this out into an Oatmeal Rag. All that I can offer as an excuse is that Covid managed to mess up a lot of things. For further reading about the battle at Netterden, NL please check Oatmeal Rag #6:*

[http://www.thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/downloads/Oatmeal\\_Rag\\_Issue\\_06\\_May\\_2011.pdf](http://www.thequeensowncameronhighlandersofcanada.net/downloads/Oatmeal_Rag_Issue_06_May_2011.pdf)

### \* WHERE ARE THEY NOW ? \*

**Duncan M. Anderson (Cold War Camerons)** – Duncan and former Cameron Sgt-Maj **Ron Williams** continue to try to keep the ANAF functioning in MB. They would like us to know that Unit #303 Rockwood (a block north of Grant Park on Wilton) is as open as it can be for now, and that you should go by sometime to shoot some pool or enjoy the other entertainment on offer: <https://303rockwood.com/>

**Andy DeBruin (Cold War Camerons)** – Andy is heading down to Kingston soon to see his boy graduate from RMC. Other than that he's going to have a busy summer ahead with his City job.

**MWO Shaun Delamere (Cold War – Present)** – On May 05 this year Shaun will become Mr. Delamere and transition to his next career civy side. Congrats Shaun, you have to be the Cameron who has seen the most shit and lived to tell about it !

**Greg Graham (Cold War Camerons – PKO Canadian Airborne Reg't)** – Gregg is keeping himself busy looking after his spread out in the wilds of SK. His current project is working on his smokehouse/cookhouse, and he's expecting some old Patricia pals to come through this summer to trial it. He was telling me that they've had 5 years of drought there – so the farming is pretty tough. He'll be coming through Wpg on family business on late May but may be able to link up with us.

**Ron Demchuk (Cold War – ISAF Camerons & RCAF)** – Ron packed his last Herc back before Christmas. In fact it's been a bit and he's now focused on other activities. Congrats on a good long career in the Blue World Ronnie ! Hi to Heather for us too please !

**Gord Fonstad (Cold War Camerons)** – All is going well here ... or at least as well as can be

reasonably expected. I haven't been doing much ... including resuming work on my re-mapping of "The March of the Cameron Men". Gord mentioned that he's a little surprised that the floodway ("Duff's Ditch") had to be put into operation, especially as most of the snowmelt runoff has already happened. He noted that heavy rainfall onto still 'saturated from snowmelt' fields will certainly add to the problem. That's his field of Civil Engineering ... Water Resources/Hydrology/Civil Hydraulics and River Engineering. Two of his Professors at the U of M (Cas Booy and Ed Kuiper) had a lot to do with the design of the floodway. He also remembered the first time that it absolutely *had* to be put into operation ... 1974.

**Dan Goertzen (PKO Camerons)** – Dan is still around and is hoping to make it to the Monument Dedication service. We hope so too Dan !

**Lcdr Galeung “Chairman” Lau (PKO Camerons – Current RCN)** – Galeung is doing well at staff college, and last week he received his promotion message too. His family is doing well, and what more can a man ask ? He's marking the 18th of September and if the schedule works he'll be here. Of course he might be deploying to support the ships in Europe by then.

**Brian Lowe (Cold War Camerons)** - Brian sends his best wishes to all and hello from Palestine ! He's working with the Palestinian Authority there until 2023.

**Ken Smith (SWW & Cold War Camerons)** – His home has been in COVID lockdown since May 2 as a number of residents & a few staff came down with COVID. Fortunately, they only have mild flu-like symptoms. He has been tested regularly and is negative and is being screened daily. He feels good physically but is getting bored with nothing going on. The home has stopped all social activities, he has to eat all his meals in his suite and has to stay in his suite at all times. He does sneak out daily to walk around a bit by himself with his mask on so he's getting a bit of exercise

The home says that after 7 days with no new cases the local health authority will allow them to loosen up restrictions so hopefully that will happen sometime this week. He had his 4th COVID vaccine (second booster) shot on May 5 so that is a relief especially with this current outbreak going on.

He is allowed one designated visitor & my brother Grant is taking care of that right now (fyi he retired at the end of last year) and he's ensuring that Dad's stocked up with supplies and spends some time with him which Dad really appreciates. He's taking Dad this Wednesday to get new hearing aids which will be a big improvement. He was due to get new ones just before COVID hit in 2020 and for his safety we had to wait until now to make this happen.

Craig let Hugh know that Sir Ken recently decided to try his hand at “The Beautiful Game” in style, and unfortunately got his “Dive” wrong. Ken is recovering, but won't be fielding phone calls for a little bit.

**Chris Toews (Current)** – Chris has one heck of a great new website for his teams' service. What do they do you ask ? Maybe the best answer is who they're looking for:

“At Voyageur Technical, we are driven by the goal of bringing customer service and safety to high-risk work environments by pioneering innovative solutions that work. We are multi-discipline rope work experts with diverse individual backgrounds, culminating in a powerful team of professionals dedicated to the mission at hand.

We look for individuals who are motivated to bring their best to work everyday - people that want to be their best and work with colleagues who strive to improve everyday. Not everyone starts at 'expert mode', but we all start somewhere - rock climbing, sky diving, scuba diving, mountaineering, military rope work, fire rescue/first responders, arborists, utility linemen / tower workers, helicopter ops, workplace safety specialists, etc, etc. And...we learn and develop from there.

We have worked around the globe providing solutions in every type of environment imaginable, and that experience is invaluable.

We're always looking for new talent and the best possible solution for today's mission - is that you? If you're interested in learning more, please contact us with your cover letter and resume.

As always, all the best from all of the Cameron regimental family !

### **\* CAMERON ASSOCIATION REPORT \***

#### **\*\*\* Reminder you too can become a LIFE MEMBER of The Association \*\*\***

Short version, any member in good standing of at least 65 years of age will be allowed to buy a Life Membership in the Cameron Association in Canada for \$250 Cdn as of our last AGM. This money is restricted to being spent on an “as earned” basis, which is to say The Association cannot have a grand party one year and be broke the next. We can only add the \$20 per year of the \$250 to each succeeding year's budget. We have 2 such members at this time.

### **\* 2021-2022 & 2122-23 DUES (\$20)\***

#### **The annual Cameron Reunion Renewal Plan is back, and you can still pay online.**

On 17 Sept 2022 we plan to run the Cameron Golf & BBQ on the Sat at the Assiniboine Golf Club ! That means any time now you can connect with Association Treasurer **David Gibson** (per the cover page of the Oatmeal Rag) who will take your payment.

If you are not sure of your status please contact Dave and he'll either be happy to take your \$20.00 payment or be most unhappy that he doesn't get to take any money from you - yet - this year.

You can use interact e-Transfer to pay your dues to our Treasurer, Dave Gibson. It works rather like Pay Pal for those of you familiar with that service. Here's link to one of the the web page

options:

<http://interac.ca/en/interac-e-transfer-consumer.html>

**\* CAMERON REGIMENTAL WEEKEND 16-17-18 SEPT 2022\***

The CO graciously supported our plan for the Cameron Regimental Weekend 16, 17, and 18 Sept. 2022. Thanks sir !

**Cameron Reunion: Friday, 16 Sept 2022**

**Grid:** Minto Armoury

**Time:** 1900 for 1930 hrs

**Cost:** Pay your annual dues (\$20)

**Pipes & Drums – TBC**

**Cameron Association Golf: Saturday, 17 Sept 2022**

**Grid:** [Assiniboine Golf Course](#)

**Cost:** Golfing & BBQ: TBC but almost always very reasonable.

Not Golfing, just BBQ dinner: Ditto !

**Bring and item for the draw if you are able to please**

**THE CAMERON FALLEN COMRADES MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY :**

**Date:** 1400 hrs (aka 2 pm) September 18, 2022

**Grid:** [Vimy Ridge Memorial Park](#)

This ceremony is for the whole Cameron family: the Unit, Advisory Board, Association, Cadets, and the regimental family writ large, by which we mean the surviving families and friends of the Camerons and our Fallen Comrades.

Ullamh !

**\* REGIMENTAL WEB SITES \***

The new version is up, and if you haven't already go visit it ! You can find it at <https://cameronsofcanada.ca/> . The old Unit web site is still up running but it's not going to be around forever so be sure to set your new bookmarks or what have you.

The unit web site continues to be a point of contact between ourselves, the families of those who served in the Camerons, and those who become interested in the Camerons for one reason or another. We continue to have requests through the unit web site for information from families about former Camerons. If anybody can help out with them please feel free to do so.

You can find the web site at: <https://cameronsofcanada.ca/>

*Link current to 12 May 2022*

Speaking of the Unit web site, the photos from the old Cameron Picasaweb site can be found again on the new site by going [here](#) on the [the new website](#)

*Links current to 12 May 2022.*

### \* UNIT EVENTS \*

#### **REGIMENT:**

The video for the **2022 Cameron Kirk Parade** is here:

<https://youtu.be/qPiPMSV50Cs>

Participating in this worship are:

Commanding Officer - Lieutenant-Colonel Jon Baker, CD

Piper- Master Warrant Officer Daniel Locke, CD

Sermon - Captain Padre Katie MacIntosh, 17 Wing of the Canadian Armed Forces

Worship Leader and prayers - The Rev. Barbara Pilozow

Church Musician – Michael McKay

Soloist – Margo Harding

#### **Service of Thanksgiving & Visit to Royal Regt of Scotland**

The CO & RSM were invited to the formal Service of Thanksgiving for our former Col-in-Chief, HRH Field Marshal Philip. The service went well and the Canadian contingent had very good seats, about 9 rows from the Queen. Along the way they were able to do a formal link up with the Royal Regt of Scotland. The best news is that the RR of S are interested in renewing (I'm using this term a LOT loosely) "The Auld Alliance", or in other words reviving and renewing their links to the Commonwealth Scottish units in Canada and worldwide. Here's the CO's summary for you:

Wed, 30 Mar: Meeting with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the [Royal Regiment of Scotland](#) (4 SCOTS) located at Catterick Garrison in northern England. This is the unit that perpetuates the Imperial Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and still wears the same blue hackle that we do. They are a Reg F infantry battalion with vehicles similar to our TAP-Vs, but we had a very productive discussion about opportunities to conduct small unit exchanges for dismounted infantry, pipes & drums, and even CIMIC training.

Thu, 31 Mar: Meeting with RHQ of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, the offices for which are located at Edinburgh Castle in Scotland. LCol (Ret'd) Gordon Vevers is their staff officer

responsible for regimental heritage. He briefed us on the Regiment's strategic plan, including their engagements to rekindle affiliations with kilted units in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc. Note: the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada are slated to host the Canadian Army's annual kilted regiment conference in Winnipeg in spring 2023. Now that we've made this connection with Mr. Vevers, we would like to invite him to attend the conference next year and deliver a similar presentation to all the other Canadian kilted units.

Fri, 1 Apr: Meeting with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland (7 SCOTS), the HQ for which is located in Perth, Scotland. They have several companies spread across northern Scotland (sounds familiar to 38 CBG) and it quickly became clear our respective units face similar challenges unique to the reserves. They are the highland Res F battalion (light infantry) in the Royal Regiment of Scotland and are very eager to pursue exchange opportunities with us, even if it's as little as a couple individual augmentees to each other's exercises each year. Note: 7 SCOTS is the unit Maj Fordham was attached to for a year while taking his master's degree in Scotland.

The Royal Regiment of Scotland is a relatively new unit, formed in 2006 when all the imperial kilted regiments were amalgamated during a major restructuring of the British Army. Rekindling dormant affiliations with their antecedent units across the Commonwealth is one of the priorities recently communicated to all the battalion COs by their Regimental Colonel.

Prior to us being invited to the Service of Thanksgiving for HRH Prince Philip, RHQ of the Royal Regiment of Scotland had already been in communication with the Cameron Highlanders' Senate about strengthening our regimental bonds (see email thread below). Our trip to the UK offered the perfect opportunity for RSM Dawson and I to meet and build rapport with our UK counterparts.

Worth noting is the remarkable hospitality the Royal Regiment of Scotland showed us during our visits. They provided our accommodations and many of our meals free of charge. In fact, the CO of 4 SCOTS hosted us in guestrooms at his house on the Wednesday night.

Now that we've broken the ice with our affiliated battalion(s), we will continue to coordinate details with them via email regarding potential exchange opportunities.

### **BATTALION & "A" COMPANY UPDATE:**

The Unit is doing OK all things considered. The CO is keen to get recruiting really going again of course, to say nothing of improving retention and building up a good cadre of officers and Sr. NCOs.

The Unit has been, and continues to be very busy. Lots of low level activities to keep the junior soldiers busy and out of mischief. It's good to see things coming back on track after so much

time missed due to Covid.

### **PIPES & DRUMS UPDATE:**

The Regimental Pipes & Drums have continued to experience the effects of the pandemic with a reduced performance schedule, but requests for support to mess dinners and parades are back on the rise. Cpl Gluting recently piped at the first mess dinner held by 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School since the pandemic began, and MWO Locke was the piper for the graduation of the inaugural class of the new Air Operations Officer trade.

The band has also taken the time to focus on training and preparing some new repertoire for the coming year. PMaj Locke and DMaj Hunter continued to serve as instructors for the remote piping and drumming courses being offered by the Music Training Centre at CFB Borden, and Sgt Clyde, MCpl Summerton, Cpl Gluting, and Cpl Rosin all completed career courses in the most winter serial. The band is looking forward to a busy spring, with a trip to the Victoria Military Music Festival planned for the May long weekend and the Winnipeg Scottish Festival competition coming up on 4 June.

### **Cameron Kit Shop:**

Still in a bit of a state of flux at last report while the Camerons get it sorted out with Post-WITG kit items and so on.

### **\* CO'S REGIMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD NOTES \***

The Advisory Board has continued to provide excellent support to the Regiment as a whole from financial support for in house programs and events to assistance with recruiting and retention. The Board has also made several recommendations for funding Kit Shop, Cadet, and other projects like the Monument to the Cameron Foundation.

Thanks to all who serve with the Board !

### **\* REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION 2020-21 NOTES \***

The Regimental Foundation continues its fine work supporting the Regiment, Association, and all ranks per its remit. The Cameron Monument bills are totally paid off, and now it's time to refill the coffers. There is still work of varying natures to do on behalf of the Regiment.

**Donations to the Cameron Foundation:** This can be done by sending your donation of \$25 Cdn or more (because while lesser amounts are welcome, to get a tax receipt it MUST be \$25 CDN or more) to:

The Cameron Foundation  
180 Kingsway Ave

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the Foundation. Every dollar helps !

**\* CAMERON CADETS \***

The Cameron cadets are doing OK at last report from the Cadet CO, Capt. Ian Aastrom. Their numbers are improving as Covid wanes. Numbers on the parade square still have a long way to go to catch up to where they were going into the pandemic, but at last the recovery has started !

Information about the corps activities can be found at [www.407army.ca](http://www.407army.ca)

The cadets can also be found on Facebook and Instagram.

**\* REGIMENTAL REINFORCEMENTS \***

Nil that the Editor is aware of at this time.

**\* LIGHT READING \***

**Drones in Ukraine - lessons for other countries (About 50 minutes)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1\\_t2VisYnY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1_t2VisYnY)

“In this presentation, I give an overview of what we've seen in terms of the usage of drones and loiter munitions in Ukraine, then I get on to what makes that effectiveness so damn scary...the fact that these things are cheap. Really cheap (at least by defence equipment standards). Compared to tanks, jets, and all the kind of traditional balance sheet platforms militaries rate themselves on, we've seen a serious role in this conflict for cheap, effective systems, ranging from the TB2 all the way down to off the shelf hobby drones. We don't have enough evidence yet to know exactly how effective these systems are proving, but I do think we know enough to say that they've been good enough to cause us to take a real look at whether they need to play a bigger role in our forces going forward. If you're a middle or minor power, the first scenes out of Ukraine should give you hope that these unmanned systems might give you an efficient way to narrow the balance against your major power opponents. If you're an ordinary member of the public, I'd honestly be a bit worried, because these systems are only going to get cheaper, better, and more widely proliferated as time goes on.”

*Editor's Note: Perun's presentations are reasonably well done and well thought out. You need not agree with his points, but you should give them some serious thought.*

**The Institute for the Study of War Ukraine Conflict Updates**

<http://www.iswresearch.org/>

“The Institute for the Study of War (ISW) advances an informed understanding of military affairs through reliable research, trusted analysis, and innovative education. We are committed to

improving the nation's ability to execute military operations and respond to emerging threats in order to achieve U.S. strategic objectives. ISW is a non-partisan, non-profit public policy research organization."

*Editor's Note: This is a very professionally done source, and probably very trustworthy.*

## **The Russian Way of War**

### **[The Russian Way of War](#)**

This isn't necessarily a "light" read per se, but you can just look at the parts that interest you to keep it that way. At any rate this is for those Cold Warriors still out there. It's a look at how the Russians do business these days – in theory at least.

*Editor's Note: Thanks to our long time – but not old – friend Capt. Sean Hennessy, Royal Winnipeg Rifles for sharing this with me.*

## **\* HISTORICAL NOTES \***

### **Dieppe Raid game on Google Play**

#### **[Link to Dieppe Raid game on Google Play](#)**

Some of you may be familiar with Joni Nuutinen's wargames found in the Google Play Store, and presumably the iStore as well. If not, they're usually inexpensive, have a variable difficulty range, and can be very challenging. I've enjoyed dozens if not hundreds of hours playing them. He responds to comments about game improvement too btw. This particular game is not a simulation of the Raid, but a bit more of a game depending on what difficulty level you have it set to. On the hardest levels I'd say it's close enough to a simulation, on the lower levels it's more like what the Raid planners seemed to think the raiders could achieve.

## **\* VETERAN'S LINKS \***

### **Before You Go - Information for Reservists to assist their Release from the Canadian**

**Armed Forces** This site is set up for guys like us. The P Res guys who are trying to figure out just what in the heck is supposed to happen. It is available to guys who are already releasing, are long out, etc.

**<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-support-services-for-members-reservists/before-you-go.page>**

*Link current to 09 May 2022*

### **Registered Disability Savings plan (RDSP)**

If you have left the military with a disability that qualifies you may wish to look into this plan:

**<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/registered-disability-savings-plan-rdsp.html>**

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**Verification of Former Service DS Solution:** You can check the FAQ at this site for more information but here are the basics:

“28. I used to be a CAF member. How do I get my file? Service records of retired or released CAF members are kept at DND for only a few years before they are sent to Library and Archives Canada.

So if you recently retired or have recently been released from the CAF, and suspect your records might not yet be held at Library and Archives Canada, you may contact the DND Directorate of Military Careers Administration to obtain your records by dialing 1-866-240-6726. However, most military records may be obtained through Library and Archives Canada, including at the following Library and Archives sub-site:

**Check topics 28-32 in particular under the heading “*Service information*”**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/contact-us/frequently-asked-questions.html>

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**How to Order Military Records from the Personnel Records Unit**

<https://thediscoverblog.com/2011/12/20/how-to-order-military-records-from-the-personnel-records-unit>

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You may call Library and Archives by dialing 1-866-578-7777 for assistance. Library and Archives Canada is the federal government department that preserves and makes accessible the documentary heritage of Canada. It also serves as the continuing memory of the Government of Canada and its institutions. As such, Library and Archives Canada holds extensive collections of military records.”

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## Around the Unit Lines



**The Regiment went out tonight with the Bear Clan Patrol 10 Dec '21**



**Kilt Skate WFP cover page Kilted skate at the forks, Monday Feb 21 22**



**14 members of the Regiment took part in the Secret 3K run tonight in support of the Canadian women for women in Afghanistan**



**ARCG Training 27 Feb 2022**



**CSS Coy skiing night at Windsor Nordic Centre**



**MCpl Summerton and LCol Baker at the start line for the Hypothermic half marathon**



**Soldier's Appreciation Dinner 2021**



**Soldiers appreciation dinner 2021 layout**



**CO & RSM - the Service of Thanksgiving for our former Col-in-Chief, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**



**CO & RSM visit to Royal Regiment of Scotland - 4 SCOTS**



**Soldier's Appreciation Dinner 2021 awards**





**Soldier's Appreciation Dinner 2021 – volunteers**



**Support Coy ruck march to Garbage Hill 30 Nov 2021**



**202 Main St., The Cameron's first RHQ The Dominion Land Office**



**Homecoming – the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Camerons of Canada and the 10<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital**



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