

The Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies
presents

The 21st Military History Colloquium

Thursday, April 29, Friday, April 30 & Saturday, May 1, 2010

Wilfrid Laurier University
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

FINAL PROGRAM

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Public Address - 7 pm;

Marc Milner, University of New Brunswick - Senate and Board Chamber
**“To The Far Side of the World: The Canadian Navy’s pursuit of Terrorists,
Pirates, and Fleet capability in the post-Cold War World, 1990-2010”**

Friday, April 30, 2010

8:15 am Registration and Coffee - Senate and Board Chamber Foyer

8:45 am Welcome - Senate and Board Chamber

9:00 am Session 1 - Plenary - Senate and Board Chamber, Chair: Mike Bechthold

Terry Copp, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Some Reflections on the Italian Campaign”

9:45 am Coffee - Senate and Board Chamber Foyer

10:15 am Session 2

Panel A - History and Memory - Senate and Board Chamber, Chair: Andrew Thomson

Looking Backwards, Looking Forwards: Remembrance Day in Canada

Tascha Morrison, Carleton University

S.F. Wise and the writing of *Men in Arms*: How a young RCAF veteran became an academic military historian

Roger Sarty, Wilfrid Laurier University

The History of the Department of Munitions and Supply: The trials of J.de N. Kennedy

Kathryn Rose, University of Waterloo

Panel B - Operations in the First World War - Paul Martin Centre, Chair: Heather Moran

The Great Canadian Machine Gun Mania of 1915: The Public, the Government, and the Procurement of Machine Guns for the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the First Full Year of the Great War

Cameron Pulsifer, Canadian War Museum, ret'd

"Tanks are no bogey for the infantry...": Allied and German Approaches to Anti-Tank Defence, 1916-18

Andrew Iarocci, Canadian War Museum

"Our Steel Comrades": Canadians, Australians and Tanks at the Battle of Amiens

Andrew McEwen, University of Waterloo

Panel C - The Post-1945 Canadian Military - Arts 2C3, Chair: Kellen Kurschinski

Arguing the Unthinkable: Ideas and Debate on Atomic Warfare in the Canadian Army Journal, 1947-1965

Andrew B. Godefroy, Character of War Program, Oxford University

Canada's Survival Army: The Berlin Crisis and the National Survival Militia Training Plan

Andrew Burtch, Canadian War Museum

Star Wars, Eh?": Canadian Aerospace Policy and the Militarization of Outer Space

Raymond MacKinnon, Queen's University

11:45 am Lunch - Senate and Board Chamber Foyer

Lunch book launch featuring new publications of the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies - Senate and Board Chamber

1:00 pm Session 3

Panel A - War Studies Programme - Royal Military College of Canada - Arts 2C4, Chair: Doug Delaney

Canadian Corps Commanders, 1939-1945: Observations on Generalship and Staff Training

Doug Delaney, War Studies, Royal Military College of Canada

Imperial Armour: 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade and Interoperability in the Eighth Army

Michael Boire, War Studies, Royal Military College of Canada

Oil and Blood for Blood and Oil: The Canadian Merchant Navy in the Second World War

Kelly-Anne Campbell, War Studies, Royal Military College of Canada

Prelude to Kursk: Operation Whirlwind August 1942 - the Red Army Defeats the Panzerwaffe

Greg Liedtke, War Studies, Royal Military College of Canada

Panel B - The Canadian Home Front in the Second World War - Paul Martin Centre, Chair: Kathryn Rose

Canada, the United States, and the Air Defence of Sault Ste. Marie Canal during the Second World War

Richard Goette, Royal Military College of Canada

When the Bombs Start Dropping, Run Like Hell" : Civilian Air Raid Precautions in Canada, 1939-1945

Graham Broad, King's University College at the University of Western Ontario

Making New Men: The Rehabilitation of Canada's War Blinded of the Second World War

Serge Durrflinger, University of Ottawa

A New Perspective on the US Military Facilities in the Canadian Northwest in the Second World War

Matthew Trudgen, Queen's University

Panel C - Pre-20th Century Canadian Military History - Arts 2C3, Chair: Alistair Edgar

Creating participatory public history relating to the bi-centennial celebrations of the War of 1812

Heather Moran, The Centre for Community Mapping

Defending New Brunswick during the War of 1812: The Implementation of Captain Gustavus Nicoll's Report.

Gary Campbell, University of New Brunswick

Thomas McKenzie and the Creation of Canada's Professional Army

James Lutz, Royal Canadian Military Institute

3:00 pm Coffee - Senate and Board Chamber Foyer

3:15 pm Session 4

Panel A - Normandy and the Canadian Army - Arts 2C4, Chair: Marc Milner

Destroying German Ground Forces in Normandy: Application of Force and Operational Tempo
John Rickard, Directorate of Army Training

“You Make the News – We Print It”: Battalion Newspapers in the 3rd Canadian Division, June-July 1944
Alex Souchen, University of Ottawa

Lost in Normandy: The Epic Tragedy of Worthington Force
Mike Bechthold, Wilfrid Laurier University

Panel B - Warfare on the Western Front, 1914-18 - Paul Martin Centre, Chair: Andrew Iarocci

The Cannon is a Good Converter: Violence on the Western Front and the Spatial-Temporal Shape of War
Christopher Schultz, Carleton University

Batmen in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the First World War: Some General Observations
Craig Leslie Mantle, Canadian Forces Leadership Institute & University of Calgary

‘Disease, Health, and the German Army’s Collapse in the Summer of 1918
Mark Osborne Humphries, Mount Royal University

Panel C - Canada and the Italian Campaign - Arts 2C3, Chair: Matt Symes

Ortona in the News
Jonathan Minnes, Wilfrid Laurier University

1 Canadian Armoured Brigade and the Battle of Lake Trasimene, 20-29 June 1944
William Pratt, University of New Brunswick

The Italian Campaign Sixty-Five Years On: Lessons from the 1st Canadian Field Historical Section
Christine Leppard, University of Calgary

5:30 pm Reception & Book Launch (hosted by The University of British Columbia Press) – Senate and Board Chamber

7:00 pm Dinner & Keynote: Stephen Bourque, School of Advanced Military Studies

“What we didn’t know: The effect of the Normandy air campaign on French civilians”

Saturday, May 1, 2010

8:30 am Coffee - Senate and Board Chamber Foyer

9:00 am Session 5

Panel A - Québec and Newfoundland in the First World War - Senate and Board Chamber, Chair: Jane Whalen

Il a bien merit de la Patrie: The French Canadian Memory of Courcellette, 1916-1952
Geoff Keelan, University of Waterloo

Defining One’s Own Patriotism: a French Canadian Legionary in the First World War
Béatrice Richard, Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean

Memory, Myth, and Memorials: Public Memory of the First World War in Newfoundland
Angela Duffett, Carleton University

Panel B - Media and War - Paul Martin Centre, Chair: Richard Goette

‘Sparks and Chips’: The Workers of Dominion Electrohome Industries Ltd. from War to Peace, 1939-1949
Kellen Kurschinski, University of Waterloo

“A Courage Unique in Canada’s Military History:” English-Canadian Newspaper Coverage of Canadian Soldiers in the Congo and the Development of the Canadian Peacekeeping Identity, 1960-1961

James McCallum, Carleton University

The United States, War and History: The Lessons of the Second World War
Olivier Courteaux, Ryerson University

Panel C - Civil Affairs in the Second World War - Arts 2C3, Chair: Terry Copp

The Battle to Rebuild: Canadian Military Relations with the Civil Population after the Battle of Ortona
Zack Cavasin, University of Ottawa

Hearts and minds and hungry stomachs: Canadian Civil Affairs and the liberation of the Netherlands
David A. Borys, University of New Brunswick

“No Age Lives Entirely Alone”: the Story of Major Ronald E. Balfour, Civil Affairs, First Canadian Army and his Fight to Preserve Europe’s Past.

Michelle Fowler, Wilfrid Laurier University

10:30 am Coffee - Senate and Board Chamber Foyer

11:00 am Session 6

Panel A - Recruitment and Morale in the CEF - Senate and Board Chamber, Chair: Ian Haight

‘No Patience For The Patriot Who Thinks Himself Too Good’: The Legion of Frontiersmen and Recruitment in Canada, 1914-1915
Jeff Nilsson, University of Waterloo

Keeping CEF Battalions Up to Strength: The Case of the 26th Battalion during the Great War
Brent Wilson, University of New Brunswick

“Where do we go from here?” – Soldier-Tourists of the Canadian Expeditionary Force
Sarah Cozzi, University of Ottawa

Panel B - The Canadian Military Post-Cold War - Paul Martin Centre, Chair: Andrew Burtch

The Failure of Soviet Counter-Insurgency Strategy in Afghanistan: Legacies for Canada’s Withdrawal in 2011
David Kielstra, Wilfrid Laurier University

Achieving ‘Afghan Good-enough’? Canadian Withdrawal from the Long War in Afghanistan
Alistair Edgar, Wilfrid Laurier University

Panel C - The Navy and the Air Force - Arts 2C3, Chair: Geoff Keelan

The Corvette: The Canadian Response to the Convoy Crisis.
Mathieu Brosseau, Canadian Forces College, NCMPDC.
Marie-Hélène Leclerc, Canadian Forces College, NCMPDC.

Redefining the naval seascape: the emergence of the motor torpedo boat
Joseph Zeller, University of New Brunswick

Bombers, Brutes, and Babes: Aircraft Graffiti, Nose Art, and Canadian Identity in the Royal Canadian Air Force
Caitlin McWilliams, Wilfrid Laurier University

12:30 pm - Lunch - Senate and Board Chamber Foyer

Lunch Seminar: Publishing in the Academic and Non-Academic World - Senate and Board Chamber

Emily Andrew, from the University of British Columbia Press, and Christopher Evans, from Stackpole Books, will offer tips and suggestions on getting your work published.

1:45 pm - Session 7- Canada and the First World War - Senate and Board Chamber, Chair: Mike Bechthold

Mr. Midshipman Brett: Robert Benney Brett’s Abbreviated Naval Career, 1915-1921
Jeff Noakes, Canadian War Museum

The Madman Revisited
Tim Cook, Canadian War Museum

From Victoria to Vladivostok: Canada’s Siberian Expedition, 1917-19
Benjamin Isitt, University of Victoria

3:15 pm Closing Remarks