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## PRESIDENT'S ENEWS

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### President's Comment

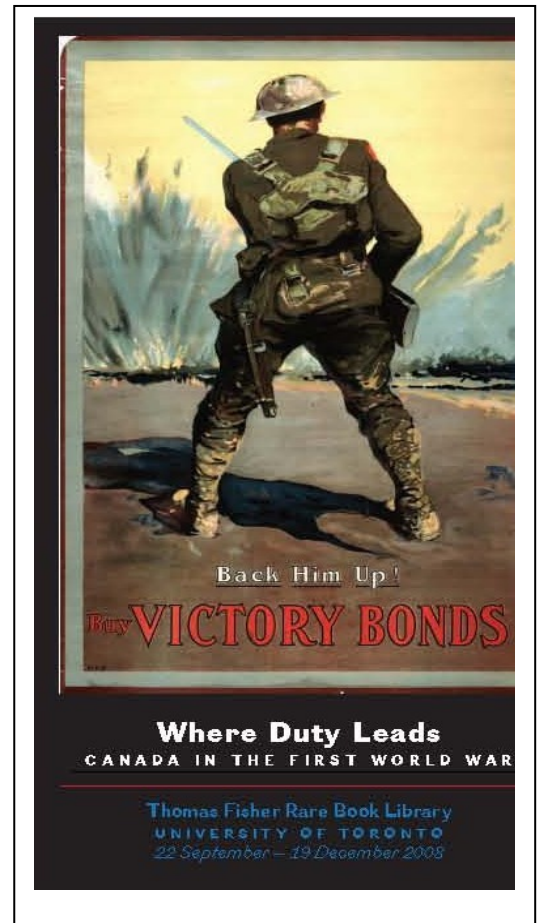
A hundred and six years ago, on June 28, 1914, Bosnian-Serb Gavrilo Princip assassinated the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Archduke Ferdinand and his pregnant wife, Sophie, in Sarajevo. Thus, ignited the spark that led to First World War a month later.

There were some interesting tidbits about WWI and some historical events that affected Canada in significant way. For example, Japan and Italy were both allies, while Turkey and Bulgaria were enemies fighting for the Central Power. Came World War II, both Japan and Italy became the enemy and Bulgaria and Turkey were the friendly force. It just proves that in politics, there are no permanent enemies or allies.

For the kid who whines why should he study history, for one thing, he will know the reason why we have to pay income tax, which was introduced to finance the war effort. Funny thing is that Canada is not at war but income tax has been here to stay since then. And do you know that Newfoundland was not part of the Canada Dominion during WWI? The most significant inference is that Canada matured from a British Colony and eventually became a Dominion due to the efforts and sacrifices of our young men and women. With a population of about 6 million, Canada contributed 600,000 soldiers with almost half died or seriously wounded. And Don't forget politicians also contributed to the war effort and their decisions may not seem politically correct today.

So, on Canada Day, when we celebrate this our great nation, thank our forefathers for the contributions they made and ask not what Canada can do for us but what can we do for Canada.

While you are at it, this is specially for the younger Canadians, Destroying statues and denying history do not mean historical

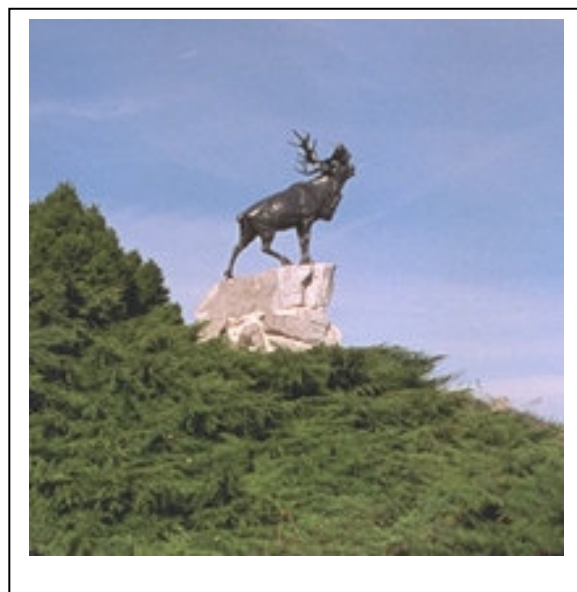


events did not occur. Whether some of these events are deemed wrong in today's values and standards, all events and people have to be judged by their own merits at the time. Most of our WWII veterans have passed on and cannot personally vouch for the rights or wrongs of war activities. However, we are all aware of the atrocities in the Japanese and German prisoner camps. Today, Japan and Germany are our allies, militarily and economically. All these just prove my point that friend or enemy, right or wrong, depend on how history evolves. Some of you may have seen the movie, "Purged", which describe a society was permitted one night a year to do whatever one wants without any repercussion or police sanction. The end result was utter chaos and horror. We have already seeing some of the lawlessness in some US cities. I hope we Canadians are smarter and not easily swayed by mob mentality.



### Dirge for a Soldier

Close his eyes; his work is done!  
What to him is friend or foeman,  
Rise of moon, or set of sun,  
Hand of man, or kiss of woman?  
Lay him low, lay him low,  
In the clover or the snow!  
What cares he? he can not know:  
Lay him low!  
As man may, he fought his fight,  
Proved his truth by his endeavor;  
Let him sleep in solemn night,  
Sleep forever and forever.  
Lay him low, lay him low,  
In the clover or the snow!  
What cares he? he can not know:  
Lay him low!  
Fold him in his country's stars,  
Roll the drum and fire the volley!  
What to him are all our wars,  
What but death bemoeking folly?  
Lay him low, lay him low,  
In the clover or the snow!  
What cares he? he can not know:  
Lay him low!  
Leave him to God's watching eye,  
Trust him to the hand that made him.  
Mortal love weeps idly by:  
God alone has power to aid him,  
Lay him low, lay him low,  
In the clover or the snow!  
What cares he? he can not know:  
Lay him low!



Beaumont-Hamel Memorial



Get trained!



## HUMOUR

### Submitted by our politically incorrect Korean veteran, Sgt AE Bince

In the great days of the British Empire, a new commanding officer was sent to a South African bush outpost to relieve the retiring Colonel. After welcoming his replacement and showing the usual courtesies (gin and tonic, cucumber sandwiches, etc.) which protocol decrees, the retiring Colonel said, "You must meet my Adjutant, Captain Smithers, he's my right-hand man and is really the strength of this office. His talent is simply boundless." Smithers was summoned and introduced to the new CO, who was surprised to meet a hunchback, one eyed, toothless, hairless, scabbed and pockmarked specimen of humanity, a particularly unattractive man less than three feet tall.

"Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself."

"Well, sir, I played cricket for England, graduate with honours from Sandhurst, won the Military Cross and Bar after three expeditions behind enemy lines. I've represented Great Britain in equestrian events and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight boxing division of the Olympics. I have researched the history of..."

At that point, the Colonel interrupted. "Yes, yes, never mind all that, Smithers, he can find all that in your file. Tell him about the day you told the Witch Doctor to f... off."

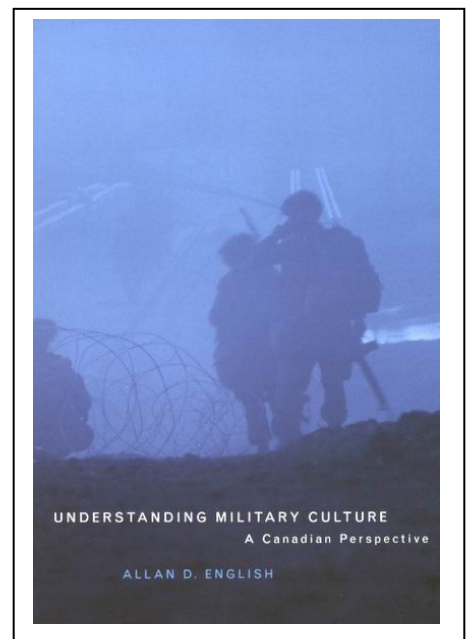


## CANADIAN MILITARY READING

### Understanding Military Culture - A Canadian Perspective

Allan D. English

This book examines culture, the "bedrock of military" effectiveness, from a theoretical and a practical point of view. In comparing Canadian and American military cultures, it concludes that while the culture of the Canadian Forces has been "Americanized" to a certain extent, the culture of the US armed forces, due to changes in their personnel and roles, has experienced a certain degree of "Canadianization" at the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st centuries. Culture has been described as the "bedrock of military" effectiveness because it influences everything an armed service does. The recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have



highlighted the importance of culture as a concept in analyzing the ability of military organizations to perform certain tasks. In fact, a military's culture may determine its preferred way of fighting and dealing with other challenges, like incorporating new technologies, more than its doctrine or organizational structure. This book examines military culture from a theoretical and a practical point of view. It focuses on the Canadian and American military cultures, and it provides the first detailed examination of the culture of the Canadian Forces. It also compares their culture to that of the US armed forces. The book concludes that while the culture of the Canadian Forces has been "Americanized" to a certain extent, the culture of the US armed forces, due to changes in their personnel and roles, has experienced a certain degree of "Canadianization" at the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st centuries.



## CP-140A

CP-140A Arcturus is used to monitor Canada's East Coast. This long-range patrol aircraft protects our coastlines from foreign threats and illegal activity. The Department of National Defence brought in CP-140As in 1991 to bolster the CP-140 Aurora fleet. The Arcturus shares the same airframe as the Aurora, but is not equipped for anti-submarine warfare (ASW). Because it lacks the Aurora's heavy ASW electronics, the Arcturus is a lighter and more fuel-efficient aircraft.



## What's Out There?

### China displays new hypersonic nuclear missile on 70th anniversary

Beijing showcased inter-ballistic missile capable of reaching US in 30 minutes during 70th anniversary parade.

China's military has shown off a new hypersonic ballistic nuclear missile believed capable of breaching all existing anti-missile shields deployed by the United States and its allies.

The vehicle-mounted DF-17 was among weapons displayed in a large military parade led by President Xi Jinping to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Some analysts have called the new missile a threat to regional stability because its speed allows far less time to determine whether to fire nuclear weapons in response.



## The Last Post Fund (LPF)

The LPF is a Veteran Affairs funded program to ensure veterans or their family with financial difficulties are assisted financially with a proper burial. The Alberta Branch of LPF has grown significantly over the last two years under the leadership of an EUSI member, LCol (ret'd) Hans Brinks. It is the most active Provincial branch in Canada and three EUSI members are on the board of directors. So far this year, the Alberta LPF have located hundreds of veteran burial sites and furnish them with proper headstones. For your information, anyone who completed basic training is deemed a veteran and entitled to veteran benefits. If you want to know more about this program, go to the Last Post Fund web and you will be amazed with the information and help available. If you know a veteran or his/her family need help, contact myself, LCol Hans Brink or HCol Ian Taylor.

**IT IS TOO LATE TO SHARPEN SWORDS, WHEN THE DRUMS OF WAR ARE BEATING**



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