



# DISPATCHES

THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE OF NOVA SCOTIA

WINTER 2014

## RUSI(NS) PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Location	Event
Wed - 14 Jan 2015	Noon	RA Park Officers' Mess	Distinguished Speaker
Wed - 11 Feb 2015	Noon	RA Park Officers' Mess	Distinguished Speaker
Thurs - 12 Feb 2015	1800 hrs	RA Park Officers' Mess	RUSI(NS) Annual General Meeting
Wed - 11 Mar 2015	Noon	RA Park Officers' Mess	Distinguished Speaker
Wed - 8 Apr 2015	TBA	RCMP "H" Division	Distinguished Speaker
Wed - 13 May 2015	Noon	RA Park Officers' Mess	Distinguished Speaker
Wed - 13 Jun 2015	Noon	RA Park Officers' Mess	Distinguished Speaker
TBD June 2015	TBA	TBA	BBQ

Our Distinguished Speaker events, unless otherwise indicated, start with gathering at noon for a 1230 hours start of presentation, at Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess, 1575 Queen Street, Halifax. The remarks and Q&A last to 1330 hours.

Chatham House Rule (<http://www.chathamhouse.org/about-us/chathamhouserule>) applies to Distinguished Speaker events when declared: "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed."

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*If you have a comment on the program, or would like to recommend a Distinguished Speaker or tour, please contact the Vice-President, Colin Darlington. Suggestions, ideas and recommendations are welcome.*

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## **Celebrating the deeds of Canadians, honoring those who served**

### *Len Canfield*

The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of Battle of the Atlantic, the longest battle of the Second World War will be observed on both sides of the Atlantic in 2015 including Canada's famous wartime 'East Coast Port.'

Winston Churchill described the Battle of the Atlantic as "...the dominant factor throughout the war," a view shared by naval commanders that "...if we lose the war at sea we lose the war." At stake was the survival of Britain and Europe that depended on war materiel and food from North America.

Canadians rose to the challenge and mobilized across the country by joining the Royal Canadian Navy, Merchant Navy and other services; building more than 1,200 naval and merchant ships and escorting and defending the merchant convoys carrying war supplies against the German U-Boat infested Atlantic.

Halifax in particular played a significant role in the Battle of the Atlantic. It was at this 'East Coast Port' that the Royal Canadian Navy commanded the war effort in the western Atlantic and convoys were as-

sembled to be escorted across the Atlantic.

Canada paid a heavy price for helping win the Battle of the Atlantic, including the loss of 24 RCN and 72 merchant ships and 5,000 sailors and airmen (members of the Royal Canadian Air Force). The war at sea came to our East Coast shores with naval and commercial ships torpedoed off our shores.

The RCN's wartime fleet included 123 corvettes that played a major role in the Allies' escort operations. HMCS Sackville –the last of the corvettes –continues to serve as Canada's Naval Memorial and is a popular attraction on the Halifax waterfront. The ship is owned and operated by the volunteer Canadian Naval Memorial Trust which launched the Battle of the Atlantic Place project (BOAP) in January 2014.

Battle of the Atlantic Place, near the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, celebrates an extraordinary national achievement, an undertaking that members of the BOAP Working Group point out will "...recognize

and honor a generation that was supremely challenged, fought with great courage and advanced Canada onto the world stage."

The architecturally-striking structure – which will house HMCS Sackville – is an innovative, experiential centre. It will enable visitors to not only learn about the longest battle of the war but "... provide a visceral sense of Canada's decisive role in winning the war including what it was like to serve at sea in a ship under constant threat; to fly the unforgiving skies over the stormy Atlantic, and to design and build hundreds of ships in an impossibly short period of time."

Battle of the Atlantic Place is a worthy legacy for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

For information on the project, check out:

[www.battleoftheatlanticplace.ca](http://www.battleoftheatlanticplace.ca), and for Battle of the Atlantic commemorative events in 2015, check [www.canadasnavalmemorial.ca](http://www.canadasnavalmemorial.ca).

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### *From the Corner Office*

**Dan Tanner**  
**President**

**Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia**



Over Christmas typically try to slow down to enjoy spending time with family and friends. It's also a time for reflection; a time to think of achievements and challenges over the year just past and to consider plans and goals for the one ahead. Often regarded as bordering on trite, these kinds of thoughts are in a very real sense what life is about. We work, ultimately, to provide for our families and ourselves; we get involved within our communities to make life better for all of us – again, our families, but for our friends and colleagues as well; we strive for decency, justice, tolerance and compassion because it's the right thing to do. All of this takes time and effort, so we might say that in many parts of the world, Canada included, Christmas is a time to stand back and engage in meaningful reflection and fellowship.

It also ought to be times when we think about those aren't able to take that much needed holiday break. Many of our men and women in uniform – in the Canadian Armed Forces, the RCMP, police departments and a host of enforcement and regulatory bodies work through Christmas, defending and securing Canada and her interests, both at home and abroad. Recent events in Moncton, Ottawa and St. Jean sur Richelieu demonstrate all too horrifically the price some of our colleagues pay to meet this challenge. So if we're among the fortunate who have an opportunity to spend some time with our families and friends this year, let's not forget those who would dearly want to do so, but whose duties prevent them from doing so.

All the best to you and yours this Christmas.

## Links of Interest

(If clicking on the link does not appear to work, try copying the link and pasting it into your browser. If that does not work, please feel free to contact an editor.)

The Canadian Armed Forces operations update is designed to give an up-to-date overview of ongoing Canadian Armed Forces missions in Canada, North America and around the world. The update highlights recent developments on ongoing missions, provides information on upcoming exercises and operations and recaps completed events and initiatives. <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/operations/update.page>

Government of Canada news is available at <http://news.gc.ca/web/nwsprdct-en.do>. That site includes a RSS (Rich Site Summary or Really Simple Syndication) feed link. A good, free, RSS reader is Feedreader available at <http://www.feedreader.com>.

Canadian Forces Imagery Gallery <http://www.combatcamera.forces.gc.ca/site/default.asp>

New Undersea Warfare EDGE Innovation Centre to Focus on Operation-enhancing Capabilities for Royal Canadian Navy: <http://seawavesmagazine.blogspot.ca/2014/09/new-undersea-warfare-edge-innovation.html>

RCMP RSS News Feeds Subscription: <http://www.grc.gc.ca/rss/index-eng.htm>

Shipbuilding Technology Forum: <http://www.shipbuildingforum.ca/>

Canada's military: Where in the world is it operating?  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/multimedia/canada-s-military-where-in-the-world-is-it-operating-1.2767928>

Australia Navy News: <http://navynews.realviewdigital.com/?iid=103649&startpage=1#folio=1>

Canadian Submarine Centenary 2014:  
<http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/navy-life/sub-centennial/sub-centennial.page> and  
<http://www.canadianperiscope.ca/#!centenary-2014/c11u7>

RCAF SAREX 2014 video:

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10152300946001237&set=vb.61263506236&type=2&theater>

The Arctic Institute is an interdisciplinary, independent think tank focused on Arctic policy issues: <http://www.thearcticinstitute.org/>

CDFAI study "A New Way to Fly: Major challenges facing Air Force planners over the next 20 years": <http://cdfai.org/idevicepapers/ANewWaytoFly.htm>

Rising Fraud on the High Seas. Interesting report on merchant ships practicing deception for safety or commercial advantage. Harks to longtime practice by warships. Note executive summary and infographic at bottom of link: <http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/Rising-Fraud-on-the-High-Seas-Report-2014-10-20>

Admiral's View. Monthly, the Commander of Maritime Forces Atlantic shares his thoughts on current trends, obstacles, and achievements of relevance to the Royal Canadian Navy, with a focus on the Atlantic Coast: <http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/about/structure-marlant-admiral.page>. October - Sister of the Space Age

The University of New Brunswick's Milton F. Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society is devoted to excellence in the study of war as a complex social phenomenon.  
<http://www.unb.ca/fredericton/>



A CC177 Globemaster aircraft is loaded with vital supplies before departing Canada for Operation IMPACT, the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) support to the Middle East Stabilization Force (MESF) – the multinational coalition against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in the Republic of Iraq.



[arts/centres/gregg/](http://arts/centres/gregg/)

Tallinn Manual on the International Law Applicable to Cyber Warfare:

<http://www.ccdcoe.org/tallinn-manual.html>

National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy, by Tim Dunne:

[http://www.frontline-defence.com/index\\_archives.php?page=2210](http://www.frontline-defence.com/index_archives.php?page=2210)

Dalhousie University Centre for Foreign Policy Studies National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy Workshop "Charting the Course" 6 June 2014 proceedings: <http://www.dal.ca/dept/cfps/news-events/national-shipbuilding-procurement-strategy-charting-the-course.html>

Forces Images. Photos of Operation IMPACT, the Canadian Armed Forces' contribution to coalition assistance to security forces in the Republic of Iraq who are fighting against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, are at: <http://www.forcesimages.ca/default.aspx?aid=4798>

Leadmark (2001) was the RCN's strategic vision document. In 2005, the Navy addressed its next transformation with "Securing Canada's Ocean Frontiers - Charting the Course from Leadmark" ([http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection\\_2008/nd-dn/D2-164-2005E.pdf](http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2008/nd-dn/D2-164-2005E.pdf)); that document remains current.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has an official YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/NATOCOMMUNITY>

The Royal United Services Institute of New South Wales: <http://www.rusinsw.org.au/>

Marine Matters Fall 2014. Ken Hansen, Halifax military commentator, has written an article, "War Amongst the People," about the loss of WO Vincent and Cpl Cirillo:

<http://content.yudu.com/A37fsu/Fall2014/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl>

The Dalhousie University Centre for Foreign Policy Studies held a "Human Capital and the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy" workshop at Halifax on 14 November 2014. Members of the RUSI(NS) Security Affairs Committee had the pleasure of assisting with the conduct of the workshop. A great learning experience. Presentations from the workshop are posted at: <http://www.dal.ca/dept/cfps/news-events/nsps.html>. When the proceedings of the workshop are published, the link will be promulgated.

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. Check out SNAME's listing of papers, books, etc.:

<http://www.sname.org/EasternCanadianSection/home>

MILNEWS.ca Blog's "What's Canada Buying?":

<http://milnewsca.wordpress.com/2014/11/21/wcb-210500est-nov-14/>

The U.S. Army Chief of Staff's Professional Reading List:

[http://www.history.army.mil/html/books/105/105-1-1/CMH\\_Pub\\_105-5-1\\_2014.pdf](http://www.history.army.mil/html/books/105/105-1-1/CMH_Pub_105-5-1_2014.pdf)

2013-14 Annual Report of RCMP H Division (Nova Scotia): <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns/index-eng.htm>

And on the lighter side, a link to the US DOD's "Encyclopedia of Ethical Failures," an annual listing of the US government's worst ethics violators. Clear (in many ways), and amusing (if aggravating): <https://medium.com/war-is-boring/we-love-the-pentagons-encyclopedia-of-ethical-failure-664a2bc6c4> and <http://cryptome.org/2013/07/dod-ethics-fail.pdf>.

### Journals, Reports, etc., of Interest

Defence Connexion E-Newsletter provide the latest updates on defence news, including feature stories about operations, exercises, and equipment. A new issue is published each month except for Au-



Royal Canadian Navy adopts new naval ensign: <http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/navy-life/rcn-ensign/rcn-ensign-release.page>



RCAF CF188 Hornets break away after refueling with a US Air Mobility Command KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, 30 Oct 14, over Iraq. This was the first Combat mission in the area of operations, supporting Operation IMPACT.

gust. <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/news-defence-connexion/index.page>

RUSI Vancouver Island Newsletter. Volume 46, No. 4, Fourth Quarter 2014, is available at: <http://rusiviccda.org/?p=1211> and includes:

- "The World Needs More Diplomacy" says Comd Joint Ops Comd LGen Beare
- The Brief Inglorious History of the 1st Cdn Aviation Corps
- RCN's Combat Readiness Questioned in Internal Review
- Allied Capture of German Naval Code Books in WWI
- New insignia for the RCAF
- Mata Hari and Edith Cavell: Women, Intrigue & WWI Propaganda
- Army Officer Convicted in Fatal Training Accident Wins Appeal
- The British Army Taking On Radical New Shape

Arthur D. Simons Center for the Study of Interagency Cooperation, InterAgency Journal 5-3 (Fall 2014) <http://thesimonscenter.org/>

FrontLine Security Fall 2014 magazine: <http://frontline-security.org/publications/14sec2-3d/index.html>

Canadian Army Journal (only editions older than a year ago are available): <http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/canadian-army-journal/army-journal-index.page>

Vanguard Magazine August/September 2014 <http://vanguardcanada.uberflip.com/i/368881>

The Royal Canadian Air Force Journal <http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/cf-aerospace-warfare-centre/elibrary/journal/2014-vol3-iss2-spring.page>

The Subchaser Archives is a naval history collection devoted to the 110' submarine chasers of the Great War



Photo by Lee Thompson of a Victoria Class Submarine and Orca whales off the British Columbia coast.

and the men who served on them, primarily covering 1917 to 1919. <http://www.subchaser.org/home>

Australian Civil-Military Centre Newsletter <http://www.acmc.gov.au/publications-and-media/newsletters/>

Joint Air Power Competence Centre <http://www.japcc.org/publications/journal/Pages/default.aspx>

The Royal Canadian Military Institute Journal of Opinion <http://www.rcmi.org/>

Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute and School of Public Policy report "Something Has to Give: Why Delays Are the New Reality of Canada's Defence Procurement Strategy": [http://www.policyschool.ucalgary.ca/?q=content/something-has-give-why-delays-are-new-reality-](http://www.policyschool.ucalgary.ca/?q=content/something-has-give-why-delays-are-new-reality-canada%E2%80%99s-defence-procurement-strategy)

[canada%E2%80%99s-defence-procurement-strategy](http://www.policyschool.ucalgary.ca/?q=content/something-has-give-why-delays-are-new-reality-canada%E2%80%99s-defence-procurement-strategy)

Amphibious Shipping Shortfalls - Risks and Opportunities to Bridge the Gap, report by Maren Leed (Center for Strategic and International Studies): <http://csis.org/publication/amphibious-shipping-shortfalls>

US Naval War College /LUCENT/ Journal of National Security Studies: <https://www.usnwc.edu/Publications/-Luce-nt-/>

US Naval War College Review Summer 2014: <https://www.usnwc.edu/Publications/Naval-War-College-Review/2014-Summer.aspx>

Conference of Defence Associations Security & Defence Briefing 19/2014: <http://ow.ly/GdUf7>

The Journal of Military Operations: <https://www.tjomo.com/>

Securing Canada's Ocean Frontiers - Charting the Course from Leadmark: [http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection\\_2008/nd-dn/D2-164-2005E.pdf](http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2008/nd-dn/D2-164-2005E.pdf)

Royal Australian Navy News, November 2014 edition: <http://navynews.realviewdigital.com/#folio=1>

## Veterans Affairs

The Canadian Veteran Freedom Riders (CVFR), a national riding club of Canadian Forces veterans and veteran supporters: <http://www.cvfr.ca/>

(hashtags - #CanadianForces #Veterans #Ottawa #Motorcycle #RememberingTheFallen)

## History & Heritage

If you have ideas for RUSI(NS)'s history and heritage efforts, please contact Peter Dawson. RUSI(NS) has a History & Heritage page to its web site, submissions are welcome.

Canadian Virtual War Memorial: <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/canadian-virtual-war-memorial>

Virtual Museum of Canada: <http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/about-vmc/>

New Uniform for the Royal Canadian Air Force: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=886249>

Canadian Army Debuts Restored Officer Rank Insignia: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=872969>

British Naval History: <http://www.britishnavalhistory.com/>

Royal Australian Navy History: <http://www.navy.gov.au/history/>

Niobe Day, the 21st day of October each year, marks the arrival of His Majesty's Canadian Ship NIOBE in Halifax in 1910 as the first Canadian warship to enter Canada's territorial waters. The date is significant in the beginnings of the Naval Service of Canada. <http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/news-operations/news-view.page?doc=niobe-day/i0vikji8>. Though not so celebrated, the 7th November marks the day in 1910 when the Apollo class cruiser HMCS RAINBOW first arrived at her home port of Esquimalt in British Columbia.

Battle of the Atlantic Place: <http://battleoftheatlanticplace.ca/index.php>

RCMP Honour Roll: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/hon/lineduty-exerfonc/honour-honneur-roll-tableau-eng.htm>

Library and Archives Canada (@LibraryArchives) "Guide to Sources Relating to the Canadian Militia": <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/Pages/guide-sources-canadian-militia.aspx>

Library and Archives Canada "Guide to Sources Relating to Canadian Naval Vessels": <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/Pages/guide-sources-canadian-naval-vessels.aspx>

Royal Canadian Navy Commemorates the Battle of Coronel. The Battle of Coronel, 1 November 1914, saw the first ever casualties in the history of the RCN. <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=898629>

The New Brunswick Military History Museum held its grand opening 6 Jun 14 (see <http://blogs.unb.ca/greggcentre/2014/06/03/grand-opening-june-6-new-brunswick-military-heritage-museum/>). The museum's site is at: <http://nbmilitaryhistorymuseum.ca/>

Best war and history books of all time (according to The Telegraph): <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/10630791/Best-war-and-history-books-of-all-time.html>

and the best history and war books of 2014:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/bookreviews/10847204/The-best-history-and-war-books-of-2014.html>

The LAV III Monument Program: [http://www.lavmonument.ca/\\_cascade/blocks/en/Media/Press%20Releases/LAV%20III%20Monument%20Program%20Press%20Release%20Nov%205%202-014%20FINAL%20EN.pdf](http://www.lavmonument.ca/_cascade/blocks/en/Media/Press%20Releases/LAV%20III%20Monument%20Program%20Press%20Release%20Nov%205%202-014%20FINAL%20EN.pdf)

See also: Hundreds of military vehicles to be erected as Afghan war monuments: <http://globalnews.ca/news/1650220/exclusive-hundreds-of-military-vehicles-to-be-erected-as-afghan-war-monuments/>

Canada Company is a charitable, non-partisan organization that serves to build the bridge between business and community leaders and the Canadian military. The organization is behind the The LAV III Monument Program. On the web at <http://www.canadacompany.ca> and on Twitter at @Canada\_Company.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans photo of HMS EREBUS on cover of Canadian Geographic: <http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/magazine/dec14/default.asp>

Canadian War Museum "Canada and the First World War": <http://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/>

TVO's The Inside Agenda Blog "Remembering The First World War: A Look at Canada's Great War." Canadian War Museum Historian Tim Cook details Canada's military role in the First World War, from our failures to our successes, how we developed our reputation as "Shock Troops," and how Canadians should view our military contributions 100 years later. <http://theagenda.tv.org/blog/agenda-blogs/remembering-first-world-war-look-canadas-great-war> (25m36s long)

RCMP and Second World War: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/hist/ww-gm/index-eng.htm>

Canadian Aviation and Space Museum <http://casmuseum.techno-science.ca/en/whats-on/event-remembrance-week-2014.php>

Restored CF-104 stars in Cold War Exhibit. The Air Force Museum of Alberta (AFMA) unveiled the first of three aircraft destined for a special Cold War-era: <http://skiesmag.com/news/article/RestoredCF104starsinColdWarExhibitexhibit>

Canadian Agency of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. There are 110,358 war dead of Canada commemorated in 75 countries around the world. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission ensures that 1.7 million people who died in the two world wars will never be forgotten by caring for cemeteries and memorials at 23,000 locations in 153 countries. An introduction to the Canadian Agency of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is at <http://www.cwgc.org/about-us/member-governments/canada.aspx>. A more detailed booklet is at <http://issuu.com/wargravescommission/docs/canada/1>. Records are kept at the Canadian Agency (1-613-992-3224; [cwgc-canada@vac-acc.gc.ca](mailto:cwgc-canada@vac-acc.gc.ca)) which enable staff to help enquirers locate a particular grave or a name on a memorial. The Commission's Twitter handle is @CWGC, and appropriate hashtags are #LestWeForget and #RemembranceDay.

The Steamship Historical Society of America: <http://www.sshsa.org/>



Police & Peace Officers' Memorial Ribbon Society:  
<http://memorialribbon.com/>

History of the Ranks. A brief history of army ranks:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL65CDFF83B5423360>

Last Minute Cancellation - Canada and the Scorpion:  
<http://canadianmilitaryhistory.ca/last-minute-cancellation-canada-and-the-scorpion-by-frank-maas/>

The Memory Project Archive is an ongoing project that chronicles Canada's participation in the military arena, from the First World War to the modern era:  
<https://www.historicacanada.ca/content/programs/memory-project>

## Books

*Life on the Edge: The Inside Story of the RCMP in Atlantic Canada* by Linda Hersey is the only book of its type ever written by a civilian permitted to ride along and observe working members of the Force on duty. It offers a behind-the-scenes look at the RCMP, including real-life policing situations and first-person commentary of members, both regular and civilian. The author took part in exercises such as ship boarding, drug interdiction, weapons and police dog training. This book presents a realistic snapshot of the Force from recruiting, Depot, telecoms, Emergency Response Team, and Dog Services to the Tactical Troop, Air Services and on-the-road policing. Linda Hersey was born in Saint John, NB, and now lives in Lower Coverdale, NB.

*The Necessary War Volume One* (<http://www.amazon.ca/The-Necessary-War-Volume-One/dp/0670066508>)

Tim Cook, Canada's leading war historian, ventures deep into World War Two in this epic two-volume story of heroism and horror, of loss and longing, sacrifice and endurance.

Written in Cook's compelling narrative style, this

book shows in impressive detail how soldiers, airmen, and sailors fought—the evolving tactics, weapons of war, logistics, and technology. It gauges Canadian effectiveness against the skilled enemy whom they confronted in battlefields from 1939 to 1943, from the sweltering heat of Sicily to the frigid North Atlantic, and from the urban warfare of Ortona to the dark skies over Germany. *The Necessary War* examines the equally important factors of morale, discipline, and fortitude of the Canadian citizen-soldiers.

The war was an engine of transformation for Canada. With a population of fewer than twelve million, Canada embraced its role as an arsenal of democracy, exporting war supplies, feeding its allies, and raising a million-strong armed forces that served and fought in nearly every theatre of war. The nation was mobilized like never before in the fight to preserve the liberal democratic order. The six-year-long exertion caused disruption, provoked nationwide industrialization, ushered in changes to gender roles, exacerbated the tension between English and French, and forged a new sense of Canadian identity. Canadians were willing to bear almost any burden and to pay the ultimate price in the pursuit of victory.

As with his award-winning two-volume series on WWI, Tim Cook uses original sources, letters from soldiers, rare documents, and maps of battlefields to illustrate the contributions and sacrifices made by what is often called the greatest generation. Magisterial in its scope, *The Necessary War* illuminates Canada's past as never before. From the Western Front to the home front, Canadians served many roles in a war that had to be fought and won.

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Even if you are not on Twitter or Facebook, ideas and submissions to be tweeted or posted are welcome.

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