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Fox Wellington Somerset F.I.P. Patent 14214-1909 Puttees. The Fox family's interest in woollen fabric began in the early 1700's, when Edward Fox married into the Wellington based Were family, making Fox Brothers one of the earliest entrants into the UK wool industry. At this time the company was a cottage industry, mainly producing woollen serge known as 'Tauntons'. The early British woollen industry naturally established itself in areas where sheep were farmed, as was the case in Wellington, Somerset.

Influenced by the Fox family's Quaker faith, the company was enlightened in the care of its workers, building housing and schools for employees in Wellington. Fox Brothers was also one of the first employers to have a pension scheme.

At its peak the company employed approximately 5,000 people and owned and operated nine mills and factories in Somerset, Devon, Galshiels and Oxfordshire. The Fox family even had their own legal tender from 1787 until 1921; Lloyds bank in Wellington is to this day known as the Fox Branch.

From the late 19th century into the 20th century, production became increasingly focused on fabrics for the British military. During the Boer War, Fox Brothers developed the new serge drape mixture known as 'khaki', which eventually led to the demise of the British Army's traditional 'redcoats'. During the First World War, Fox Brothers completed the largest ever, single order for textiles: 852 miles of cloth supplied to the Ministry of Defense. This was used to make 'the puttee' - spiral leg puttees were used by the military as a part of the regular soldier uniform.

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CMHS Meeting

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**Tuesday,
March 19th,
2013**

7:00 pm

At the
Petty Officers' Mess
HCMS Tecumseh



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 Canada, the British Empire, and the world
 as well as the preservation of military
 artifacts and records.

The CMHS meets once every calendar month
 at: Petty Officers' Mess
 HMCS Tecumseh
 1820 - 24th Street SW
 Calgary AB T2T 0G6
 All are welcome to attend

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The next CMHS meeting will be held on
Tuesday, March 19th, 2013
19:00 (7:00 pm)

At the Petty Officers' Mess, HMCS Tecumseh.

Members are reminded that an offering of foodstuffs for the Legion Food Bank is considered your unofficial entrance fee to our regular scheduled meetings.

The unofficial agenda of this meeting will be:

- Introduction of guests, Minutes of last meeting
- Correspondence, Membership report, Treasurer's report
- Old business / New business, Break, Show and Tell

The President, David Soltess, would like to invite everyone to remain after the meeting for an informal time of fellowship.

Fox Spiral Puttees



Duane B. Gale, Jack Mortimer and Albert Smith.(KIA)

Two members of the 195th Battalion C.E.F. are wearing Fox Puttees.

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Wellington Somerset, 1917

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Fox Bank Note

Minutes of the last meeting

CALGARY MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of General Meeting held on February 20, 2013
Petty Officers Mess: HMCS Tecumseh

Meeting called to order by President David S. at 7:07 pm.
22 members present and 0 guests.

Minutes of last meeting approved. Motion by Bob M. Seconded by Mike C. Approved.
Treasurers/Membership report by Brian H.
Motion to accept by Brian seconded by Barry Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

David S.—Web site report. Articles needed. Please contact the President.
Barry E.—Easter Gun Show. Nothing to report, all is well

NEW BUSINESS:

Darrel M. Great West Warehouse in Saskatoon going out of business. Last Auction
Dave L.—Questions health and well being of members
Martin U.—Military Museum News. Doug Christie to give lecture. Go to web site for times.
Mike C.—Report on search for Spitfires in Myanmar. Nothing found.

Break

SHOW & TELL:

Mike C.—Boer War badges, family group of medals etc. Grandfather— Indian Mutiny, Son in WW1, Grandson in RCN WW2
And stories related. Karsh picture of Admiral Halsey

Darrel K Calgary Highlanders looking for Kings Crown badges, Royal Naval Machine Gun Badge, book on US Subs WW2

Allan Mc.—story of medals found at Value Village in Saskatoon and hunt for owners family by his friend. Found family and records and news articles on return of medals to family.

Bob McP.—Royal Navy story on providing guns during war. 52nd Cdn. Inf Medal WW1, Silver sports medal WW2, Military Money (Script). Used by countries to try and control black market.

David L.—Princes Mary Box storey, Box from George V. Chocolate. Old Newspaper about Princes Mary's wedding. Story on chaplains and lists gathered.

Allan Mck.—Story of Charleston Heston and all his guns.
Toy guns for his grandsons.

Al D.—Story on Father in Law who passed away.

Marjorie— Update on husbands wartime records and her search for them.

Floyd S.— U.S. Civil War picture cards.

David G.— Framed medals etc from relative WW1

David S.—Various badges, Seaforth Set. Picture of Sherman

Tanks used by Canadians in Ortona.

Motion to adjorn by David S. Carried



Fox Puttees with small brass button to show which side its for

C015168 U.S. M1 COMBAT HELMET WITH FIBER LINER.

BACKGROUND: The M-1 helmet was developed as a replacement for the M-1917 helmet that had seen use since WW1. It was designed by using the crown of the M-1917, removing the brim and adding extensions to



protect the neck, ears, and forehead. The resulting form was then used as a template for the production of a helmet body from a single piece of Hadfield Manganese Steel. The liner and suspension were developed after a modified Riddell Football helmet. The M-1 helmet was approved for production in June of 1941. Early models had solid loops (fixed bale) for the chin straps but they broke off too often and were replaced with a moveable hinged loop. The original rim of the helmet was made of stainless steel but it was found that the paint that was used would wear off too easily and leave a shiny reflective surface. To remedy this they switched to a Hadfield Manganese Steel and also changed the butt of the rim from the front to the rear of the helmet body. This change took place in October of 1944. Characteristics of any helmet developed up to then and could withstand the force from a 230 grain, .45 calibre bullet with a velocity of 800 feet per second. The fiber liner's specifications were to be a one piece rigid fiber form that would be water proof. A piece of olive drab gabardine was affixed to it to meet this specification.

