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CMHS Meeting

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**Tuesday,
November
19th,
2013**

7:00 pm

At the
Petty Officers' Mess
HCMS Tecumseh



Jerusalem Cemetery, Tilly-sur-Seulles.

The most moving of all the Allied memorials is the smallest. There are just 47 graves in the Jerusalem cemetery near Tilly-sur-Seulles. Here lies Private Jack Banks, of the Durham Light Infantry, who lied about his age and was only 16 when he was killed returning from an attack on a machine-gun post. Close by, in the democracy of death, is Major Sir Richard Dalrymple Arbuthnot, Eton and Magdelene, 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, 6th Bt and member of the MCC, dead at 24. And side by side are two padres. The Rev Gerard Nesbitt, a Catholic, was hit by a shell as he conducted the funeral of his Anglican colleague the Rev Cecil Hawksworth, who had been killed two days before. Now they lie together by the edge of an orchard in Normandy.



Rev. C. Hawksworth, Age 35

Rev. G. Nesbitt, Age 33

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 which fosters the study of the
 military and the police, and the heritage of
 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
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 All are welcome to attend

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Notice of Next Meeting

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Tuesday, November 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.

Private Jack Banks. Jerusalem Cemetery at Tilly-sur-Seulles.



**Too young to enlist,
 Jackie Banks wanted to
 serve his country**

Jack Bands A teenager, believed to be the youngest to die during the D-Day landings operation after lying about his age to join the Army

A special service is to be held for Jackie Banks, from Lancashire, who was 16 when he enlisted. Jackie was buried in a farmer's field in France, but there is currently no memorial in his home town of Darwen. Now the medals the young infantryman won are to be given back to his family during a service.

Jackie was killed as he tried to take out a machine gun nest during an attempt to stop a German counter-attack in June 1944. According to former schoolfriend Richard Walsh, Jackie wanted to sign up simply because he wanted "to do his bit for King and country". "Jackie joined the Army when he was 16," Mr Walsh told BBC North West Tonight. "He really was far too young really."

His mother let him go on the condition that he kept her informed of his movements. "But unfortunately, because of the secrecy of the Normandy landings, his mother wasn't able to get to know what was happening. "The next thing she knew was that he was reported killed in France."

Pupils at his old school, Holy Trinity in Darwen, have been studying Jackie's actions for a project about him. One said: "Although he lied about his age, he did a good thing." Another said: "It's very sad that he died at the age of 16, it goes right to my heart." Mr Walsh added: "It will be a very moving experience when we see the medals of Jackie Banks being presented back to his family."



Minutes of the last meeting

Calgary Military Historical Society Minutes of Meeting held on October 16th, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by President David S.

Annual General Meeting.

President David S. has opening remarks. Reports on past year of activity. Calls on Member Bob Mcp. To take over meeting and run election.

Bob Mcp. Calls for Nominations from members

Treasurer; Mike C. nominates Brian H. for the position. Seconded by Don. No other nominations. Member Brian H. is announced as the Treasurer .

Secretary; Floyd S. nominate David G. for the Position. Seconded by Barry E. No other nominations. Member David G. is announced as the Secretary.

President; David S. is nominated by David G. for the position. Seconded by Barry E. No other nominations. David S. is announced as the President .

Directors; President David S. appoints directors Floyd S. as Director and Dave L. as Club Historian.

-Annual General Meeting is concluded and regular month meeting starts.

Minutes-no errors or omissions. Moved by Mike C. and seconded by Susan E. All in favour.

Treasures Report-Treasurer Brian H. lists expenses and donations. Brian H. moves that report is accepted. Seconded by Mike C. Approved by members.

Membership Report. Membership report by Brian H. Total of 25 members. Looking for renewals.

Old Business None.

New Business,

President David S.—brings up Annual New Years soirée. Every one agrees to the same as last time. Pres. Will look into it.

Pres. David S. -Need to amend Constitution Gives examples.

David L.— Moves Society review and update Constitution. Seconded by Neil. All in agreement.

Auction—Books donated by members are auctioned off and proceeds to the Club.

Break

Draw by ticketmaster Neil. Many happy winners.

Show and Tell

Bob McP.—WW1 German helmet. Describes and gives history of development, started by Prussian King.

James B. Life magazine on Korean War. Oct. 1951, Boer War leggings.

John E.—Pictures of his Uncles grave in Europe. Thanks member James B. for taking them on his tour.

Bab McP.—1882 British Egypt and Kadir Stars. Byzantine empire iron arrowheads.

Mike C.—describes trip to Europe and visit to concentration camp in northern Holland. It was liberated by Canadian in 1945. Concentration Camp money, Boer Ware medals and MK11 helmet.

Don S. describes meeting with friend who worked with auction houses.

Allan Mck.—discusses metals and problems, Ebay trickery.

Barry E. CASC Militia hat badge. 1904 , 2 piece, REME engineers badge, program from Buckingham Palace, Red Cross medal to Cdn. Nursing Sister.

Marty—Newspaper WW1 booklist. Books on Gettysburg, Archealog magazine storey on WW1 tunnel complex.

Floyd S. Silver Florin 1878, storey of HMS Eurydice and mementos

Dave S. Canadian WW2 Firefigts cap badge , very rare.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Mike C. Floyd S. seconded .

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.



Remembrance by one left behind.



Horse drawn caissons carry the caskets of USAF Major James E. Sizemore and USAF Major Howard V. Andre during a burial service at Arlington National Cemetery September 23, 2013 in Arlington, Virginia. Sizemore and Andre were shot down over Xiangkhoang Province, Laos on July 8, 1969 while flying a night reconnaissance mission in A-26 Invader aircraft. Their remains were located in 2010 and identified in 2013. Photo by Win McNamee