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The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II as sovereign of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, and Ceylon took place on June 2nd, 1953

The next CMHS
meeting will be held on

**Tuesday,
June 19th.
2018**

7:00 pm

At the
Petty Officers' Mess
HCMS Tecumseh

Please see page 2 for an important message
from our President Allan Ross



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I have been speaking of the vast regions and varied peoples to whom I owe my duty, but there has also sprung from our island home a theme of social and political thought which constitutes our message to the world and through the changing generations has found acceptance both within and far beyond my realms.

Parliamentary institutions, with their free speech and respect for the rights of minorities, and the inspiration of a broad tolerance in thought and its expression—all this we conceive to be a precious part of our way of life and outlook.

During the recent centuries, this message has been sustained and invigorated by the immense contribu-

tion, in language, literature, and action, of the nations of our Commonwealth overseas. It gives expression, as I pray it always will, to living principles as sacred to the Crown and monarchy as to its many Parliaments and peoples. I ask you now to cherish them—and to practise them, too then we can go forward together in peace, seeking justice and freedom for all men.

As this day draws to its close, I know that my abiding memory of it will be, not only the solemnity and beauty of the ceremony, but the inspiration of your loyalty and affection. I thank you all from a full heart. God bless you all.

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The
CALGARY MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
is a non-profit registered society
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
Calgary AB T2T 0G6

Notice of Next Meeting

The next CMHS meeting will be held on
Tuesday, June 19th., 2018
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 & Tell
The President, **Allan Ross** would like to invite everyone to remain after the meeting for an informal time of fellowship.

From the Executive:

Re: Firearms at Club Meetings

Recently, it was brought to our attention and confirmed by HMCS Tecumseh staff, that "absolutely no firearms or ordnance of any sort" are to be brought on to a Federal Department of National Defence base, including HMCS Tecumseh.

This includes deactivated, replica, reproduction and antique firearms and ordnance of all types.

Accordingly, this must be adhered to. Contravening this rule will jeopardize our use of the facility at HMCS Tecumseh. Tecumseh has been a kind and generous host in allowing us to hold our Society meetings in their facility without cost and if they prohibit these items, we must respect their wishes.

Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

A strange item recently up for auction

"SELF-INFLICTED WOUND" ARMBAND

Very rare World War I armband issued in Allied hospitals to those soldiers who sought to avoid combat by shooting or otherwise seriously injuring themselves and thereby making themselves unfit for combat. The armband, 16 1/2" long and 3 1/2" wide, is constructed of yellow flocked cloth lined on the reverse. Black felt letters: "S I W" are sewn to the center of the band, indicating that the wearer had administered to himself a "Self Inflicted Wound". Two tabs at one end of the band were threaded into adjustable buckles, since removed. The armbands were forced upon the guilty to be worn as a mark of cowardice and were obviously never kept as a souvenir of their service! This example was apparently kept by a hospital orderly.



Minutes of last meeting / Calgary Military Historical Society

Meeting held on May 15, 2018 at the Petty Officer's Mess, HMCS Tecumseh

1. Meeting called to order

By President Allan R. at 19:05 PM. 21 members in attendance.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Discussed no correction. Member Bob M. moves that the Previous Meeting Minutes be accepted. Seconded by Mike C.

3. Newsletter.

- April newsletter article, clarification of Lord Strathcona's Horse early lineage.
- The 'Strathcona's Horse', authorized Feb. 1, 1900, embarked for Africa Mar. 17, 1900, depart Africa Jan. 20, 1901 disbanded on Mar. 9, 1901.
- 'A Squadron, The Canadian Mounted Rifles' authorized Jul. 1, 1901 redesignated: 'The Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles' Oct. 1, 1903; 'Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)' Oct. 1, 1909; 'Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)' on 1 May 1911.

4. Treasures Report.

Report by Floyd S. Lists of monies collected from book auctions, donations etc. Listing of expenditures. Floyd reports, with last month expenses, a slight decrease over April balance. Member Barry E. moves that the Treasures report be accepted as reported.
Seconded by Mike C. Approved.

5. Membership Report.

Report by Floyd S. Total 48 members (2 Life, 2 Hon, 44 Regular). Member Bob M. moves that the Membership report be accepted as reported. Seconded by Susan E. Approved.

6. Correspondence:- None.

7. Announcements:

- This is the Societies 40 Anniversary, official start May 15, 1978.
- This is Alan Macdonald's last meeting. Alan is moving to Ottawa.

8. Old Business. - [Facebook link still under assessment, consultation with Kevin Roberts.](#)

9. New Business: - None

BREAK

10. Book Raffle & Auction: - No raffle or item auction conducted.

11. Show and Tell:

- Herb J. - Thanks CMHS & MCC of C Calgary Chapter membership for condolences.
Floyd S. - W German dress dagger with belt hanger, presentation cased, serial #817, dated 1987.
Alan R. - Selection of Indian Burma campaign medals and 1939-45 stars. Questions and discussion re. authorizations and issue status. Clarification required.
Bob M. - Selection of medals including Thailand Order of the Crown 1869. National Geographic 1943 US Forces Issue.
Jarred L. - Medal group & service records for RCAF F Sgt John Ward Inman, KIA 1944.
Garry M. - 2 repo revolvers, Smith & Weston Schofield and Colt peacemaker.
Rob D. - Selection of cap badges, S Africa 1980's and Peoples Rep. of China.
Alan M. - Thanks members present for their collecting interests and companionship over the years.

12. Adjournment:

President Allan R calls for motion to adjourn. Member Susan E. moves to adjourn. Seconded by Mike C. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned. 19:53



National Defence Photograph

Another view of the Contingent taken from Canada House.

The Canadian Contingent in the Coronation Procession

Canada played an important part in this Coronation. Canadian servicemen and women numbered nearly 800. Units included members of the Canadian Army, the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Navy. There were 30 members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In advance of the Canadian marching Contingent, Lieut. M. Waymouth of Windsor, Ont., carried the Canadian Ensign, flanked by the guards, WO 2 J.C. Coutts of Calgary and Flt.Sgt. G. Hayter of Ottawa.

Glad in their scarlet tunics and carrying rifles at the rest, 30 Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Led by Assistant Commissioner D.L. McGibbon of Saskatoon followed the Colour Guard up Whitehall.



The Canadian Contingent marches past a reviewing stand in the 1953 Coronation procession.