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27th Canadian Military History Colloquium

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2016

8:00-8:50 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

8:50-9:00
Senate & Board Chamber

Opening Remarks
Mark Humphries, LCMSDS Director

9:00-10:00
Senate & Board Chamber

Plenary Address
A Great Crusade? Rhetoric and Recruiting in Montreal after Second Ypres
Terry Copp [LCMSDS Director Emeritus]

10:00-10:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:15-11:45 **Session 1**

Paul Martin Centre

1A | Nursing in the First World War
Chair: Michelle Filice, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University

'Her Mind Is Strong': Diagnosing Nervous Diseases in the Canadian Nursing Sisters, 1914-1918
Nicole Mosley [Queen's University]

'For Whom neither Spouse nor Child shall they Mourn': The Postwar lives of the C.A.M.C Nursing Sisters
Eliza Richardson [Wilfrid Laurier University]

Wartime nurses in the First Word War: a comparative approach in the Allies camp
Emanuele Sica [Royal Military College of Canada]

Senate & Board Chamber

1B | A Legacy of War of War: Multiple Perspectives from Great War Canadian Veterans and their Dependents
Chair: Mark Humphries, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University

"To Make This Soldier's Orphan a Worthy Citizen": Education, Morality, and the Effect of First World War Orphans' Pensions on the Lives of Canadian Children"
Caitlin Mulroney [Wilfrid Laurier University]

'Plus le même homme qu'avant la guerre': French-Canadian Great War Veterans and their Pension Files
Anastasia Pivnicki [Wilfrid Laurier University]

The Battle After the War: Pensioning Aboriginal Great War Veterans
Eric Story [Wilfrid Laurier University]

11:45-12:30 Senate & Board Chamber

LUNCH

12:30-2:00

Session 2

DAWB 2-201 (Dr. Alvin Woods Building)

2A | Workshop: Wargames as a Teaching Tool
Chair: Alec Maavara, University of Waterloo

A Counterfactual Study of Picket's Charge
Michael J Armstrong [Brock University], Steven E Sodergren [Norwich University]

The General Staff Rules: Learning to Fight on the Board and in the Field
Mark Humphries [LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University]

Senate & Board Chamber

2B | Women's War Experience
Chair: Tim Cook, Canadian War Museum

A Demand for Change: Canadian Women and Work during the First World War
Jenna Kirker [Lakehead University]

Looking Back, Planning Ahead: Canadian Women's Services, 1946
Sarah Hogenbirk [Carleton University]

Science, Gender, and the Cold War Canadian State: The Pioneering Career of Moira Dunbar
Matthew Wiseman [LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University]

Paul Martin Centre

2C | Canada and Imperial Policy in the First World War
Chair: Geoffrey Hayes, University of Waterloo

Dyer's Icon: A Canadian-made Mutiny in North Russia
Trevor Ford [LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University]

Riding the Canadian Pacific Railway: How thousands of Chinese made their way to the front lines in WWI Europe
Luc Walhain [St. Thomas University]

	Canada, Empire, and Coming of Age: Questioning the Political Effects of the First World War in the British Empire Preston Arens [University of Waterloo]
2:00 – 2:15	**COFFEE BREAK**
2:15 – 3:15	**Session 3**
Paul Martin Centre	**3A | The Allied Blockade of Imperial Germany** Chair: Roger Sarty, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University
	"An End by Bullets Is Preferable to Death by Starvation": The Allied Strategy of Using Food as a Weapon, 1914-1919 Alyssa Cundy [Independent Scholar]
	Coal: The Unknown Decisive Element of World War I Joseph Zeller [University of New Brunswick]
DAWB 2-201 (Dr. Alvin Woods Building)	**3B | Canada's Place in an Emerging Global Effort** Chair: Kyle Falcon, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University
	"Mind the Gap: The Canadian deployment to Iceland, 1940-41" Steven Bright [Independent Scholar]
	Hong Kong and the Origins of the Alliance. David Macri [St. John's College]
Senate & Board Chamber	**3C | Shell Shock and Mental Health** Chair: Lyndsay Rosenthal, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University

"Obviously there is Something Wrong with this Story": War Neurotic Veterans and the Performance of Psychological Trauma
Heather Ellis [University of Waterloo]

"I only wish I could have died in the trenches": Documenting Suicide in the Canadian Military
Matthew Barrett [Queen's University]

3:15 - 4:45 **Session 4**

Paul Martin Centre

4A | Mind, Body and Soul in the First World War
Chair: Cynthia Comacchio, Wilfrid Laurier University

The Canadian Chaplain Service, War Weariness and the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the First World War
Jordan Chase [Western University]

The Canteen Funds: A 'Square Deal' for Canadian Veterans?
Jonathan Scotland [University of Toronto]

"Most clearly born in upon my mind": Telepathy, Crisis Apparitions, and Mourning during the Great War.
Kyle Falcon [LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University]

DAWB 2-201 (Dr. Alvin Woods Building)

4B | Combat Operations in the ETO
Chair: Trevor Ford, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University

Did the Canadians 'break' in Normandy?
Geoffrey Hayes [University of Waterloo]

Bradley's Decision to Halt Patton on 12-13 August 1944
Doug Hope [Independent Scholar]

"…Let's take the damn place": 4th Canadian Armoured Division and Scheldt Estuary
John King [University of New Brunswick]

4:45 - 6:00 **Food and Drink available at Grad Pub *Veritas***

6:00 - 7:00
Senate & Board Chamber

BOOK LAUNCH & CASH BAR

Book Launch, University of Nebraska Press
Eyeing the Red Storm: Eisenhower and the First Attempt to Build a Spy Satellite by Robert M. Dienesch

Book Launch, UBC Press
Zombie Army: The Canadian Army and Conscription in the Second World War by Daniel Byers

7:00
Senate & Board Chamber

BANQUET & KEYNOTE ROUNDTABLE
Looking Forward, Looking Back with Tim Cook, Terry Copp, Jack Granatstein, and Roger Sarty

SATURDAY, 7 MAY 2016

9:00 - 10:30 **Session 5**

Paul Martin Centre

5A | The Canadian Military in the Postwar World

Chair: Alyssa Cundy, Independent Scholar

Sydney's Harbour Defences, Then and Now
Jeff Noakes [Canadian War Museum]

The Minister and the General: Re-examining Brooke Claxton and Guy G. Simonds's role in the development of bilingualism in the Canadian Army
Julien Labrosse [Independent Scholar]

Drowned at Sea: Canada's Ammunition Dumping Program, 1944-1948
Alex Souchen [LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University]

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5B | Soldiering in the First World War
Chair: William Stewart, Independent Scholar

Black Canadians in the CEF, 1918
Mathias Joost [Directorate of History and Heritage]

"A Credit to Canada": Masculinity, Sport, and the First World War
Sara Karn [Nipissing University]

Soldiers and the Secret Plague in Toronto's Military Base Hospital
Kandace Bogaert [LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University]

10:30-10:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:45-12:15 **Session 6**

Senate & Board Chamber

6A | Conscription in two World Wars
Chair: Jeff Noakes, Canadian War Museum

"The decision…was the toughest one of my public life": J.L. Ralston and the Conscription Crisis of October-November 1944
Daniel Byers [Laurentian University]

At Home and at the Front? Canadian Conscripts from the Western Ontario Regiment in 1918
Brad St. Croix [University of Ottawa]

"The Hardest Trial You Can Imagine": Regional Discrepancies in the Administration of Canada's Military Service Act, 1917-1918
Donald Eberle [Northwest State Community College / Defiance College]

DAWB 2-201 (Dr. Alvin Woods Building)

6B | Operation BOXTOP
Chair: Matthew Wiseman, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University

Operation BOXTOP and RCAF Doctrine
Richard Goette [Canadian Forces College]

Finding Efficiencies in Operation BOXTOP
Maj. Scott Marshall [Canadian Forces College]

This is no 'Milk Run': Operation BOXTOP, 1956-2015
Daniel Heidt [Canadian Forces College]

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6C | Combat Operations in the First World War
Chair: Eric McGeer, University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies

When the Learning Curve Falls: The Ordeal of the 44th Battalion, 25 October 1916
William Stewart [Independent Scholar]

Canada's First Famous Ace: Eddie McKay, 24 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, and the Battle of the Somme
Graham Broad [King's University College (Western University)]

Mixed Signals to Victory: The Inconsistent Progression of Communications in the Canadian Corps during the Hundred Days Offensive.
Mark Froment [University of New Brunswick]

12:15 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 3:00 **Session 7**

Senate & Board Chamber

7A | **Materiel and Procurement**
Chair: Alex Souchen, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University

"This seems like pie in the sky and most unlikely": The Origins of the Armoured Vehicle Industry in London, Ontario in the 1970s
Frank Maas [Fanshawe College]

Fiscal Failure and Naval Decline: The Plight of the Royal Canadian Navy
Ernie Epp [Lakehead University]

"Never short of tanks!!": The Canadian Army's system for the recovery, repair and replacement of A and B vehicles and major weapons systems in North West Europe 1944-1945
Arthur Gullachsen [Western University]

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7B | **Perspectives on 20th Century Canadian Military Leadership**
Chair: Kandace Bogaert, LCMSDS, Wilfrid Laurier University

'Very reluctant to become a charge on the country': Canadian Officers and their Return to Civil Life
Brittany Dunn [Wilfrid Laurier University]

The Military Education of a Mac-Pap: Edward Cecil-Smith Before, During, and After the Spanish Civil War
Tyler Wentzell

"Our strength rests on confidence and understanding" Officer training at the University of Toronto, 1942-43
Eric McGeer [University of Toronto]

3:15 – 3:45
Senate & Board Chamber

Closing Remarks

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