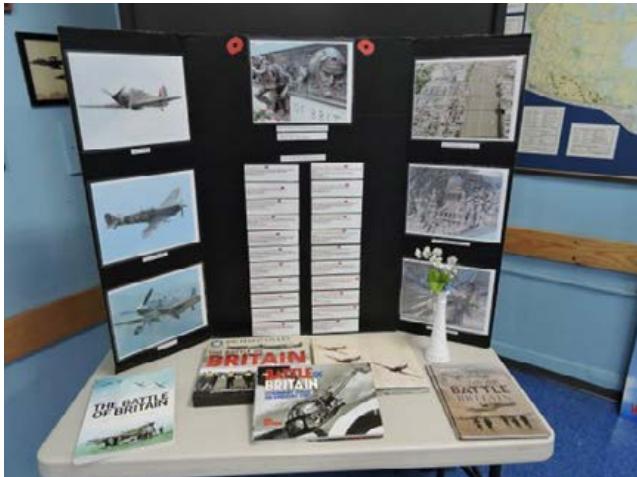


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## Wing Going Forward with Many Plans and Projects

THE TIME FROM SPRING TO FALL THIS YEAR has been particularly busy. After hosting the hospitality room at the 2015 Ontario Group Annual General Meeting we began preparations for holding the 2016 OGAGM in London. To promote this event, some Wing members attended four regional meetings held in Renfrew, Hamilton, Trenton and Sarnia to give a progress report, answer questions, and encourage the Ontario Wings to attend. We also began a number of upgrades to our 75 year old wing building, including improving the washrooms to handicap standards. We recently gained an additional 2000 square feet of space for the Wing when the Navy Club closed down and we are now beginning to refurbish that space for leasing or rentals. We have added more display cabinets as we continue to slowly enlarge our aviation museum. In the near future the museum will display exhibits of one of our former members, Andy Gilpin, who was a member of the team that won the gold medal at the 1948 Winter Olympics. Also in October the Wing was the recipient of more than 100 maple trees, planted in the grassy area behind the building. This will serve as a model display for a community project which will plant similar trees at the Vimy Ridge Commemorative Site in France in 2017. We will later adapt our site for our own particular events such as the Battle of Britain or Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Our membership is remaining more or less steady around 150 members, but time is taking its toll. About 25% of our membership is under 60 years of age, 55% are from 60 to 90, and 20% are over 90 years old. We are engaging more in the community to try to gain new and younger members. To that end we joined the Argyle Business Improvement Association, participate in Doors Open London every year, rent the wing to younger groups for dances and other social events, maintain strong contact with our eight Air Cadet squadrons in and around the city, attend the monthly Garrison Community Council meetings, regularly advertise wing events in many media outlets, keep in touch with other aviation minded groups, and regularly update our website and use other social sites such as Facebook. We also gained some celebrity recognition by inviting RCAF Honorary Colonel Loreena McKennitt to our Battle of Britain Dinner and can now boast of her as our newest Honorary Member. Through our association with the community group PILLAR, we interviewed two recent immigrants who agreed to spend some volunteer time with us. We have prepared a list of speakers who have agreed to attend and speak at some of our Friday lunches.

As is the case with many wings, finances are a constant concern. We raise money through our regular Friday lunches, by memberships, by rentals, by donations, by holding social events such as dances, by selling books, by bar and food sales, sale of memorial stones, 50/50 tickets, golf tournaments and BBQs, twice-yearly yard sales, and sales of regalia both at the wing and by going to other public events such as airshows or civic celebrations. New volunteers are always welcome and very appreciated.



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Other notable happenings at the wing include one member being presented with the Legion of Honour from France; former members of the Windsor wing continuing their membership and travelling to London meetings; and the donation of a radio-controlled and flyable Sopwith model aircraft. It's a great time to be a Wing member – we'll see you there!

**-Rene McKinnon**  
**President**



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## Notes from the Secretary

TODAY IS OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>. Two significant events are occurring this afternoon. (1) The planting ceremony outback of 102 trees in commemoration of the Canadians who fought for Canada with many losing their lives during the battle of Vimy Ridge in World War 1.

Under the leadership of Barry Sandler and Paul Gagnon, guides and scouts are finishing the planting of trees. The Wing Historian, David Smith, has prepared displays for the many expected visitors and dignitaries to view. (2) The other event is at Western University with Western hosting Ottawa in the annual classic football game. Terry Rushton purchased a block of tickets and is selling them and regalia all to benefit the Wing.

The Wing needs new members, volunteers and renewed marketing and fundraising using a new approach. We need to reach out to the wider and diverse community. This is new for the Wing. It means stepping well out of the traditional box. We need to do it for 427 (London) Wing to survive. To this end, two new volunteers from Pillar will help the board with ways and means to achieve these and other needs.

Barry Sandler told me this morning that he finds the Wing very friendly with good leadership. He has visited many times prior to today's celebration. He said that other service clubs fail to make visitors feel as welcome as our Wing does.

Christmas is still about 10 weeks away as I finish this article on October 17<sup>th</sup>. I wish you and yours the very best of the season.

-Chuck Hardy  
Secretary

## Fund Raising/Kitshop

MEMBERS MAY NOT BE AWARE, but we offer many items at a much more favourable price than elsewhere. Check out our supplies when thinking of the veteran or aviation nut in the family for Chrismas! Note that for any items such as golf shirts, vests, jackets or hats with the RCAF crest on them, for a small fee we can add "427 Wing London" in gold or silver embroidery.

Speaking of gift ideas: Mark this date: Friday, March 18th, at 7:30. We have seats available in the London Community Suite, in return for a donation to the Wing. If you would like any, please contact our Wing executive or Terry Rushton at [519-472-0268](tel:519-472-0268) or [trushton@ody.ca](mailto:trushton@ody.ca).

This year we were included in the Mustangs Charity Football Game, which allowed us to have an information booth inside the main gate. Tickets for members and friends were available at a favourable price, which also included a program, a noise-maker and a Mustangs T-shirt. The only problem was the weather!

-Terry Rushton  
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## Per Ardua

LAST SEPTEMBER THE WING HELD ITS ANNUAL BATTLE OF BRITAIN DINNER, giving us time and opportunity to remember the struggle of the British people against merciless killing and destruction, both in the air and on the ground, and particularly in their capital, London. Their perseverance and determination to succeed eventually brought them victory.

Another more personal story of perseverance in the face of tragedy and despair began nearly 200 years ago with the birth of a son to Ivan and Mariya Mendeleev, near the town of Tobolsk in Siberia. Tobolsk is located about 500 miles east of the Ural mountains in Russia, an area of the world well known for its remote location and hostile living conditions. The baby was named Dimitri and he was the youngest of a family of 14 children. His parents were considered reasonably well-off, relative to their neighbors, because Ivan Mendeleev was the headmaster of the local school and Mariya Mendeleev's family had built a small glass and paper-making factory in a nearby town. Mariya loved her newest child. A woman of strong character, she began to put money aside in her determination that he would have the best education possible. Then tragedy struck.

Ivan Mendeleev lost his sight and his position as headmaster. He died shortly thereafter, dropping the family into poverty. Through her family connections, Mariya was able to move her family about 20 miles to the town of Aremziansk, where she took over the management of the glass factory. At the same time she pushed Dimitri to improve his grades in science, mathematics and physics in hope of winning a scholarship to university. All seemed well as Dimitri grew into his teens and the older children left home, leaving a sister and mother behind. Then new misfortune occurred when the factory caught fire and burned to the ground. The only money available to rebuild it was the savings for Dimitri's education. Instead, Mariya decided to pack up again and move to Moscow, nearly 1500 miles away, so Dimitri could attend university there. On their arrival in the mid-1800's, Moscow was a city of great political unrest. The university refused Dimitri entrance on the grounds he was a Siberian. Another setback.

By contacting a friend of her late husband, Mariya was able to secure a position for Dimitri as a student/tutor at the University of St. Petersburg, 400 miles from Moscow. The family moved again to find a new home in St. Petersburg. Undoubtedly weakened by the stress of their situation and their travels, both Mariya and her daughter succumbed to tuberculosis and died a few months after their arrival. For many people this latest disaster would have been devastating, but although deeply saddened by the loss of his mother and sister, Dimitri continued his studies. Following his graduation, he also contracted tuberculosis but recovered and in 1864 was named a professor at the St. Petersburg State University. Within seven years he transformed St. Petersburg into an internationally recognized centre for chemistry research and was honoured by scientific organizations all over the world. In 1906 he was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his formulation of the periodic table of elements.

Dimitri Ivanovich Mendeleev died of influenza in 1907 at the age of 72. The crater Mendeleev on the moon, as well as element 101, the radioactive mendelevium, are named after him. As Winston Churchill urged the British people during the Battle of Britain, "If you are going through hell, keep going." Mariya Mendeleev would agree with that.

-Reg Lownie  
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## And the Moral is...

WHEN THINGS IN YOUR LIFE SEEM ALMOST TOO MUCH TO HANDLE, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him.

When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full.

They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full...

The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand.

The students laughed..

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.'

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else---the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.'

The same goes for life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents.

Take your spouse out to dinner.

Play another 18.

There will always be time to clean the house and mow the lawn.

Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter.

Set your priorities.

The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented.

The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.'

The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend.



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## Thomas John Hawkins

WHENEVER WE LOSE SOMEONE TO THE GRIM REAPER, there is left a profound sadness in the lives of those in which that person played an important role. Tom was just such a person where members of the 427 Wing, members of the Recreational Aircraft Association (which includes this writer) and of course his family are concerned. Every Friday morning, Tom was usually one of the first to arrive at the Wing for lunch. He always managed to get the preferred parking spot close to the front walkway. We all knew his car with its distinctive license plate: NO 13 EFTS beside the veteran's poppy. Inside, Tom would always sit at the same table with his buddies: Marion and Ray Bennell, Ed Dalgity, Jack Pettit, Bruce Tapp and Len with his wife, Isla Fallowfield. Tom was an affable, easy-to-like kind of guy, with an infectious, droll sense of humour and was always a gentleman. One Friday earlier this year, Tom didn't show at the regular lunchtime. No one at his table knew why he was absent, and several weeks passed without Tom's presence. We all finally heard of his passing on June 28th, while he was with family in Cambridge. Tom was a very private person and I learned some time later that his wishes, as his health began to decline, were to leave most of us out of the loop. He just wanted to be with family.

My first involvement with Tom came about back in the '80s. My older brother told me of one of his former flying instructors while he was learning to fly at St. Eugene, Ontario (NO. 13 EFTS). He said Tom had recently retired from the CNR where he spent many post-war years as a purchasing agent. All he needed was a bit of a shove to infect him with the aviation bug again. I invited him to be my passenger back in '88, then many flight thereafter. When I got my own amateur-built Jodel D-11 in the air, Tom helped me perform the gross weight climb test. From then on he never refused an invite to fly out to some event or to simply stooge around polluting the air. I always felt safe while he was on board, knowing that his superior judgement would prevail if needed. Soon after he retired, he plunged straight back into flying, soon instructing on ultra-light aircraft and buying one himself. And soon he joined the London Flying Club checking out in Cessnas and Pipers. He was also a regular member of the London/St. Thomas Chapter of the Recreation Aircraft Association.

During the years from 1941 to '46, he contributed 3,000 flying hours with the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan which came into being under Prime Minister Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King. After soloing in a Tiger Moth at Malton base on December 7th 1941, it seemed that nothing would stop him. In those six years of war, Tom made a tremendous contribution to keeping us all free, by training dozens of young fliers at some 13 different air bases in Ontario and the prairies. Starting with Tiger Moths, he instructed on seven different aircraft types, single and double engine planes: Fleet Finch, Cornell (Fairchild M-62), Harvard, Avro Anson, Air Speed Oxford and Cessna Crane T-50. And gleaning through Tom's 4 log books loaned to me by his family, one gets a profile of his service years. In the 'comment' columns, it was obvious that there were plenty of scary moments: one such entry being one word... 'crashed!' I would love to know the details.

Tom would have turned 93 on August 26th this summer (born in 1922), but he died on June 28th. He was part of the very fabric of RCAFA 427 Wing. I learned from Flo Douglas, Wing Manager, that he would quietly donate quantities of grocery supplied to the Wing, stuff that he bought when it was on a good sale. Tom lost his wife, Audreene, a few years ago, then one of his two daughters, so he had his sad times. He and I had many good chats over a cup of tea in his home on King St. East. He was a lover of poetry and good jazz, always had a stock answer when asked how he was: "Can't complain" he'd say. He was an accomplished cook and gave me a great recipe called 'Grandma's Fruit Chutney'. When we flew and I would ask him if he wanted to take control, he'd say "No, I'll just sit here, fat, dumb and happy!" He was neither fat nor dumb, but always seemed happy. I miss him terribly as I'm sure many of you do.



-Jack Schenk



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## Two Londoner's Who Fought and Died at the Battle of Vimy Ridge

THE RECENT TREE PLANTING OF ONE HUNDRED TREES at the north end of the 427 Wing honouring the one hundred thousand Canadians who fought and died at the Battle of Vimy Ridge April 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 1917 brought to mind a personal story of two Londoners who sacrificed their lives on the first day of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Their names were Christian Adolph Jensen and Wilfred Neely. These men likely knew one another as they grew up in the Dundas and Hale area in the early 1900's. Christian Adolph Jensen's name is recorded on the Honour Roll at St. George's Presbyterian Church just east of Hale on Dundas and Wilfred Neely's name is on a stain glass window at Trinity Unity Church on Hale Street. They are buried in Nine Elms Cemetery a few kilometres from the Vimy battle site.

Both men fought with the 15th battalion 48th Highlanders out of Toronto. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Toronto is the home church of the 48th Highlanders. A museum in the basement of the church honours the history of the regiment. Their most treasured item is a Vimy Ridge Cross with the names of soldiers from the 15th battalion who lost their lives at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Two of the names on the cross are those of Christian Adolph Jensen and Wilfred Neely. The museum has the complete set of medals for both men and they will be displayed by the cross for the centenary of The Battle of Vimy Ridge in 2017.

The museum is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.



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# The Battle of Passchendaele

## Introduction

Canadians have made many impressive accomplishments fighting in the cause of peace and freedom. A name from Canada's First World War military heritage that still stirs emotions is "Passchendaele." In a muddy corner of Belgium, Canadians overcame almost unimaginable hardships to capture this ruined village in 1917.

## Canada and the First World War

When Britain went to war in Europe in August 1914, Canada—as a member of the British Empire—was automatically at war as well. On the "Western Front," the First World War soon turned into a stalemate of trench fighting, with a 1,000 km system of trenches stretching across Belgium and France from the English Channel to the border of Switzerland. On one side were the forces of France and Britain (along with other allies such as Canada) and on the other were the Germans. From their opposing trenches they faced one another across a deadly "No Man's Land" of barbed wire, exploding artillery shells and machine-gun fire.

In the fall of 1917, Canada's army—after their great success at Vimy Ridge that April—was sent north to Belgium. It would be familiar ground for the Canadians who had seen harsh fighting there earlier in the war.

## Ypres

The Ypres area of Belgium, where Passchendaele is located, was the scene of several First World War battles. It was

the last portion of Belgium that was not in enemy hands after the initial German advance of 1914 and, as a result, held great symbolic meaning to the Allies.

Ypres was a very difficult place to fight. It was a region largely made up of flat, low land that was kept dry only with a series of dykes and drainage ditches. Three years of heavy fighting had destroyed the drainage systems. The ground, churned up by millions of artillery shells, turned to sticky mud when wet. In 1917, the autumn rains came early and turned the battlefield into a sea of mud, the likes of which still make the name Passchendaele a synonym of horrific fighting conditions.

## The Opening of the Battle

The Third Battle of Ypres was undertaken by the British primarily to take the pressure off the French forces to the south.

The British commander, Sir Douglas Haig, launched a drive in Belgium to seize strategic German railways in the occupied country and capture the German submarine bases along the coast.

The main attack began at the end

of July. British, as well as Australian and New Zealand (ANZAC) forces, launched an offensive with a heavy artillery barrage. Heavy rains came down the very night the attack began. Shell holes quickly filled with water and turned into filthy ponds, all too often containing the remains of soldiers. A heavy toll was taken on the attackers as they had to struggle through thick mud with little cover while machine-gunned in German pill boxes (reinforced concrete machine gun positions) tore them to pieces. Despite these conditions, they slowly gained much of the higher ground as the summer turned into fall. The main targets of the Allied offensive, however, remained out of reach.

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Canadian Pioneers laying trench mats over mud.

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## The Canadians at Passchendaele

Early in October, the Canadians were sent to relieve the battered ANZAC forces and take part in the push to capture Passchendaele. Canadian commander Lieutenant-General Arthur Currie inspected the battlefield and was shocked at the conditions. He tried to avoid having his men fight there but was overruled. As at Vimy, the four divisions of the Canadian Corps would see action. However, the mud, flat terrain, and relative lack of preparation time and artillery support would make Passchendaele a far different battlefield than the one the Canadians encountered at Vimy Ridge.

Currie took the time to carefully prepare as much as possible and on October 26, the Canadian offensive began. Success was made possible due to acts of great individual heroism to get past spots of heavy enemy resistance. Advancing through the mud and enemy fire was slow and there were heavy losses. Despite the adversity, the Canadians reached the outskirts of Passchendaele by the end of a second attack on October 30 during a driving rainstorm.

On November 6, the Canadians and British launched the assault to capture the ruined village of Passchendaele itself. In heavy fighting, the attack went according to plan. The task of actually capturing the “infamous” village fell to the “City of Winnipeg” 27th Battalion and they took it that day. After weathering fierce enemy counterattacks, the last phase of the battle saw the Canadians attack on November 10 and

clear the Germans from the eastern edge of Passchendaele Ridge. Canadian soldiers succeeded in the face of almost unbelievable challenges.

### Heroism

Fighting at Passchendaele took great bravery. Nine Canadians earned the Victoria Cross (the highest award for military valour a Canadian can earn) in the battle: Private Tommy Holmes, Captain Christopher O’Kelly, Sergeant George Mullin, Major George Pearkes, Private James Peter Robertson, Corporal Colin Barron, Private Cecil Kinross, Lieutenant Hugh McKenzie and Lieutenant Robert Shankland. Two of these men, MacKenzie and Robertson, did not survive the battle to receive their medals

The efforts of all these men were remarkable, but it has been said that the Battle of Passchendaele could not have been won if it were not for the heroic actions of Major Pearkes of the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. Despite a leg wound, he led a few dozen of his men through heavy enemy fire across open ground to capture a strategically located farm. They then fought off numerous counter-attacks for more than a day, preventing the Germans from destroying the main advancing Canadian force from the side.

### Legacy

More than 4,000 Canadians died in the Battle of Passchendaele and almost



Canadian Pioneers carrying trench mats with wounded and prisoners in background. Battle of Passchendaele, 1917. (Photo: Library and Archives Canada/PA-002084)

12,000 were wounded. Canada’s success there added to our nation’s reputation as the best offensive fighting force on the Western Front. This status meant that our military would be at the forefront of the advance that eventually won the war for the Allies a year later.

The soldiers who participated in this battle were among the more than 650,000 Canadians who served in uniform during the First World War. The sacrifices and achievements of those who gave so much in the effort to restore peace and freedom are not forgotten.

### Canada Remembers Program

The Canada Remembers Program of Veterans Affairs Canada encourages all Canadians to learn about the sacrifices and achievements made by those who have served—and continue to serve—during times of war and peace. As well, it invites Canadians to become involved in remembrance activities that will help preserve their legacy for future generations.

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## 427 WING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <b>Cards RAA</b>	5	6 <b>Lunch</b>	7 <b>LVRC (11 AM)</b>
8 <b>REM DAY EVENTS</b>	9	10 <b>MAC (7:30 PM)</b>	11 <b>REM DAY BCC</b>	12 <b>WT</b>	13 <b>Lunch WEC</b>	14 <b>MAC (10 AM)</b>
15	16	17	18 <b>Cards</b>	19 <b>RC</b>	20 <b>Lunch PV</b>	21 <b>JS</b>
22	23	24 <b>FO</b>	25 <b>Cards</b>	26	27 <b>XMAS Lunch WD, GM</b>	28 <b>XMAS Party Dance</b>
29	30					

DECEMBER 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>RAA</b>	2 <b>Cards</b>	3	4 <b>Lunch</b>	5 <b>DH</b>
6	7	8 <b>RC MAC</b>	9 <b>Cards BCC</b>	10 <b>WT</b>	11 <b>Lunch WEC</b>	12
13	14	15	16 <b>Cards</b>	17	18 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS</b>	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>CLOSED XMAS DAY</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Years Dance</b>	Jan 1 - Leve	Jan 8 - 1st Lunch

### LEGEND

**BCC** British Car Club, meeting at 7:30 pm

**DH** Don Hatch, 5:00pm

**FO** Fanshawe Optimist's Club, meeting at 7:30pm

**GM** General Meeting at 1pm

**JS** Jeanne Sharpe's 90th Birthday

**LVRC** London Vintage Radio Club meeting at 11:00am

**MAC** Model Aircraft Club meeting

**PV** Parkwood Vets visiting for Lunch

**RAA** Recreational Aircraft Association, meeting at 7:30pm

**RC** Retired Commissionaires

**WD** The Women's Division join us the 4th Friday of each month for lunch

**WEC** Wing Executive Council, 9:30am

**WT** Wood Turners, meeting at 7:30pm



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