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## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' 2005 BATTLE STUDY TOUR

## LES ÉTUDIANTS UNIVERSITAIRES VOYAGE D'ÉTUDE DES CHAMPS DE BATAILLE 2005

**WALKING IN WARRIOR FOOTSTEPS  
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# Walking in Warrior Footsteps

**T**welve excellent applicants from Canadian universities were selected for the 2005 Canadian Battlefields Foundation two-week battle study in Europe last June: three from western universities (U of Alberta, UBC Okanagan and U Vic); two easterners, and seven from Ontario. Under the leadership of Dr. Marc Milner of the University of New Brunswick, this gifted group toured Vimy Ridge, Beaumont Hamel, Dieppe, and the battlefields of the Normandy and Scheldt Campaigns of France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

## Day One: Vimy Ridge

**Chris Pollock, M.Sc.**, University of Toronto, 3rd Year Medicine, U. of Ottawa.

"I had pictured Vimy as an imposing, mountainous landscape. In contrast, the ridge was a gentle hill, with a beautiful view of the valley to the east. At the time of the attack by the Canadian Corps, this area must have been a muddy mess, littered with munitions, craters, and corpses. Time has healed the landscape, and most of the people involved in the Battle for Vimy Ridge have passed away, so it is vitally important for Canadians to remember the sacrifice made by their compatriots.



**Chris**

At the end of our first exhausting day, we visited the French cemetery at Notre Dame de Lorette. This was the first war cemetery I had ever seen, and I was not prepared for the scale of seeing white crosses that seemed to stretch forever in all directions. This cemetery contained approximately 60,000 bodies. And these were the bodies of young, healthy men."

## Days 2-3: Dieppe

**Ken Cenerelli**, 3rd year Bhist. University of Waterloo. "Walking the Dieppe beaches you can develop a real sense of the raid's history. The first thing that struck me was how imposing the east and west headlands were. From the top, seeing the scale of the rock face where the Germans were firing down from their bunkers, gave me a better idea of what the Canadians troops had been up against. Then there was the sheer length of the beach from Pourville to Puits.



*"We walked Dieppe as a group and many of us had trouble keeping our footing on the loose-shale beach. We tried to imagine running up this beach with full gear while being fired upon. It was unfathomable for many. I have never felt more proud to be a Canadian than to be on that beach, walking by so many monuments that were placed for Canadians who volunteered to free France from Germany's tyranny and who died doing so. These men were proud Canadians and I was honoured to share the beach with them for one day."*

## Days 4-8: Normandy

Now centrally based in Caen, the students piled into the CBF vans early each morning and swept out over the extensive battle sites that challenged the Canadians from June 6, 1944, D-Day, until the Germans were driven out of France on August 19.

**Katie Bunting**, University of Ottawa BHist student, had been assigned the task of researching the Battle of Verrières Ridge. She presented an account to her colleagues as they stood on the battle site. Coming so soon after walking the Dieppe beaches, she found an eerie echo.

"On the 25th of July, 1944, the men of the Black Watch Regiment of Canada were virtually wiped out as they attempted to climb the ridge's western slope. As they advanced through the



*"I gained an understanding of the battle that I never could have achieved while reading textbooks at home. The landscape brings Canada's contributions in the war alive for a generation that has never experienced such tragedy."*

fields towards the slope, they were hit with continuous mortar fire and with concentrated tank, artillery and machine gun fire at point blank range from the top of the ridge. Converging fire came from enemy weapons concealed in the wheat fields. The Germans were camouflaged in slit trenches on the front slope while enemy tanks and guns were also concealed in haystacks. The Canadians had no chance to dig in; any movement would attract enemy fire. Many were killed before they even reached the start line. Only Dieppe surpasses Verrières Ridge with a greater number of casualties in a single day."

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## Walking in Warrior Footsteps (cont'd)

The students' visit to Pegasus Bridge was particularly fascinating to *Shannon Pettit*, a UBC Okanagan Honours Ed student, and a recreational skydiver.

"On June 6, 1944, incredibly brave men lost their lives while taking great risk; their heroic actions are not forgotten. As a parachutist I have spent a great many hours flying in assorted aircraft; yet the thought of flying in a Horsa Glider is unimaginable. The silent time waiting for landing must have felt immeasurable. The courage of the paratroopers overwhelms me. I am sure their equipment was of the highest standard, yet looking at it with knowledge of today's technology is frightening.



*Shannon*

I cannot begin to imagine what strength of character it took to step into the air so low to the ground, weighed down with heavy supplies, praying that a small parachute that cannot be steered would land you safely in the face of the enemy. And in the dark!

The museum at Pegasus Bridge has so much to see and is well designed to capture the imagination of all visitors no matter their age. I felt as though I could have spent an entire day reading all the photo details and closely examining the displays. I was impressed with the schoolteacher information package given to assist teachers to prompt thoughtful questions and reflection for student visitors. As a future teacher these questions will inspire research projects for my students."

*Dave Borys*, University of Alberta history student, had an interesting take on the beach battlefields.

"One thing which remains with me now is the ominous sound of the ocean surf rolling onto the shore. After visiting Dieppe, Juno, and Omaha beaches I will forever hear that sound and think of how such places of leisure were transformed into graveyards for so many young men. Along that same line, what struck me is how a place like Dieppe, and so many other battlefields, has returned to its former role as a leisure spot. I further thought that of all the ways to honour those who fell here one of the best methods is to make these very places the exact opposite of what they were. Even though these places were once



*Dave*

hellish fields of conflict, they have assumed the role of places where families and friends, young and old can come to relax, spend time together and enjoy life. It is through this transformation that we honour the fallen, by remembering their deeds and turning their fields of death into places to celebrate life.

My overriding emotion was pride: pride in the significance of the victories achieved by the Canadians and pride in the fact that so many people sacrificed so much for the liberation of a country an entire ocean away. That is something remarkable, especially knowing that these were young men my age, the majority of whom had never been to France before, yet were willing to lay down their lives for the freedom of these people."

The Canadian Battlefields Foundation is noted in France for the three distinct ceremonies it holds on June 7th in the Caen area to honour Canada's contribution to the liberation of Normandy. This year, MGen Clive Addy conducted the services. A moving ceremony in the Canadian Memorial Garden, established by the Foundation in 1995 at Caen's Le Mémorial Museum of Peace, is followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Place de l'Ancienne Boucherie, marking the site where local citizens of Caen first met their Canadian liberators.

*Vanessa McMackin*, UNB Honours Graduate student, had a strange encounter there. "The ceremony was nearly finished as we prepared to sing the anthems of both countries. Directly across was a tall, white-haired French woman. When we went over afterwards she immediately began to tell us the story of her cousin, Jaqueline, who worked in a boulangerie when the Canadian troops came through. There was one soldier, with a rather large mustache, who went to the boulangerie. When he saw Jaqueline he fell in love with her and asked her out. She politely informed him that she did not see men with mustaches. So, he left only to return the next day sans mustache to ask once again. She accepted and within three days they fell madly in love. He asked her father's permission to marry her, her father agreed, she agreed and he left for Holland with his regiment. While in Holland he had his legs blown off. He wrote to tell her that she no longer had to marry him because he was a broken man. She wrote back that she wanted him whether or not he was in pieces or if he were whole. She moved to Canada, they were married for over fifty years and he passed away last year. Meeting random people like this with such incredible stories was the best part of the tour."



*Vanessa*

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# Walking in Warrior Footsteps (cont'd)

The final ceremony of the day deeply impressed *Emilie Plows*, University of Ottawa Honours History student.



*Emilie*

"We had visited the Abbaye d'Ardennes where Mr. Vico, a former resident of the Abbaye during the war and a member of the French resistance, told us a story of the site. His family members were involved in resistance activities and his father was captured and imprisoned. When the Canadians invaded Normandy in 1944, the Germans took over the Abbaye and used it as an observation point. The Hitler Youth occupied the place and captured eighteen Canadian soldiers and held them as prisoners of war. Mr. Vico told us the soldiers were asked for information but they refused to say anything more than their name, rank, and serial number. The

story goes that the Canadians soldiers shook hands amongst themselves before the SS executed each one of them. Mr. Vico's mother and sister discovered their bodies some time later. In the back garden of the Abbaye, the men were buried in a circular patch of grass."

At the Abbaye d'Ardennes ceremony, *Major General Addy*, CBF President, read out the names of the Canadian soldiers murdered there. Emilie wrote:

"The students that were not laying a wreath at this ceremony were each given two maple leaves. And as each soldier's name was called out, we took turns laying a leaf on the memorial. I found this place very difficult to take in, seeing their smiling faces on the wall and thinking of how they were so brutally murdered."

## Days 9-11: The Battle of the Scheldt

Leaving Normandy, the students followed First Canadian Army's actual route of attack in 1944, traveling to Boulogne and then east to Bruges, a vantage place from which to examine the sites of the Canadian struggle to liberate Antwerp and the vital shipping lanes of the Scheldt River.

*"This trip has without a doubt influenced my future more than I could have ever imagined. The participants, the places, the events, the soldiers and their stories and sacrifices we learned about have not become blurred in the months since we have returned. Rather, it has made me want to learn more about what I saw while at the same time inspired me to further a career in military history so that someday I can share similar ideas and interests either in a classroom setting or through another medium."* Kevin

*Dave Gall*, University of Waterloo Honours History graduate, noted:

"The stillness of the water of Belgium's Leopold Canal is deceiving. The tranquility of the glassy surface betrays its history. One would never have guessed this to be the place of some of the most intense and ferocious combat to take place in the Second World War. In the early morning hours of 6 October 1944, 7th Brigade commenced their attack using WASP flame-throwers to stun the Germans long enough to ferry the troops across the canal. For roughly five minutes, the morning's serenity was ruptured as liquid flame rained down upon the German trenches in what could only have



*Dave*

resembled hell on earth. Seizing the brief opportunity, the soldiers piled into boats manned by the North Shore Regiment, and were taken across the canal, where they would embark on some of the rawest fighting to be encountered during the war. For days they clung to banks of the Leopold and the immediate area just inland, refusing to give up any ground they had fought so hard to gain. Many soldiers lost their lives in this attack.

Treading the same land that the Canadians visited a lifetime ago under completely different circumstances, and knowing how selflessly those soldiers offered their lives for a cause greater than themselves, I could not help but feel my heart well up with pride in my fellow countrymen. I found myself wondering if I could ever find it in myself to do what they did, if I was asked to offer the greatest sacrifice."

*Kevin Norris*, PhD history student at UNB viewed the Scheldt landscape with a degree of nervousness.

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"Before boarding the planes for Europe, each student was required to prepare two briefings.





# Walking in Warrior Footsteps (cont'd)

They would present these to the group while in France, Belgium or Holland. I chose, as my operational level briefing, the bombing of Walcheren Island, since for the last few years I have been researching allied strategic bombing at the University of New Brunswick. Overall, the work involved in preparing these presentations not only educated the participant but also added a personal touch to the trip. After spending countless hours reading the secondary material and in many cases the primary research on their subject, participants inevitably created a picture of what they believed happened. We were the specialists.

Arriving at the briefing locations was always a special and memorable event. You could tell who was presenting because they would either be sitting there staring at the battleground, in awe, taking it all in, while running everything they studied in their head, or they would be pacing around trying to get their bearings on the ground while realizing the conditions the soldiers had to face. For each individual his or her presentation spot was personal and special. For me, being able to “walk the ground” was one of the most rewarding and interesting parts of the trip. After reading the books and examining the primary documents, actually being there, on the battleground, was far better than any other source available. It was incredible! **Kevin**

The battlefield tour had personal relevance for **Amy Whithorne**, who graduated from Queen's this year with an Honours BA in History and English Literature.

“While I was growing up, my grandparents (Oma and Opa) often told me about living in Holland under German Occupation,



**Amy**

about how difficult it had been to find food during the final years of the war, how outraged my Opa was when a German soldier stole his potatoes and how thankful they were for the Allied food drops. They also spoke about their first impressions of their Canadian Liberators, of being overjoyed upon their arrival.

My experiences on the Canadian Battlefields Foundation's Study Tour allowed me to not only understand what European civilians (like my grandparents) endured, but how grateful they still are for the end of the war. I have also been able to better understand the contributions, hardships and sacrifices made by the country that my grandparents now call home. The tour made the war – sacrifices and all – more real, more meaningful and more personal.”

## Day 12: Ypres

The tour wound up, fittingly, at Ypres. **Tim Balzer**, completing his Ph.D. in History at the University of Victoria, wrote: “We had our briefing on Passchendaele, appropriately enough in front of a small brown pool of water beside the road. In my minds eye I

tried to picture the landscape in 1917, a sea of mud, with movement only possible on duckboard roads. To fall off, especially when wounded, could lead to drowning in the mud. There were more bodies missing than found in this quagmire.

The Ypres and Passchendaele battlefields bring home to me more starkly than any other site the terrible price of war. The memorial at St. Julien, where the Canadians stemmed the German advance after the first gas attack, is a huge white pillar with a Canadian soldier carved at the top in the “mourning” position used by the honour guard at Remembrance Day Memorials. It evokes the feeling of heavy sadness at the terrible losses of the First World War.”



**Tim**

**Karine Bellerose Caldwell** is in Canadian political and military history in the Masters History program at the University of Ottawa, and will undertake her PhD there in the same field in 2006. She summed up the study group's feelings this way:

“The 2005 Canadian battlefields tour was an unforgettable experience, on an academic level but also on a human level. Reading books or articles on what happened during a particular battle cannot be compared to being physically on the ground where that battle took place. Standing on the battlefields where so many lost their lives gave me a powerful and humble experience. Seeing for myself the numerous battlefields on the tour actually changed my perception and my comprehension of the two World Wars. This new comprehension of human tragedies and accomplishments by our Canadian soldiers will be extremely useful for my future career, as an historian and professor. With the presentations done by everyone on the tour, especially the presentations of soldiers killed in action, I will be able to

give my future students a more personal approach to the two conflicts. By associating personal stories to the front, the students might find it easier to understand the sacrifices made by whole generations, and their interest in them will increase. The two weeks I spent walking the battlefields will become, I hope, a very valuable academic tool.”



**Karine Bellerose Caldwell**

# Creating a Battle Tour ...

Even before the Air France plane takes off, with its complement of twelve slightly nervous university students from across Canada --- long before, when the snow is still on the ground --- three men meet in Ottawa to select the best of Canada for the 2005 Battle Study Tour of Europe.

*LGen Charles Belzile*, recently retired as President of the Canadian Battlefields Foundation, joins incoming president, *MGen Clive Addy* and *LCol David Patterson* to pour through the stack of applicants, intent on finding the perfect dozen. It is not an easy task.

The applications of the lucky twelve, with a few in reserve, are sent to the offices of *Prof Terry Copp* at the Laurier Centre for



*Corinne Marquet*

Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies, who has been the major supporter and inspiration of all the CBF battle tours. The LCMSDS, under Foundation board member *Mike Bechtold*, had taken on the preliminary leg work of designing and posting posters on the web site, supervising the mailing lists, responding to queries. They now notify the students and send out copies of the Guidebooks published by the Center (The *Canadian Battlefields in Normandy* and the *Canadian Battlefields in Northwest Europe*) to successful candidates. The momentum of setting up a tour revs up: transportation from home towns to Toronto/Montreal and thence to Paris, hotels each leg of the way, vans (often three) to get the study group from town to town, a financial plan to pay the bills, insurance.

The big question, resolved the previous fall by Terry Copp in consultation with his designated tour leader, in this case *Dr. Marc Milner* from UNB, is where to go. Italy two years ago, Normandy last year. Netherlands and Belgium this year, with a few days in Normandy? With the battlefields of two world wars to cover, there never seem enough days to see it all. This tour focuses on depth rather than leisure: lunch standing perhaps in the rain in a parking lot or picnicking on a battlefield is the norm.

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*MGen Clive Addy*



*Professors Marc Milner and Terry Copp*

# Behind the Scenes



*Céline Garbay*



*Bobbi and Marc Milner*

Tour days start at 8AM and end at dusk, often with protesting students wanting just one more site. Marc's passion for the tour, often landmarked by his father's WW2 personal recollections, kept up the compelling rhythm of the tour. He never tired of his subject, or his students.

Ever calm, often singing *Bobbi Milner*, Marc's wife, soothed brows, paid bills, and hugged overwhelmed students in cemetery visits. *Michel Fortmann*, professor of Political Science at the Université de Montreal, acted as second driver-historian throughout the tour. *Alex Carette* fitted in as tour alum, graduate history student, bilingual troubleshooter and friendly CBF representative and guide at all ceremonies across Europe.

Meanwhile, in Caen, Normandy, two women, both incoming

members to the board of the Canadian Battlefields Foundation, are forging ahead with agendas for the D-Day visit. *Céline Garbay*, a CBF Guide for many years and now a CBF Director, also managed the day-to-day logistics of the students (where to stay, where to eat, where to find the Laundromat etc). *Mme Corinne Marquet*, the CBF's newly appointed Vice President-France, arranges countless meetings for CBF President MGen Addy with the local French authorities. All of the commemoration sites of battle, established over the years by the CBF, require constant negotiation with French communes, a task that Gen Addy, bilingual, handles adroitly. He also gives heart and leadership as the Canadian and CBF representative at the several D-Day and CBF ceremonies.

Unsung heroes? You bet!

## Foundation Director Hamilton Southam Named 2005 Vimy Award Winner

The Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI) ([www.cda-cdai.ca](http://www.cda-cdai.ca)) has just announced that Gordon Hamilton Southam, OC, BA, has been selected as the recipient of the Vimy Award for 2005. The award will be presented on Friday, 18 November, at a mixed gala dinner in the Grand Hall of the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Gatineau.

"Mr. Southam is a distinguished Canadian who has exhibited the highest standards of leadership throughout his career of service to Canada. [His] contributions to military affairs as

founding member of the military museum task force, leading to the present War Museum, his personal founding of the Battle of Normandy Foundation for the 50th anniversary of D-Day and his continuing support of its evolution, his persistent and inspired efforts in seeing through the Valiants Project are legend and worthy of recognition."

Hamilton Southam is a founder of the Canadian Battlefields Foundation, and has been a director since its inception in 1995.



# First Ever Highschool Teachers' Battlefield Tour

By Dr. Geoffrey Hayes

**O**n 6 August 2005, 12 high school history teachers from across the country set out on a battlefield tour sponsored by the Canadian Battlefields Foundation (CBF), Veterans Affairs Canada and the Historica Foundation. The group was led by Alexandre Carette, a CBF student tour alumnus from the Université de Montreal, Blake Seward, a nationally recognized high school teacher from Smith's Falls, Ontario, and Dr. Geoffrey Hayes who teaches at the University of Waterloo,

The tour began on the First World War battlefields near Ypres, Belgium before heading south to the Somme where we walked the ground near Beaumont Hamel and Flers Courcelette. And of course we visited and discussed Vimy Ridge. The remainder of the tour found us on the Maple Leaf Route through Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany, following First Canadian Army in its crucial battles for the Scheldt and the Rhineland.

One of the challenges of teaching Canada's military history is to find that connection for students. Inspired by Blake's "Lest We Forget" project, we asked each of the teachers to introduce us to a Canadian soldier who lies buried in one of the many cemeteries we visited. At the British war cemetery near Bergen-op-Zoom, Ron Labrie introduced us to a young Alberta pilot killed in 1943; near Ypres, Margot Craft told us about a 23 year-old New Brunswicker killed at Mount Sorrel in June 1916. At Groesbeek Cemetery, Sylvain Christin paid tribute to a young Franco-Ontarian, one of 19 young men from Quebec's College Bourget who was killed during the Second World War.

It was a busy, emotional, and rewarding ten days. All of us returned home with a renewed appreciation of the important and costly role Canadians played in both world wars. Am I confident that these energetic, gifted teachers will pass on this message to their students across Canada? Absolutely.



Dennis Garagan from Halifax, NS introduces his uncle, killed on 26 February 1945, to his fellow teachers at Groesbeek Cemetery, the Netherlands.



## Jean and Mireille Fesnien Loved Canada!

Jean and Mireille Fesnien, long-time caretakers of the Abbaye d'Ardenne, Normandy, will have cherished memories of their trip to Canada from July 28 to August 7. The weather was great and they enjoyed themselves immensely, commenting favourably on virtually everything they saw and did. They even appreciated Canadian cuisine, despite declining an invitation to sample poutine. The highlights were a two-day trip to Quebec City, overnight stays in Montreal and Kingston and a boat excursion in the Thousand Islands. About 15 people, including student tour alumni and past Canadian Battlefields Foundation president LGen Charles Belzile, attended a dinner in their honour at Malone's restaurant overlooking Dow's Lake in Ottawa. While in the nation's capital they visited most of the major sites including the outstanding new Canadian War Museum and Parliament. They also appreciated drives in the Gatineau Hills and along the Ottawa River.

We are most grateful to all who assisted make this dream a reality for Jean and Mireille: Charles Belzile, Serge Bernier, Marie-Noël Boisjoli, Damian Burianyk, Andrew Burtch, Kelly-Anne Campbell, Patrice Collin, Terry Copp and the Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic and Disarmament Studies, Alec Douglas, Marie-Noël Duhaime, Kate Fitzpatrick, Céline Garbay, J. Goertzen, Rod Holloway, Adrian Macdonald, Christine Mathers, Marc Milner, John Overs, Roland Reid, Jeffrey Shank, James Wood, Keith Wren, Peter Wright. Thanks are also due to Clive Addy, Chuck Gruchy, and Morgan Wright.

More detail on their trip will be forthcoming in the next CBF newsletter.

Serge Durflinger and David Patterson

*Ed note: See Emilie Plow's memoir, P4*



Jean and Mireille Fesnien were thrilled to meet a real live Mountie. What could be more Canadian than that!

# Canadian Battlefields Foundation (CBF) Reunion Tour

By LCol David Patterson CD

The year 2005 is the tenth anniversary of the student battlefield tours of the CBF. To mark this event we organized an alumni reunion tour to coincide with the celebrations for the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, or V-E Day. Open to all former student bursary recipients and their families, publicizing the tour was greatly assisted by the work of Stephanie Cousineau (\*CBNF alumnus 2002) in tracking down former students. A programme based on visits to battlefields in Holland and Germany was organized and eight students and friends started the tour on April 29th. Led by LCol David Patterson (CBNF alumnus 1997) the students stayed in Arnhem and



*CBF Director George Blackburn (centre) at the Canadian War Cemetery Groesbeek with CBF member Michael Paré (right) and Kees Hopman (left), organizer of the Groesbeek Mill ceremony.*

Apeldoorn and were able to participate in many of the ceremonies organized by Canada and the Netherlands. Highlights included the parade of veterans in Apeldoorn as well as ceremonies at Holten and Groesbeek cemeteries and the ceremony at the mill in Groesbeek, where CBF Director Capt George Blackburn OC, MC was honoured and a plaque unveiled marking this historic site. Of course any tour organized by David Patterson would have its share of battlefield study! David conducted a detailed examination of the Rhineland campaign. For this phase of the trip the alums were joined by a group of Canadian service personnel from Heidelberg Germany under LCol Jo-Jo Mansfield. Another highlight was the walking tour of the Groningen battle conducted by Evert Steiber, a CBF member in Holland and long-time friend.

The CBNF tour of 2002 was well represented; the group included: David Patterson – CBNF 1997; Chris Evans – CBNF 1996 (at

*\*The Canadian Battlefields Foundation (CBF) was formerly known as the Canadian Battle of Normandy Foundation (CBNF).*



*CBF Reunion Tour and CF Heidelberg group at the Groningen Liberation Monument.*

Blackburn ceremony only), Stephanie Cousineau – CBNF 2002, Sue Piché – CBNF 2002, Mackenzie Brooks – CBNF 2002, Kelly-Anne Campbell – CBNF 2003, Alexandre Carette – CBF 2004.

It was truly a successful journey of remembrance and commemoration where old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Now planning for the 15th Anniversary tour can start!



*Evert Steiber on the Groningen walking tour.*

**Thanks! ... To all of the "Special Twelve" CBF students for sharing their memories (sorry for the edits!)... To Kevin and Shannon for generously providing CDs of their photos... To Marc, Bobbi, Céline, Corinne, Alex and General Clive for making my trip to Normandy with the group so rewarding.**

*Shelagh Whitaker, Editor*

## AGM MEETING

The next meeting of the Canadian Battlefields Foundation will take place on Thursday, November 17, 2005  
Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset St. W., Ottawa, ON  
Board of Directors: 0930 hours ~ Annual General Meeting: 1100 hours

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+ former CBF bursary recipient / ancien boursier de la FCCB  
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*Katie & Emilie*



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Emilie*



*Ken, Tim, Dave Borys,  
Michel Fortmann & Marc*



*Kevin & Amy*

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