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The PROBUS group do not meet in the month of August. But this is a special issue of the PHOGHORN NEWSLETTER covering the recent trip, outing, the group had in May of this year.

I am referring to the trip to *Base Gagetown* of the *Canadian Armed Forces*, near Oromocto.

I have compiled over 175 photos of that event. Some were particularly good shots and some....not so good.

In this issue I will try to show the highlights of that tour beginning with retired Major Skaarup, a retired Intelligence Officer who walked the group through several Army vehicles used during the years and provided excellent data on various displays of equipment.

Our thanks go out to the organizers for this event; *Bev Harrison, Harold Wright, Carl White, and Paul Meier* to name a few.



On the bus to Gagetown with some 24 people on board.



Main entrance of Canadian Armed Forces, Base Gagetown



PROBUS group gather to hear what they will see and hear on the tour. Early WW2 tank.



Standard Military troop truck.



Group walking to see the next tank in the line up.



Two different troop carries used by the Canadian Military



I can't id this tank but have seen it many times on news stories.



I Believe this is a "troop carrier"

Many years ago, I was taking an actual tour, driving on a course at Base Gagetown with my son. There were 10 of us in the compartment. Very bumpy.



The tank is huge when you get up beside it. Weight is 40 ton I believe.



Base Hospital under going renovations. Administrations building on left, church on right side.



Not sure of "make" of tank but could be a Russian T72.



Passing a compound with various military vehicles



Group heading to Mess Hall for lunch.



This is the Mess Hall. It can seat up to 1,000 persons at a setting I am told. Spotless.



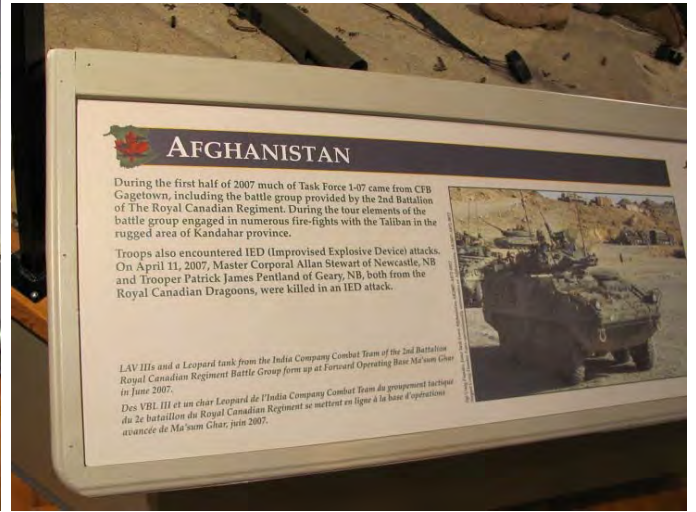
Group members enjoying their lunch. Larry Timms and Dale Stevens on the left with President Frank McCarey, Brian Mitchell, Gordon Burnett, and Don LeBlanc on the right side of the table.



Entrance to the New Brunswick Military History Museum.



Displays of everyday material used in the military. Early forces display. Great condition and write ups



Military uniforms/dress, used over the years.

Write up of the Afghanistan display.



CFB Chatham air base in Northern New Brunswick. Navy uniforms and an early torpedo.



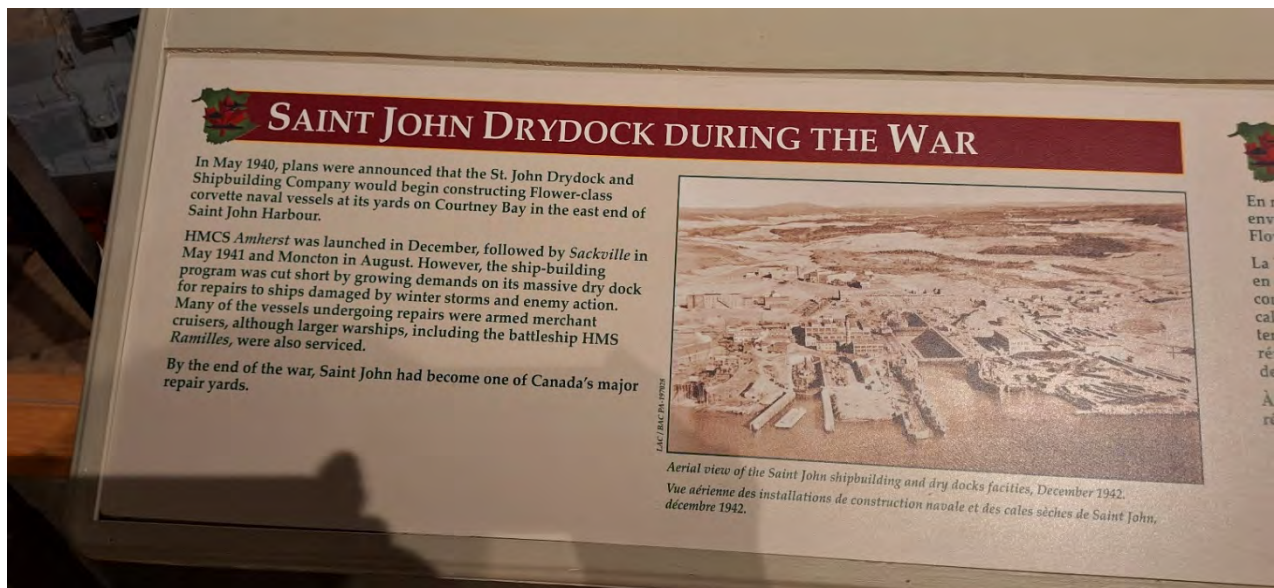
Display of several models of rifles.



Ed Creaser looking at the engineer's display.



During the WWII, many ships like this model were built in Saint John Dry Dock.





A typical display of a bunker during the first war.

COMBAT ENGINEERS BUILDING SECTION



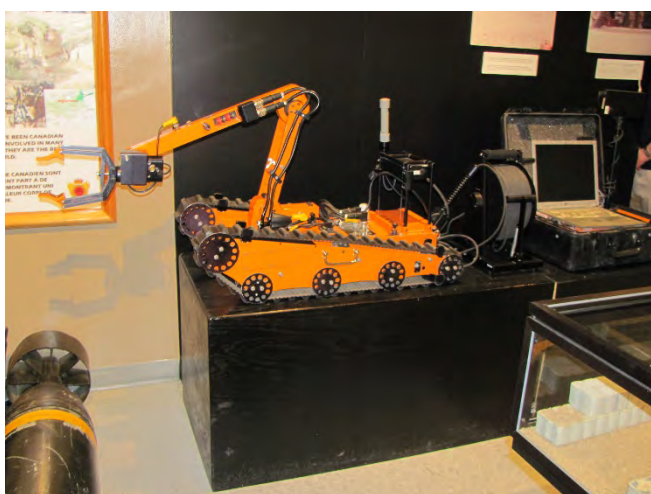
Wall of fallen soldiers—**Sappers** – during peace time and war. Sappers are “**Combat Engineers**” Their duties include the following: *Breaching fortifications, Demolitions, Bridge-building, Laying, or clearing minefields, Preparing field defenses, Road and airfield construction and repair.*



At the Engineers building, we were given a tour of that section both early and modern equipment.



Section of a Bailey Bridge that is used. Divers with the Navy feature some of the equipment used.



This is one of the early “Robots” used in operations. Three typical bombs that were used years ago.



These tanks and other equipment are located on the grounds of the Museum.



Artillery guns outside the Museum. Left, normally on a ship gun, Howitzer, 1st WW1.



The bus driver drove one of these tanks back in Afghanistan.



Looks like a Russian T72 tank?



Sid Lodhi looking over the equipment near the Engineering section. IE, Baily bridge.



This military vehicle in the foreground caught my attention. It looks like it is not capable of firing large shells. It is small looking.

I found out it is Russian made unit. What they did was air lift these to the front lines.

They don't look very safe. Two men were attached to each unit. It contained a small cc motor, several shells. It would fire a shell, then move and fire again. Top speed was 10 miles per hour.

Very little armor, NO TOP.



The trip was very different than what I expected. It contained a lot of surprises. We need to support our Military with better equipment as time goes on.

My biggest surprise was the lack of security on the base. Anybody can drive in.

PROBUS thanks all those who organized this outing. It was great.

September 19th will be the next meeting date.

Time and place –Villa Madonna, Rothesay, 10:00 am.

NOTE: Our meeting date for this month is on a Thursday,
September 19th



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