

Yet another autumn is upon us. We are rapidly losing the leaves from the trees, the days are becoming shorter, and the nights are getting cooler here in the Great White North. So, curl up by the fire and take a look at our offerings this time out. However, first, and perhaps foremost, readers will note yet again that our *Valour* column is replete with late examples of the courage and fortitude exhibited under extreme duress by our troops deployed in Afghanistan. We here at the *Canadian Military Journal* are very proud of them all, and the magnificent job they are doing in the cause of international freedom and justice.

As a footnote to our previous issue, with respect to the article, *A War on Terror: Is it Possible?* by Dr. John Scott Cowan, an earlier, shorter version of this work was a keynote address to the October 2006 national graduate student symposium of the Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI).

Taking the point this time out, Pamela Stewart, who convoked in November 2006 from the University of Calgary with a master's degree in strategic studies, takes a fresh look at some of the broader themes of the current Canadian Forces transformation initiative. Next, Major Louis-Henri Rémillard, an intelligence officer by profession, charts the progress and development of modern military intelligence and its application in today's 'post 9/11' framework. He concludes that 'all-source' intelligence organizations are vital assets, and will continue to be critical actors for ensuring success during future military operations. Naval Captain Hans Jung, a Canadian Forces medical officer, then explores the practical rationale for achieving a broader, more representative societal diversity within our armed forces, and draws some interesting conclusions as to how well we are doing in this area. He is followed by a logistician, Lieutenant-Colonel Rick Thompson, who

presents an 'interesting alternative' case for the acquisition of a number of floating depots to serve the needs of the African Union's African Standby Force, in lieu of the currently planned network of regional, land-based depots.

Next, delving into the increasingly relevant world of special operations, Colonel Paul Taillon examines the importance of coalition special operations as an enabler for success in today's combat deployments. Then, Doctor Kevin Stringer, an American specialist in political science and international security, examines the lessons of history embodied in the varied experiences of the British and the Germans with respect to the use of integrated indigenous troops as force multipliers within their own armed forces during operations.

Within the dedicated historical section of this issue, infantry officer Major Alex Haynes charts the development of infantry doctrine within the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the First World War. He is followed by Commander Ian Moffat, an old sea dog with a particular interest in the little known and even less-appreciated Canadian deployment to Siberia at the end of the Great War.

Rounding out this particular issue are a brace of opinion pieces, a number of book reviews and book review essays, and a typically astute and timely commentary piece from our own Martin Shadwick, as well as a special report from an old fighter pilot on the challenges associated with providing an escort capability for Canada's *Chinook* helicopter, once it becomes operationally deployed.

Until the winter.

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