

BEST FEATURE PAGE

Interesting mix of submissions. Honorable Mention to the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph for the Step into the Past feature, very interesting and well laid out. Some tough competition on this category for sure.

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Remembrance Day

November 11 is a day we remember

Letter from WW2 airman to mother: D-Day, 1944

Victor Laurin
The following letter, from airforce wireless gunner Ted Cameron was published in the July 7, 1944 edition of the Buckingham Post. The young flyer wrote to his mother at 10:30 am on June 5th, 1944. It reveals how closely kept the secret of D-Day was, and how those who took part in the initial stages were in tragic ignorance that they had started the invasion. Ted Cameron never returned home after D-Day; he was listed as missing in action. I am grateful to Bill Cameron, Ted's son, for providing us with this priceless, poignant look into an important historical event.

Dear Mum:
I am writing this in the crew room at 10:30. Big things are on. I have a feeling that this is it. It's in the air. There's a certain tenseness around us that no one can explain. Everyone is excited, but no one knows exactly why. I don't know whether it's because it's our first op or not, but if they do open up the second front tonight it will be something to tell my grandchildren. Some have already had their briefing but nobody knows anything. The main briefing is in an hour and if there is anything cooking we may hear it then, but I doubt it as there is too much at stake to let the secret out. I'm too nervous to write so I think I'll get into the poker game going on in the corner.

Well the game is over and so is the main briefing, and we are no wiser. Even the Wing Commander says he does not know, but we've got a very late take-off and that means it will be daylight by the time we get to the French Coast. The boys are placing bets all over the place. I have seven shillings bet with my skipper that this is the night. They told us to prepare to fly day and night and we are ready. We have to go now so I will finish this first chance I get.

Well here it is June 8th and we were right as you know by now. I won my seven shillings and I have two ops in. We certainly bombed the French Coast and did not know a thing about the landing until we got up at noon when we got that news over the radio. Well, anyway I can say I was there and I'll have plenty to tell you when I get back. At the rate things are going it shouldn't be so long either. I have not had much sleep for the last two evenings. We are certainly working for our seven bucks a day but I don't mind it a bit. I would be a very disappointed man if I could not get in on this and it does one's heart good to know that we are helping those brave boys who are fighting so hard on the beaches. Besides there's not turning back. We have got to win and we will.

The excitement has died down and everyone has settled down to a hard job. We won't have much time to ourselves from now on and I won't be able to write as often... when we work there's not so much in the way of news. I can't tell you what we are doing or I would have the censor down my neck.

This is all for now. I'll write again as soon as I can. Write soon as often as I'll be waiting.

All my love,
Ted.

The Buckingham Post published July 7, 1944. The paper, later renamed the West Quebec Post, published a letter from Ted Cameron just before he went missing in action. (L.R.)

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THE WEST QUEBEC POST

Really nice layout and a great concept, a different take on a Remembrance Day feature. Nicely done!

WARRIOR CHALLENGE

Cross the water, run the road and crawl in the mud

DANIEL J. ROWE
THE EASTERN DOOR

The sun flickered off the water in Turtle Bay as over 30 warriors stood ready to swim, run, crawl and jump through Kateri Tekakwitha Island at the third annual Warrior Challenge last Sunday.

The challenge, similar to the Spartan Races held throughout North America, was a physical, emotional and mental one spent over four kilometres of water, weeds, asphalt and mud.

The cold water between the Onake Paddling Club and the island was the first obstacle, and the one most warriors were nervous about.

"The water was cold when you first get in and it just kills you, it takes all the energy out of you," said football safety, lacrosse runner, wrestler and all-around athletic specimen Kameahlens Bush, who finished the challenge first in just over 26 minutes.

Kahnawake Youth Center and Onake Paddling Club director Sharon Rice was on the water in a row boat to help those struggling with the first leg.

"The toughest I think was the water because of the seaweed," said 65-year-old Amelia McGregor, the challenge's oldest warrior.

"I'm used to swimming in Hawaii water with sharks. This is all seaweed, and it kept getting caught on my shoes, so I kind of panicked for a while, but Sharon was right there!"

Warriors then hauled their wet bodies from the water and ran through a straight of tires, football-training style, then through the woods of Tekakwitha Island. Waiting for them at the end of the trees and a climbing wall was the Mohawk Women's Fitness girls, who sent runners to the quarry in search of water balloons before a cast die decided how many jumping jacks or burpees were needed to continue. Then came the mud.

Crawling 20 metres through a mud puddle typically used for four-wheelers and pick up trucks at the Marina, caused more than a few nicks and scrapes on some of the contestants.

"I hit a rock in the mud crawl and it hit me in not a good spot," said mixed martial arts fighter Zander "Triple X" McComber. "It kind of hurt!"

A rock may not have hurt as much as answering the trivia question incorrectly posed by Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawé:na

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EXPO SHAWVILLE FAIR 2014

Environ 39 000 personnes ont visité la Foire de Shawville sur le thème de la Foire familiale, la plus accueillante de la Vallée, pour y voir ses diverses attractions telles que les Trucks and Tractor Pulls, l'exposition de bétail, les monèges, le Derby Demolition, les groupes musicaux et beaucoup de kiosques.

About 39,000 people walked through the Shawville Fair's gates over Labour Day weekend from August 28 to September 1 to enjoy the "Valley's Most Family Friendly Fair," and its various attractions such as the Truck and Tractor Pulls, livestock shows, the midway, Demolition Derby, various musical entertainers, many exhibits, and more.

PONTIAC JOURNAL DU PONTIAC

Interesting way to lay out a photo page! I really liked it, gave the piece style. Good job!

HONOURABLE MENTION QUEBEC CHRONICLE-TELEGRAPH

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