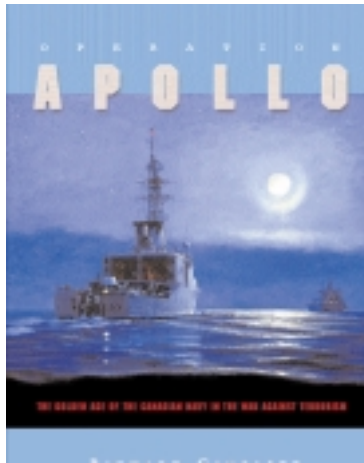


OP APOLLO

“This story needed to be told”

Author: Richard Gimblett

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Anyone who might question the relevance of Canada’s naval service needs to read Richard Gimblett’s new book. *Operation Apollo: The Golden Age of the Canadian Navy in the War Against Terrorism*. Richard’s vast experience, most significantly his 27 year naval career, has enabled him to capture Canada’s important contribution to the War on Terrorism in an insightful and

cohesive presentation. The rich illustrations, photos and even humour (such as the entry on page 95 entitled “Canada has a warship?”) make this book accessible to each and every Canadian.

This is possibly the greatest accomplishment of Gimblett’s account of Op Apollo. It is not a dry historical analysis. It is as dynamic as the Navy itself and provides compelling testimony for one of the most remarkable chapters in our relatively brief but accomplished naval history.

The accessibility Gimblett was afforded by the Navy is noteworthy as

well. Such an accurate depiction could not have been achieved without the full cooperation of the Navy. From the crew members he visited in the Arabian Sea to the upper echelons of the Command Staff, it is clear that the sailors wanted this story to be told and trusted Richard to tell it well.

In days where sensationalism and negativity reign in the media, Canadians are often only exposed to the negative elements of Canada’s Military. *Operation Apollo: The Golden Age of the Canadian Navy in the War Against Terrorism* presents a balanced account that Canadians need to see if they are ever to fully appreciate the dedication, professionalism and self-sacrifice that define the men and women of our Navy – the credit they bring to our nation through operations like Apollo and the opportunity for a variety of national responses to crisis or emerging situations that a modern and capable navy provides to our political leadership.

Congratulations to Richard Gimblett for a final product worthy of its subject. Op Apollo is a “must have” for naval enthusiasts and is a welcome addition to the Navy League’s library. **FL**

Jerrod Riley is the National Deputy Director of The Navy League of Canada.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Supporting U.S. First Responders

O’Dell Engineering Ltd. is pleased to detail our recent contract amendment with the US DoD which will allow us to provide RSDL to First Responders in the United States. DoD Chemical Biological Medical Systems and the Joint Program Executive Office for CB Decontamination deserve an enormous credit for making this change and approval happen. Without their confidence in RSDL, O’Dell would not be in the position to support US First Responders with a vital, potentially life saving product like RSDL.

O’Dell will continue under an existing contract with the US Army to support fielding RSDL as planned once it meets specific and unique requirements. These Army requirements do not change or compromise the effectiveness of the product nor do they apply to First Responders at a civilian emergency scene. Because of this difference in needs, the Army has taken steps to provide the product to First Responders under the Army FDA Approval starting immediately.

It is hoped that efforts with the Department of Homeland Security will see RSDL being fielded where it is needed very soon. **FL**

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NAVAL NOTES

UUVs - the Next Wave in Robotic Warfare

The new front in the unmanned vehicle revolution will likely take place not above the ground but below the waves, that is if a new plan by the US Navy comes to fruition.

Following the success of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and unmanned armed aerial vehicles (UAUVs) in the Afghanistan campaign in 2001 and 2002, American naval planners are moving full steam ahead with plans to deploy fleets of small robotic submarines by 2004, known as unmanned underwater vehicles (UUV).

The small torpedo-shaped vehicles, which vary in size, can be deployed from submarines or aircraft and are expected to perform a wide range of missions – surveillance, coastline reconnaissance in advance of amphibious landings, mine detection. Larger more advanced UUVs being proposed may even be able to attack enemy ships and submarines.

Robotic submarines were one of the hotter topics on the agenda at a conference held in January in London by Defence IQ, entitled *Underwater Warfare and the Role of UUVs*. **FL**