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# Canadian soldier killed in battle; Commanders say Taliban weakened as they attempt to reclaim volatile territory

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The Leopard 1 tanks and LAV III armoured vehicles rumbled past the town of Bazar-E-Panjwai before dawn on their way to push rebels from a troubled section of the Panjwai district.

A few of the big guns returned to their base after nightfall, their mission a success in the face of tough resistance but at a sad toll.

One soldier was killed Monday and four others injured as insurgents used mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire to slow the advance by Canadian Forces into territory about 47 kilometres west of Kandahar.

The fierce fight defied recent boasts by Canadian commanders that insurgents lack the muscle to mount co-ordinated attacks on coalition forces.

Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, a 24-year-old reservist from the King's Own Calgary Regiment, based in Calgary, was killed about 4.30 p.m. local time Monday in one of the skirmishes that stretched throughout the day.

Hornburg, a mechanic, had gotten out of his vehicle to repair the track on a Leopard 1 tank that had become dislodged by the rough terrain. He was killed instantly when an insurgent mortar landed nearby. Another soldier was wounded.

"Cpl. Hornburg had to dismount in order to put the track back on a Leopard tank and it's at this moment that the mortar shell happened," said Brig. Gen. Guy Laroche.

Laroche, the head of the Canadian task force in Afghanistan, announced the death yesterday afternoon in a briefing at the coalition base at the Kandahar airfield.

With this latest casualty, 71 Canadian soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002 as well as one diplomat, Glyn Berry.

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"These incidents are extremely difficult and trying times for the families, friends and colleagues of Cpl. Hornburg," Laroche said.

"There is no way to comfort those who are grieving today except to say that Cpl. Hornburg was involved in a mission he believed in."

Details of his death were withheld until yesterday as military officials and the RCMP attempted to locate his next of kin.

In a separate incident during the offensive, three other soldiers were wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade. The injured were taken by road and helicopters to the advanced medical facility at the Kandahar airfield. They're all in stable condition.

Asked why Canadians are fighting over the same turf they had claimed just last year, Laroche said that counter-insurgency battles are "difficult."

"You will never be able to defeat completely the enemy," he said.

The troops were taking part in Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz (Honest Soldier), a joint operation between Afghan and Canadian troops.

The offensive was part of an ongoing effort by Canadians and Afghans to establish new police substations throughout the troubled rural Zhari and Panjwaii districts.

It's hoped that a new permanent presence at these remote outposts, coupled with better training of the Afghan police officers who will staff them, will deter insurgents.

Canadian commanders have said that the Taliban, weakened by last fall's big Operation Medusa offensive, would no longer attack coalition troops in force this year, switching instead to hit-and-run tactics like roadside bombs.

But insurgents defied those predictions yesterday as they tried to slow the Canadian advance.

The fighting started soon after troops began pushing their way westward yesterday from their base at Ma'sum Ghar, west of Kandahar. At one point, fighter jets could be heard roaring overhead, providing air support to the troops fighting down below.

After Hornbug was hit, the tanks blasted away at the enemy position.

"The tanks returned fire to the enemy. . . They engaged the position where the Taliban were hiding," Capt. Sylvain Chalifour, a Canadian Forces spokesperson, said in an interview.

Chalifour denied that Canadians were surprised by the strength of the insurgents.

"I would not say they were surprised. Definitely it was something we were looking for. They had to push away the Taliban. At least it will reduce the threat in that specific area," he said.

"We do have some expectation of how many enemy we will find but will they fight, will they fly, we never know," Chalifour said.

In recent weeks, the Canadians have been trying to reclaim and reinforce territory they won last fall but lost over the summer "fighting season," a time when insurgent activity is typically the highest.

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Chalifour called Monday's operation a "success," saying troops were able to secure the land where the police substation will be built.

"They won the fight and took the position," he said.

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# Attack claims life of 71st soldier serving in country

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# UN 71E SOLDAT CANADIEN MEURT CINQ AUTRES SONT BLESSÉS

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — (PC) Avant de prendre place à bord d'un avion militaire à destination de l'Afghanistan, le mois dernier, le caporal Nathan Homburg avait déclaré à un journaliste de sa ville natale que le danger ne l'effrayait pas.

"Ca justifie davantage notre présence — on sait que (l'Afghanistan) est dans le pétrin, et c'est pour ça que nous y sommes", affirmait-il en juillet au Calgary Sun, avant de quitter le pays en août.

Lundi, le caporal Hornburg est devenu le 71e soldat canadien à perdre la vie en Afghanistan. Il a été tué par un tir de mortier vers 16 h 30, pendant qu'il s'affairait à réparer les chenilles d'un blindé Léopard 2 dans un des districts les plus dangereux du pays. L'équipier de blindé de 24 ans était rattaché au King's Own Calgary Regiment.

"Le caporal Hornburg a dû sortir du véhicule pour réparer la chenille d'un blindé Léopard, et c'est à ce moment que l'incident s'est produit ", a expliqué le brigadier-général Guy Laroche, commandant des forces canadiennes en Afghanistan, lors d'une rencontre avec les journalistes à l'aéroport de Kandahar, mardi.

Un autre soldat a été blessé par le tir de mortier.

Au cours d'un engagement subséquent, trois autres soldats canadiens ont été blessés.

Hospitalisés

Les quatre soldats blessés ont été transportés à l'hôpital multinational situé à l'aéroport de Kandahar. "La vie des blessés n'est pas en danger", a dit le général Laroche.

Le commandant canadien a précisé que le blindé n'avait pas roulé sur une mine artisanale et que la chenille a déraillé d'elle-même. "Ça arrive, a-t-il dit. Le terrain à cet endroit est très accidenté et c'est quelque chose qui se produit régulièrement, malheureusement. "

Il a ensuite offert ses condoléances à la famille Hornburg.

Par ailleurs, un autre soldat canadien a été grièvement blessé, mardi, alors qu'il patrouillait en compagnie de la police nationale afghane. Des insurgés ont attaqué la patrouille à l'arme légère et à la grenade. Le soldat canadien a été évacué vers l'hôpital militaire du Camp Bastion.

Depuis que le Canada a envoyé des troupes en Afghanistan en 2002, 71 militaires canadiens ont péri. Le Canada compte présentement quelque 2300 soldats dans le sud de l'Afghanistan.

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# 60 Taliban fighters killed in day long battle

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At Kandahar Airfield, Laroche said the tank that needed repairs in the Monday incident was not hit by any roadside bomb; the track had come off on its own.

"It happens. . . . The terrain down there is very rough and that's something that we see on a regular basis, unfortunately," the commander said.

Laroche offered his condolences to the Hornburg family.

"These incidents are extremely difficult and trying times for the families, friends and colleagues of Cpl. Hornburg," Laroche said. "There is no way to comfort those who are grieving today except to say that Cpl. Hornburg was involved in a mission he believed in."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a point of mentioning Canada's latest loss on the battlefield during a speech in New York.

Canada is in Afghanistan "because we believe it is noble and necessary," Harper said, "a cause completely consistent with our country's proud history of supporting international action to fight oppression and brutality, and to assist our fellow human beings."

"Since 2005, Canadian troops have been in one of the most violent regions in Afghanistan: the southern portion of Kandahar. And there has been a significant price, as we were reminded yesterday with the death of a Canadian soldier" and injuries to other soldiers, Harper said.

Later in a statement, Harper said: "Canadians mourn the loss of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg. Demonstrating courage and commitment, he gave his life serving his country and working to ensure a brighter future for the Afghan people."

Harper also expressed sympathies to the wounded soldiers.

Last month, Canadian troops began a push into the dangerous Zhari district of Kandahar province, the birthplace of the Taliban movement.

They have now moved back into the Panjwaii district to the south, another hotbed of insurgent activity and one that Canadians fought and died for last fall in Operation Medusa.

Medusa was the largest offensive undertaken since the Taliban were ousted in the U.S.-led invasion of 2001 and the largest combat operation by Canadian troops since the Korean War.

But much of that ground was lost over the summer during the changeover of Canadian troops when Afghan national security forces were left to fend off insurgents on their own.

Five Canadian soldiers have died since then.

Laroche made no apology for the fact Canadians are fighting for control of the same areas again.

"A counter-insurgency is difficult," he said.

"It's difficult by the fact that you will never be able, essentially, to defeat completely the enemy so you have to find ways to reduce the threat – that's what we're doing – and also to give a chance to development and reconstruction – and that's what we've been doing."

Hornburg said in his July interview that being up against a foe willing to die to kill Canadians was a sobering



thought but also a motivating one.

"It just makes me more dedicated to do my job, so they don't kill you."

# Canadian soldier killed; Five also wounded in clashes with Taliban

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, 24, killed Monday by a mortar shell in Afghanistan. – Photo by Canadian Forces; Brig-Gen. Guy Laroche speaks to reporters Tuesday at Kandahar Air Field about the death of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg. Hornburg, 24, an armoured crewman with the King's Own Calgary Regiment, was fixing the track on a Leopard tank when he was killed in a mortar attack Monday. – Photo by The Associated Press

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On Monday, Hornburg became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

Hundreds of coalition troops assembled early this morning on the tarmac to pay solemn tribute to Hornburg as his coffin was taken aboard a plane bound for Canada.

The 24-year-old armoured crewman with the King's Own Calgary Regiment was killed during a counter-insurgency operation in one of the most dangerous districts in Afghanistan.

A member of a tank squadron, Hornburg was repairing the track on a Leopard 2 tank when he was killed by the blast from a mortar strike around 4:30 p.m. local time during Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz – or Operation Honest Soldier.

"Cpl. Hornburg had to dismount in order to put back a track on a Leopard tank and it's at this moment that the incident happened, that there was mortar shell attack," Brig-Gen. Guy Laroche, Canada's top soldier in Afghanistan, told reporters at Kandahar Airfield on Tuesday.

Another soldier was wounded in the mortar attack.

In an ensuing firefight, a rocket-propelled grenade launched by insurgents wounded three more infantry soldiers. All four were evacuated, by air and by road, to Kandahar Airfield for treatment in hospital.

Separately, a Canadian soldier was seriously wounded Tuesday when insurgents ambushed a joint patrol with the Afghan National Police. The soldier, whose name was not released, is part of the new Police Operational Mentoring Liaison Team.

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A cattle rancher's son from Nanton, Alta., has become the latest Canadian to die in the dusty, volatile sweep of land to the west of Kandahar City that has become the main battle ground against the Taliban in this southern province.

Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, a 24-year-old mechanic with the King's Own Calgary Regiment, died when he was struck by fragments from a mortar fired by insurgents just before sundown Monday near a cluster of villages known as Zangabad in the Panjwaii district. He had dismounted from his Leopard tank to fix a tread that had come off the vehicle in what was described as very rough terrain.

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The fatal confrontation began close to the southern shore of the almost dry Arghandab River, about 47 kilometres west of Kandahar City. A Canadian army spokesman confirmed insurgents had also been killed during the exchanges, which involved small arms, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars.

Laroche said Canada will never "definitively" dominate Panjwaii and Zhari because the insurgents are engaged in a classic counter-insurgency operation that makes them hard to locate and track.

# Nearly 1,000 soldiers honour victim

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan -- As the skirl from a lone piper playing "Amazing Grace" drifted across the silent tarmac, nearly 1,000 troops of Task Force Afghanistan saluted their fallen comrade Cpl. Nathan Hornburg just before dawn today as the 24-year-old mechanic from Alberta began his last trip home on board a Canadian Forces C-130 Hercules transport.

"As a reservist he could have stayed in Canada as a landscaper. Instead he chose to make a difference in this world," said Maj. Pierre Bergeron, before flag-draped coffin was carried to the aircraft by soldiers from the armoured crew member's reservist unit, the King's Own Calgary Regiment, and from the Edmonton-based Lord Strathcona's Horse.

Hornburg was killed Monday when he was struck by a mortar as he tried to fix a tread on his Leopard tank that had just fallen off in a cluster of villages in Panjwaii District, 47 kilometres west of Kandahar City.

During his brief sermon, Bergeron invoked the words of Edmund Burke, saying: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Among those mourning Hornburg's death at the dignified ramp ceremony were two Canadian generals and hundreds of Canadian soldiers, including three with war wounds who watched the proceedings from their wheelchairs. Also attending the service, which began as the moon set and before the sun rose, were large numbers of soldiers from Britain, Australia, France, the U.S., and some from France and Denmark.

"To be faithful to those who have died is not to be sad," said Capt. Claude Pigeon, who also presided over the brief ceremony. "As you pass us a last time, Nathan, we remember you and how you tried to make the world a better place."

Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche, the Canadian commander, expressed his "sincere condolences" to the fallen soldier's family. "There is no way to comfort his family, friends and comrades today except to say that Cpl. Hornburg believed in the mission he was involved in," Laroche said.

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) \_ Taliban militants and the U.S.-led coalition fought a daylong battle in southern Afghanistan's poppy-growing belt Tuesday, killing more than 60 Taliban fighters and one coalition soldier, military officials said.

Dozens of insurgents attacked a joint coalition-Afghan patrol near the town of Musa Qala in Helmand province with machine-guns, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, the coalition said in a statement. Taliban reinforcements flowed in from Musa Qala all day, it said.

The coalition troops returned fire and called in artillery fire and attacks by fighter-bombers, leaving more than 60 of the Taliban fighters dead, the coalition said. One coalition soldier was killed and four were wounded.

The statement said there were no immediate reports of civilian deaths or injuries.

"The end is near for the Taliban that believe Musa Qala is safe from Islamic Republic of Afghanistan forces," said Maj. Chris Belcher, a coalition spokesman. "This combined operation is just one more step to securing the Musa Qalah area of the Helmand Province."

Taliban militants overran Musa Qala last February, four months after British troops left the town following a contentious peace agreement that handed over security responsibilities to Afghan elders. The town has been in the Taliban's control ever since.

Situated in northern Helmand province, Musa Qala and the area around it have seen the heaviest fighting in Afghanistan this year. It is the main area for growing illicit opium poppies, a crop that allows Afghanistan to produce more than 90 per cent of the world's heroin.

More than 4,400 people, mostly militants, have died in insurgency-related violence this year, according to an Associated Press count based on figures from Afghan and western officials.

The head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, Karen Tandy, said counternarcotics forces will soon work alongside counterinsurgency troops to try to arrest Afghan drug lords.

"The alliance between these high value drug traffickers and the insurgents clearly has grown," Tandy said during a visit to Afghanistan.

She said troops would not "pull plants or spray plants," but would support interdiction efforts.

Canadian military officials reported that a Canadian soldier, Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, 24, was killed and four comrades were wounded while on patrol Monday in the Panjwaii district of the southern province of Kandahar.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said Monday that his government would announce by April whether it will extend Canada's combat mission. Seventy-one Canadian soldiers and one diplomat have died in Afghanistan

since the Taliban was ousted in late 2002.

Elsewhere, a NATO helicopter overturned while landing to evacuate Afghan policemen wounded by a roadside bomb in the western province of Badghis, but no hostile fire was involved in the accident, NATO said. A second helicopter flew out the crew and two wounded officers, it said.

In the southern province of Kandahar, a suicide bomber blew himself up next to a convoy of a border security commander, killing five police officers, said the district border security commander, Abdul Raziq Khan, who was not hurt. Three policemen and a civilian were wounded.

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CALGARY \_ Word of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg's death in Afghanistan hit the small King's Own Calgary Regiment hard Tuesday, but the grieving stretched across the country and beyond.

Hornburg was a reserve soldier who grew up in southern Alberta's ranch country in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains.

He was killed Monday when he drove his armoured recovery vehicle forward under fire to help put a track back on a Leopard tank during Operation Honest Soldier in one of the most volatile and dangerous regions in Afghanistan.

Hornburg's commanding officer in Calgary, Lt.-Col. Rick Coates, said the tragic news hit the 86 soldiers in his regiment hard.

``We all know each other very well and it really hits home," he said late Tuesday.

``We were really hoping that this wasn't going to happen but it did. Here it is."

Several of Hornburg's close friends said Tuesday they had been inspired to join the military after he had signed up.

``The military made him stronger \_ we were the same size before he was in," said Mike Pederson. ``After he was in he could kick my butt. I admired that."

``Nathan is the kind of guy that when something like this happened he is the only person that I know of who could comfort me."

Pederson said during one of their last conversations, Hornburg said he'd be laughing on the plane back to Canada after his tour was over.

``But now I know he's laughing at us for making all this silly fuss over him because he's somewhere really awesome."

Cpl. Bonnie Critchley said Hornburg was a good buddy within the regiment, who was always there even during the years when people weren't very interested in showing up for the reserves.

``Every Remembrance Day we'd do the parade and we'd sit in the mess and we'd tell stories, and pretend we had war stories to tell," said Critchley. ``And eventually people started getting tours, we had actual war stories to tell and Nathan couldn't wait for his."

Master Cpl. Jamie Good coached Hornburg on the regimental hockey team and said whether it was on the ice or in the field, he was an inspiration.

``He gave us laughs and in the end he represents the very best this unit can offer."

The grieving for Canada's 71st soldier to die in Afghanistan wasn't contained to his regiment. An Internet condolences site sprang up within hours after news of his death became public.

By the end of the day there were nine pages of thoughts and prayers. They came in English and French, from coast to coast and even other countries like the U.S. and Europe.

Some were quintessentially Canadian.

“God bless man. It was great playing hockey with you,” read one entry.

Many others bore sad acknowledgment to the heavy price of Canada's involvement in a violent land half a world away.

“I hoped and prayed this morning that this was not OUR Nathan they were speaking of on the news. The war seems quite distant and impersonal until a friend and schoolmate is so deeply affected by it,” wrote Ashley Hamilton from Vancouver.

“Every time I hear of another soldier being killed over there, a little piece of my heart breaks,” wrote Dave Murphy from Toronto.

Adding a haunting element to Hornburg's death was the prevalence of his own voice Tuesday from interviews he'd done with local media back in August before leaving Canada for the last time.

“I guess I'm just cautious about everything \_ got some apprehension,” the 24-year-old armoured crewman told CTV.

“It's almost like a rite of passage in the army, you've been training for it so you want to be able to actually go and apply the skills you've learned,” he said.

“Part of the training is just to have a trained reserve in the country, but you'd like to actually go with your brothers in arms and do your job.”

Hornburg's death also hit hard in Nanton, a small town south of Calgary where his family owns a ranch.

“All of a sudden the Afghan war came to Nanton and we lost one of ours, so it means a whole lot more than just hearing it on the news (about) someone you've never heard or met,” Mayor John Blake told radio station CHQR.

“As soon as it's one of your own, then all of a sudden it takes on a great big picture for you.”

# Canadian death toll in Afghanistan: 71 soldiers, one diplomat

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Since 2002, 71 Canadian soldiers and one diplomat have been killed in Afghanistan. Here is a list of the deaths:

Sept. 24 \_ Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, 24, with the King's Own Calgary regiment, killed by a mortar shell while trying to repair a Leopard tank in southern Afghanistan.

Aug. 29 \_ Maj. Raymond Ruckpaul, 42, died from a gunshot wound in his room at the headquarters of NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Kabul. He was an armoured officer based at the NATO Allied Land Component Command Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany.

Aug. 22 \_ Master Warrant Officer Mario Mercier, Royal 22nd Regiment; Master Cpl. Christian Duchesne, 5th Field Ambulance unit, both based in Valcartier, Que., killed when light armoured vehicle struck by roadside bomb after battle for strategic hill west of Kandahar city.

Aug. 19

Montreal's south shore, a member of the Royal 22nd Regiment, killed when his light armoured vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb west of Kandahar city.

July 4 \_ Cpl. Cole Bartsch, Capt. Matthew Johnathan Dawe, Pte. Lane Watkins and Cpl. Jordan Anderson, all of 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based in Edmonton; Master Cpl. Colin Bason, a reservist from The Royal Westminster Regiment based in New Westminster, B.C., and Capt. Jefferson Francis of the 1st Royal Canadian Horse Artillery based in Shilo, Man., killed by a roadside bomb west of Kandahar city.

June 20 \_ Sgt. Christos Karigiannis, Cpl. Stephen Frederick Bouzane and Pte. Joel Vincent Wiebe, all of 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, killed when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb near a forward-operating base at Sperwan Ghar, west of Kandahar.

June 11. \_ Trooper Darryl Caswell, 25, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, killed when an improvised explosive device detonated underneath his vehicle north of Kandahar City.

May 30 \_ Master Cpl. Darrell Jason Priede, a combat photographer based at CFB Gagetown, N.B., killed when a U.S. helicopter was reportedly shot down by the Taliban in Helmand province.

May 25 \_ Cpl. Matthew McCully, 25, a signals operator from 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Headquarters and Signals Squadron based at Petawawa, Ont., killed by an improvised explosive device in Zhari district.

April 18 \_ Master Cpl. Anthony Klumpenhower, 25, of Listowel, Ont., died after falling from a communications tower while on duty with the elite Special Operations Forces Command, conducting surveillance in Kandahar City.

April 11 \_ Master Cpl. Allan Stewart, 30, and Trooper Patrick James Pentland, 23, both of the Royal Canadian Dragoons based in Petawawa, Ont., killed when their Coyote vehicle struck an improvised explosive device.

April 8 \_ Pte. Kevin V. Kennedy, 20, of St. Lawrence, Nfld., Sgt. Donald Lucas, 31, of Burton, N.B., Cpl. Aaron E. Williams, 23, of Lincoln, N.B., Pte. David R. Greenslade, 20, of Saint John, N.B., Cpl. Brent Poland, 37, of Sarnia, Ont., all of Gagetown, N.B.–based 2nd Battalion, RCR; and Cpl. Christopher Stannix, 24, of Dartmouth, N.S., from the Halifax–based Princess Louise Fusiliers, killed when their armoured vehicle hit a roadside bomb in the Maywand district.

March 6 \_ Cpl. Kevin Megeney, 25, of Stellarton, N.S., a member of 1st Battalion of Nova Scotia Highlanders, killed by accidental shooting at NATO base in Kandahar.

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Nov. 27 \_ Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Girouard, his battalion's regimental sergeant major, and Cpl. Albert Storm, both of Royal Canadian Regiment based in CFB Petawawa, killed when suicide car bomber attacked their Bison armoured personnel carrier on outskirts of Kandahar City.

Oct. 14 \_ Sgt. Darcy Tedford, based at CFB Petawawa, and Pte. Blake Williamson from Ottawa killed in ambush west of Kandahar.

Oct. 7 \_ Trooper Mark Andrew Wilson of Royal Canadian Dragoons, based in Petawawa, Ont., killed when his armoured vehicle hit by roadside bomb in Panjwaii district.

Oct. 3 \_ Sgt. Craig Gillam and Cpl. Robert Mitchell of Royal Canadian Dragoons, based in Petawawa, Ont., killed in series of mortar, rocket attacks just west of Kandahar City.

Sept. 29 \_ Pte. Josh Klukie of First Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, based in Petawawa, Ont., killed by explosion in Panjwaii while on foot patrol.

Sept. 18 \_ Pte. David Byers, Cpl. Shane Keating and Cpl. Keith Morley, all of 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based in Shilo, Man., and Cpl. Glen Arnold, 2 Field Ambulance, based in Petawawa, Ont., killed in suicide bicycle bomb attack while on foot patrol in Panjwaii.

Sept. 4 \_ Pte. Mark Graham, based at CFB Petawawa, killed when two NATO planes accidentally strafed Canadian troops in Panjwaii district.

Sept. 3 \_ Sgt. Shane Stachnik, Warrant Officer Frank Robert Mellish, Pte. William Cushley and Warrant Officer Richard Francis Nolan, all based at CFB Petawawa, Ont., killed in fighting in Panjwaii district.

Aug. 22 \_ Cpl. David Braun, based at Shilo, Man., killed in suicide bomb attack in Kandahar City.

Aug. 11 \_ Cpl. Andrew Eykelenboom, 23, of Comox, B.C., stationed with 1st Field Ambulance, based in Edmonton, killed in suicide attack.

Aug. 9 \_ Master Cpl. Jeffrey Walsh, 33, of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Shilo, Man., killed by apparent accidental discharge of rifle.

Aug. 5 \_ Master Cpl. Raymond Arndt, 31, of Loyal Edmonton Regiment, killed when large truck collided head-on with his G-Wagon patrol vehicle.

Aug. 3 \_ Cpl. Christopher Reid, 34, of 1st Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton, killed by roadside bomb. Three other members of same battalion killed in rocket-propelled grenade attack by Taliban forces west of Kandahar: Sgt. Vaughan Ingram, 35, Cpl. Bryce Keller, 27, and Pte. Kevin Dallaire, 22.

July 22 \_ Cpl. Francisco Gomez, 44, of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton, and Cpl. Jason Warren, 29, of Black Watch, Royal Highland Regiment of Canada, based in Montreal, killed when car packed with explosives rammed their armoured vehicle.

July 9 \_ Cpl. Anthony Boneca, 21, reservist from Lake Superior Scottish Regiment based in Thunder Bay, Ont., killed in firefight.

May 17 \_ Capt. Nichola Goddard, artillery officer based in Shilo, Man., with 1st Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, killed in Taliban ambush during battle in Panjwaii region. She was first Canadian woman to be killed in action while serving in combat role.

April 22 \_ Cpl. Matthew Dinning of Richmond Hill, Ont., stationed with 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade in Petawawa, Ont., Bombardier Myles Mansell of Victoria, Lt. William Turner of Toronto, stationed in Edmonton, and Cpl. Randy Payne, born in Lahr, Germany, stationed at CFB Wainright, Alta., all killed when their G-Wagon destroyed by roadside bomb near Gumbad.

March 29 \_ Pte. Robert Costall of Edmonton, machine-gunner, killed in firefight with Taliban insurgents in Sangin district of Helmand province.

March 2 \_ Cpl. Paul Davis of Bridgewater, N.S., and Master Cpl. Timothy Wilson of Grande Prairie, Alta., killed when their armoured vehicle ran off road in Kandahar area.

Jan. 15 \_ Glyn Berry, British-born Canadian diplomat who had served with Foreign Affairs Department since 1977, killed in suicide bombing near Kandahar.

2005

Nov. 24 \_ Pte. Braun Woodfield, born in Victoria and raised in Eastern Passage, N.S., killed when his armoured vehicle rolled over near Kandahar.

2004

Jan. 27 \_ Cpl. Jamie Murphy, 26, of Conception Harbour, Nfld., killed in suicide bombing while on patrol near Kabul.

2003

Oct. 2 \_ Sgt. Robert Short, 42, of Fredericton, and Cpl. Robbie Beerenfenger, 29, of Ottawa, killed in roadside bombing southwest of Kabul.

2002

April 17 \_ Sgt. Marc Leger, 29, of Lancaster, Ont., Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, 24, of Montreal, Pte. Richard Green, 21, of Mill Cove, N.S., and Pte. Nathan Smith, 27, of Tatamagouche, N.S., all killed when U.S. F-16 fighter mistakenly bombed Canadians on pre-dawn training exercise. Eight other Canadians wounded in friendly-fire incident.

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# Canadian soldiers bid goodbye to latest casualty in Afghan conflict

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conflict By Dene Moore THE CANADIAN PRESS KANDAHAR, Afghanistan \_ A full Afghan moon was fading in the night sky early Wednesday morning as members of the Canadian Forces bade goodbye to a fallen comrade. Cpl. Nathan Hornburg became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan when he was killed in a mortar attack during Operation Honest Soldier on Monday. Hornburg was a reservist with the King's Own Calgary Regiment and chose to serve in Afghanistan. "Edmund Burke said the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing," Maj. Pierre Bergeron, the military chaplain who eulogized the 24-year-old soldier on the tarmac before his final journey home. "As a reservist, Cpl. Hornburg could have stayed in Canada and continued working as a landscaper. Rather, he chose to serve and do something to make this world a better place." Bergeron called it a sad reminder that death is always painful for those who remain and urged hundreds of fellow soldiers who lined the tarmac in the first light of day to pray for those who loved the young soldier.

He also acknowledged the challenge of the mission ahead.

"For those of us who remain, we too have chosen to do something," Bergeron said after Hornburg's flag-draped casket was delivered to pallbearers on the tarmac in a LAV armoured vehicle.

"Courage is not the absence of fear but the determination to do what is right in spite of our fear," Bergeron told the gathered crowd.

Before boarding a military flight to Afghanistan last month, Hornburg told a newspaper in his hometown danger would not deter him.

"It's more of an argument we should be there \_ we know it's a mess and that's why we're there," he told the Calgary Sun in July.

Earlier, Brig-Gen. Guy Laroche, Canada's top military commander in Afghanistan, offered his condolences to the Hornburg family.

"There is no way to comfort those who are grieving today except to say that Cpl. Hornburg was involved in a mission he believed in," Laroche said at Kandahar Airfield.

A member of a tank squadron, Hornburg was repairing the track on a Leopard 2 tank when he was killed by the blast from a mortar strike about 4:30 p.m. local time during Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz \_ or Operation Honest Soldier.

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The joint patrol from the Pashmul police substation in the Zhari district was ambushed with small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades around 11 a.m. local time.

The condition of the soldier, who was taken to a military hospital at Camp Bastion, in Helmand province, was not released.

At Kandahar Airfield, Laroche said the tank that needed repairs in the Monday incident was not hit by any roadside bomb; the track had come off on its own.

“It happens...The terrain down there is very rough and that's something that we see on a regular basis, unfortunately,” the commander said.

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“And there has been a significant price \_ as we were reminded (Monday) with the death of a Canadian soldier” and injuries to other soldiers, Harper said.

In a statement, he said Canadians mourn Hornburg's loss and expressed sympathy for the wounded soldiers.

“Demonstrating courage and commitment, he gave his life serving his country and working to ensure a brighter future for the Afghan people,” Harper said in the statement.

Last month, Canadian troops began a push into the dangerous Zhari district of Kandahar province, the birthplace of the Taliban movement.

They have now moved back into the Panjwahi district to the south, another hotbed of insurgent activity. Canadians fought and died for control of both districts last fall in Operation Medusa.

Medusa was the largest offensive undertaken since the Taliban were ousted in the U.S.-led invasion of 2001 and the largest combat operation by Canadian troops since the Korean War.

But much of that ground was lost over the summer during the changeover of Canadian troops when Afghan national security forces were left to fend off insurgents on their own.

Five Canadian soldiers have died since.

Laroche made no apology for the fact Canadians are fighting for control of the same areas again.

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NEW YORK \_ Prime Minister Stephen Harper tells the Council on Foreign Relations the Canadian presence in Afghanistan is noble and necessary; many people still oppose Canada's role in the war; Harper says the next federal election will likely result in another minority government. CVD.

UNDATED \_ President George W. Bush increases pressure on Burma's military leadership following days of mass demonstrations challenging the regime; Bush tells the UN General Assembly the U.S. will tighten economic sanctions against the regime's leaders and their financial supporters, and widen a visa ban on those responsible for human rights abuses. CVD.

KANDAHAR \_ Canadian soldier Cpl. Nathan Hornburg killed as he repairs a tank during a patrol in Afghanistan; he is remembered as a good friend and source of inspiration for others. CVD.

LOS ANGELES \_ Warren Jeffs, the leader of a polygamous Mormon splinter group, convicted of being an accomplice to rape for performing a wedding between a 19-year-old man and his 14-year-old cousin. CVD.

MONTREAL \_ A joint investigation into a major privacy breach determines that TJX Companies Inc., the U.S.-based owner of Winners and HomeSense stores, is collecting too much information and using too few safeguards to protect customers. CVD.

LONDON \_ A controversial ad campaign featuring a 68-pound anorexic woman is launched in Italy to coincide with Milan Fashion Week; the woman has battled anorexia for 15 years. CHECKING.

UNDATED \_ Royal Bank of Canada is suing suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick for more than US\$2.3 million; the bank argues that his guilty plea to federal dogfighting charges and the resulting impact on his career may prevent him from repaying a loan. CVD.

VANCOUVER \_ Survey suggests almost three million Canadians were guilty of aggressive driving last year, while more than a quarter of a million took risks behind the wheel just for the fun of it. NOT MATCHING IMMEDIATELY.

LOS ANGELES \_ Canadian actor Kiefer Sutherland arrested for drunken driving after he was stopped for making an illegal U-turn and failed a field sobriety test. CVD.

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UNDATED \_ Average price of gas in Canada a dollar a litre, still significantly higher than the U.S. CVD.

TORONTO \_ Children who are at increased risk for type 1 diabetes may be able to reduce their chances of developing the disease by eating a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids, researchers report in the Journal of the

American Medical Association. CHECKING.

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan \_ One Canadian soldier has been killed and four others wounded in two incidents while on patrol in southern Afghanistan.

Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche, Canada's military commander in Afghanistan, told a news conference in Kandahar that Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, a 24-year-old reservist with the King's Own Calgary regiment, had been killed by a mortar shell while trying to repair a Leopard tank. Another soldier was wounded.

Three other Canadian soldiers were wounded in a subsequent firefight.

All four suffered non-life threatening injuries and are being treated at the Kandahar airfield.

He says next of kin have been notified but that the identities of the wounded soldiers are not being released at this time.

Seventy-one Canadian soldiers have died in Afghanistan since Canada first deployed troops there in 2002.

# CBC National News, Tuesday, Sept. 25

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KANDAHAR \_ Canadian soldier Cpl. Nathan Hornburg killed as he repairs a tank during a patrol in Afghanistan's volatile south; another Canadian soldier is wounded in a separate incident. CVD.

OTTAWA \_ The federal New Democratic Party says it has proof that the Canadian military effectively wrote Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai's speech to Parliament last year in what it calls an elaborately staged political stunt; the accusation by NDP defence critic Dawn Black brings a denial from the Afghan ambassador in Ottawa, who calls the idea laughable. CVD.

UNDATED \_ Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai addresses the United Nations and thanks certain countries for their involvement in the war. CVD.

NEW YORK \_ Prime Minister Stephen Harper tells a New York audience that Canada is making important contributions to key global challenges such as Afghanistan and climate change. CVD.

OTTAWA \_ CBC says Arctic sovereignty will be a major part of the next federal election campaign. NOT MATCHING IMMEDIATELY.

UNDATED \_ Environment Minister John Baird responds to a CBC News report about cuts within his department, saying priority programs related to the environment would be maintained. NOT MATCHING.

OSHAWA, Ont. \_ General Motors' two auto assembly plants in Oshawa are shut down due to lack of parts, as the effects from a United Auto Workers strike in the U.S. spread in Canada; a prolonged shutdown could have harmful effects on Canada's economy. CVD.

VANCOUVER \_ Porsche announces plans to lower prices by an average of about eight per cent on its 2008 models to better reflect the loonie's strength; other retailers are following suit to stay competitive with U.S. companies. CVD.

LONDON \_ Myanmar's military rulers outlaw assemblies of more than five people and impose curfews in the southeast Asian country's two major cities after Buddhist monks, students and other activists staged another round of anti-government protests. CVD.

UNDATED \_ Award-winning Canadian actor Kiefer Sutherland, star of television series 24, is arrested in Los Angeles on drunk driving charges. CVD.

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# Canadian killed, 3 wounded in clash with Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan

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Afghanistan

By Dene Moore

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan \_ Before boarding a military flight to Afghanistan last month, Cpl. Nathan Hornburg told a newspaper in his hometown that the danger would not deter him.

“It's more of an argument we should be there u we know it's a mess and that's why we're there,” he told the Calgary Sun in July, before deploying in late August.

On Monday, Hornburg became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan, killed in a mortar attack during a counter-insurgency operation in one of the most dangerous districts in the country.

The 24-year-old was a mechanic with the King's Own Calgary Regiment.

A member of a tank squadron, he was repairing the track on a Leopard 2 tank when he was killed in a mortar strike at approximately 4:30 p.m. local time, during Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz, or Operation Honest Soldier.

“Cpl. Hornburg had to dismount in order to put back a track on a Leopard tank and it's at this moment that the incident happened, that there was mortar shell attack,” Brig-Gen. Guy Laroche, Canada's top soldier in Afghanistan, told reporters at Kandahar Air Field on Tuesday, after Hornburg's next-of-kind had been informed of his death.

One other soldier was wounded in the mortar attack.

A rocket-propelled grenade launched by insurgents in an ensuing firefight wounded three more infantry soldiers. All were evacuated, by air and by ground, to the hospital at Kandahar Air Field.

“The injuries of our wounded are not life threatening,” Laroche said.

The Canadian military commander emphasized that the tank did not hit a roadside bomb and that the track came off on its own.

“It happens, ...” Laroche said. “The terrain down there is very rough and that's something that we see on a regular basis, unfortunately.”

Laroche offered his condolences to the Hornburg family.

“These incidents are extremely difficult and trying times for the families, friends and colleagues of Cpl. Hornburg,” Laroche said.



“There is no way to comfort those who are grieving today except to say that Cpl. Hornburg was involved in a mission he believed in.”

Last month, Canadian troops began a push into the dangerous Zhari district of Kandahar province, the birthplace of the Taliban movement.

They have now moved back into the Panjwaii district to the south, another hotbed of insurgent activity and one that Canadians fought and died for last fall in Operation Medusa.

Medusa was the largest offensive undertaken since the Taliban were ousted in the U.S.-led invasion of 2001 and the largest combat operation by Canadian troops since the Korean War.

But much of that ground was lost over the summer, during the changeover of Canadian troops when Afghan national security forces were left to fend off insurgents.

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Here are the budgeted stories as of 23:00 EDT. The editor handling World news in Toronto can be reached at 416-507-2165.

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan \_ A full Afghan moon was fading in the night sky early Wednesday morning as members of the Canadian Forces bade goodbye to a fallen comrade. Cpl. Nathan Hornburg became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan when he was killed in a mortar attack during Operation Honest Soldier on Monday. 1,183 words. By Dene Moore. See Photos, CP Video. BC-Afghan-Cda-Soldier-Dead, 13th Writethru. Moved.

See also:

BC-Afghan-Cda-List. Moved.

BC-Afghan-Cda-Expanded-List. Moved Datafile.

BC-Afghan-Violence. Moved.

NEW YORK \_ There will likely be another minority government after Canada's next election, Prime Minister Stephen Harper told a U.S. foreign policy group Tuesday while touting his government's global contributions on Afghanistan, climate change and reaching out to Latin America. 850 words. By Beth Gorham. See Photos. BC-US-Harper, 2nd Writethru. Moved.

YANGON, Myanmar \_ Myanmar's military leaders impose a curfew and announce a ban on gatherings of more than five people after 35,000 Buddhist monks and sympathizers defy the junta's warnings and stage another day of anti-government protests. Soldiers in full battle gear are deployed in the country's largest city. 900 words. See Photos. BC-Myanmar, 3rd Writethru. Moved.

See also:

BC-China-Nudging-the-Junta. Moved Datafile only.

UNITED NATIONS \_ Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced Tuesday that his country's disputed nuclear program is closed as a political issue, and said Tehran will disregard UN Security Council resolutions imposed by "arrogant powers" to curb its nuclear program. Instead, he told world leaders at the UN General Assembly that Iran has decided to pursue the monitoring of its nuclear program "through its appropriate legal path," the International Atomic Energy Agency which is the UN's nuclear watchdog. 750 words. By Edith M. Lederer. See Photo. BC-UN-General-Assembly, 1st Writethru. Moved.

UNITED NATIONS \_ President George W. Bush announced new sanctions Tuesday against the military government of Myanmar, accusing it of imposing "a 19-year reign of fear" that denies basic freedoms of speech, assembly and worship. "Americans are outraged by the situation in Burma," the president said in an address to the UN General Assembly. 1,054 words. BC-UN-Bush, 1st Writethru. Moved.

# Canadian death toll in Afghanistan: 71 soldiers, one diplomat

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Since 2002, 71 Canadian soldiers and one diplomat have been killed in Afghanistan. Here is a list of the deaths:

2007

Sept. 24 \_ Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, 24, with the King's Own Calgary regiment, killed by a mortar shell while trying to repair a Leopard tank in southern Afghanistan.

Aug. 29 \_ Maj. Raymond Ruckpaul dies from gunshot inside a secure NATO compound in Kabul.

Aug. 22 \_ Master Warrant Officer Mario Mercier and Master Cpl. Christian Duchesne killed by roadside bomb west of Kandahar city.

Aug. 19 \_ Pte. Simon Longtin killed by a roadside bomb west of Kandahar city.

July 4 \_ Cpl. Cole Bartsch, Capt. Matthew Johnathan Dawe, Pte. Lane Watkins, Cpl. Jordan Anderson, Master Cpl. Colin Bason and Capt. Jefferson Francis, killed by a roadside bomb west of Kandahar city.

June 20 \_ Sgt. Christos Karigiannis, Cpl. Stephen Frederick Bouzane and Pte. Joel Vincent Wiebe, killed by a roadside bomb west of Kandahar city.

June 11 \_ Trooper Darryl Caswell killed a roadside bomb north of Kandahar.

May 30 \_ Master Cpl. Darrell Jason Priede, killed when a U.S. helicopter was reportedly shot down by the Taliban in Helmand province.

May 25 \_ Cpl. Matthew McCully killed by an improvised explosive device in Zhari district.

April 18 \_ Master Cpl. Anthony Klumpenhower, who served with elite special forces, died after falling from a communications tower while on duty conducting surveillance in Kandahar city.

April 11 \_ Master Cpl. Allan Stewart and Trooper Patrick James Pentland, killed when their Coyote vehicle struck an improvised explosive device.

April 8 \_ Sgt. Donald Lucas, Cpl. Aaron E. Williams, Pte. Kevin V. Kennedy, Pte. David R. Greenslade, Cpl. Christopher P. Stannix and Cpl. Brent Poland killed when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb.

March 6 \_ Cpl. Kevin Megeney killed in accidental shooting at NATO base in Kandahar.

2006

Nov. 27 \_ Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Girouard and Cpl. Albert Storm killed by suicide car bomber.

Oct. 14 \_ Sgt. Darcy Tedford and Pte. Blake Williamson killed in ambush.

Oct. 7 \_ Trooper Mark Andrew Wilson killed by roadside bomb.

Oct. 3 \_ Sgt. Craig Gillam and Cpl. Robert Mitchell killed in series of mortar, rocket attacks.

Sept. 29 \_ Pte. Josh Klukie killed by explosion in Panjwaii while on foot patrol.

Sept. 18 \_ Pte. David Byers, Cpl. Shane Keating, Cpl. Keith Morley and Cpl. Glen Arnold killed in suicide bicycle bomb attack while on foot patrol in Panjwaii.

Sept. 4 \_ Pte. Mark Graham killed when two NATO planes accidentally strafed Canadian troops in Panjwaii district.

Sept. 3 \_ Sgt. Shane Stachnik, Warrant Officer Frank Robert Mellish, Pte. William Cushley and Warrant Officer Richard Francis Nolan killed in fighting in Panjwaii district.

Aug. 22 \_ Cpl. David Braun killed in suicide attack.

Aug. 11 \_ Cpl. Andrew Eykelenboom killed in suicide attack.

Aug. 9 \_ Master Cpl. Jeffrey Walsh killed by apparent accidental discharge of rifle.

Aug. 5 \_ Master Cpl. Raymond Arndt killed when his G-Wagon patrol vehicle collided with truck.

Aug. 3 \_ Cpl. Christopher Reid killed by roadside bomb. Sgt. Vaughan Ingram, Cpl. Bryce Keller and Pte. Kevin Dallaire killed in rocket-propelled grenade attack.

July 22 \_ Cpl. Francisco Gomez and Cpl. Jason Warren killed when car packed with explosives rammed their armoured vehicle.

July 9 \_ Cpl. Anthony Boneca killed in firefight.

May 17 \_ Capt. Nichola Goddard killed in Taliban ambush. She was first Canadian woman to be killed in action while serving in combat role.

April 22 \_ Cpl. Matthew Dinning, Bombardier Myles Mansell, Lt. William Turner and Cpl. Randy Payne killed when their G-Wagon destroyed by roadside bomb.

March 29 \_ Pte. Robert Costall killed in firefight with Taliban.

March 2 \_ Cpl. Paul Davis and Master Cpl. Timothy Wilson killed when their armoured vehicle ran off road.

Jan. 15 \_ Glyn Berry, British-born Canadian diplomat, killed in suicide bombing.

2005

Nov. 24 \_ Pte. Braun Woodfield killed when his armoured vehicle rolled over.

2004

Jan. 27 \_ Cpl. Jamie Murphy killed in suicide bombing while on patrol.

2003

Oct. 2 \_ Sgt. Robert Short and Cpl. Robbie Beerenfenger killed in roadside bombing.

2002

April 17 \_ Sgt. Marc Leger, Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, Pte. Richard Green and Pte. Nathan Smith killed when U.S. F-16 fighter mistakenly bombed Canadians.

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## CANADIAN

**CALGARY** \_ Word of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg's death in Afghanistan hit the small King's Own Calgary Regiment hard Tuesday, but the grieving stretched across the country and beyond. Hornburg was a reserve soldier who grew up in southern Alberta's ranch country in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains. He was killed Monday when he drove his armoured recovery vehicle forward under fire to help put a track back on a Leopard tank in one of the most volatile and dangerous regions in Afghanistan. 720 words. By James Stevenson. BC-Afghan-Cda-Soldier-Hornburg, 2nd Writethru. Moved.

See also: BC-Afghan-Cda-Soldier-Dead, 12th Writethru. Moved World (W).

**OTTAWA** \_ The NDP says it has documents that indicate Afghan President Hamid Karzai's speech to Parliament last year was an "elaborately staged political stunt." The party says access-to-information documents show that the Canadian military effectively wrote the speech. But the Afghan ambassador to Canada denies Karzai's remarks were scripted for him, calling the accusation laughable and bordering on insulting. 800 words. By Murray Brewster. See CP Photos FXC101-102. BC-Afghan-Cda-Ghostwriting, 3rd Writethru. Moved.

**OTTAWA** \_ The RCMP ruled out a man suspected of plotting terrorist acts in other countries as a suspect in the Air India bombing after interviewing him in 1992, the Air India inquiry heard Tuesday. There has been speculation for years that Lal Singh, who had ties to the International Sikh Youth Federation, may have been one of the couriers who delivered bomb-laden suitcases that killed more than 300 people. 750 words. By Jim Brown. See CP Photos FXC103-105. BC-Air-India, 2nd Writethru. Moved.

**VANCOUVER** \_ The Bank of Canada is now focused on the rapid fall on the U.S. dollar in recent days and what impact it will have on the Canadian economy, bank governor David Dodge said Tuesday. While Canada's money markets are on the way to recovery following this summer's credit crunch, Dodge suggested the central bank may need to leave its key interest rate where it is at its next scheduled announcement Oct. 16. 900 words. By Brenda Bouw. BC-Dodge-Economy, 6th Writethru. Moved General (G) and Business (B).

**OTTAWA** \_ Women are making progress in narrowing the wage gap with men, but are still a distinct minority when it comes to jobs with power and influence, says a new study. The Toronto-Dominion Bank report, released Tuesday, finds that women still earn between five and 15 per cent less than men, even when factors such as hours worked, productivity or occupational choice are considered. 750 words. By Julian Beltrame. BC-Women-Wages, 1st Writethru. Moved.

MONTREAL \_ U.S. retailer TJX Companies, the parent company for Winners and HomeSense stores in Canada, collected too much personal information and held it for too long without proper data protection, the federal and Alberta privacy commissioners said Tuesday. A massive security breach through a pair of stores in Florida gave computer hackers access to personal information from 45 million credit, debit and identity cards, including those of Canadian customers. 550 words. By Les Perreux. See CP Photos MTLX101-103. BC-Privacy-Breaches, 3rd Writethru. Moved.

TORONTO \_ General Motors closed its two Canadian sedan-assembly lines Tuesday, affecting 5,600 workers, as the impact of the strike against the automaker in the United States reverberated north of the border. 700 words. By Gary Norris. BC-US-Auto-Canada, 6th Writethru. Moved General (G) and Business (B).

VANCOUVER \_ A Washington state couple who allegedly fled to Canada to avoid child-rape allegations against the husband have been ordered detained pending deportation proceedings. Jeff Spady and his wife Kim are in custody in Regina after being arrested on an immigration warrant last Friday and their four children are in the care of Saskatchewan child-protection workers. 750 words. By Steve Mertl. BC-Border-Fugitive, 2nd Writethru. Moved.

VANCOUVER \_ Controversial comments made by one of Canada's most prominent music promoters have fuelled a storm of demands that he be removed from the team organizing the opening and closing ceremonies for the 2010 Winter Games. Even though Bruce Allen delivered the radio commentary about "special interest groups" almost two weeks ago, Liberal MP Raymond Chan is adding his voice to those who have complained. 1,100 words. By Camille Bains. BC-OLY-Allen-Controversy, 3rd Writethru. Moved General (G) and Sports (S).

See also:

\_ BC-OLY-IOC. Moved Sports (S) and General (G).

\_ BC-OLY-2010-Education. Moved Sports (S) and General (G).

ST. JOHN'S, N.L. \_ Newfoundland Premier Danny Williams, on the defensive during one key exchange in a televised leaders debate, admitted Tuesday that voters remain upset about an embarrassing spending scandal within the provincial legislature. Liberal Leader Gerry Reid accused Williams of painting a rosy economic picture while ignoring the plight of rural Newfoundland and Labrador, delivered a scathing indictment of the premier's vision for the fishing industry. 1,000 words. By Tara Brautigam. BC-Elxn-NL-Debate, 6th Writethru. Moved.

HALIFAX \_ With the Conservative party possibly opening the door a crack for Bill Casey to return the fold, the maverick Nova Scotia MP says the federal government would have to honour the Atlantic Accord before he would entertain joining the Tory caucus again. 650 words. By Keith Doucette. BC-Casey-Tory-Return?, 1st Writethru. Moved.

BAIE-ST-PAUL, Que. \_ Parti Quebecois Leader Pauline Marois is repeating that she wants to make Quebec a country but doesn't want to get caught up in the details right now. A day after her sweeping byelection victory, Marois said Tuesday that she wants the support of Quebecers first before deciding on the details of any sovereignty referendum if the PQ forms the government. 500 words. By Remi Nadeau. See CP Photos XJQB101-104. BC-Marois-Byelxn, 2nd Writethru. Moved.

ST-JEROME, Que. \_ A former Conservative MP is urging Quebec to ban all religious clothing in public places, such as the face-covering niqab, a public hearing was told Tuesday. Lise Bourgault, now mayor of Brownsburg-Chatham northwest of Montreal, delivered that message to the commission looking into the

so-called reasonable accommodation of immigrants. 500 words. By Lia Levesque.  
BBC-Que-Accommodation, 1st Writethru. Moved.

WINNIPEG \_ The Manitoba legislature began its fall session Tuesday, the first since Premier Gary Doer's New Democrats were re-elected last spring, by announcing the name of the province's new holiday. The third Monday of February will be called Louis Riel Day after the Metis leader and founder of the province. 620 words. By Steve Lambert. BC-Mba-New-Holiday, 1st Writethru. Moved.

HALIFAX \_ Two Grade 12 students' campaign to combat bullying by wearing pink to their school in rural Nova Scotia say they're thrilled the idea has gained so much attention. Travis Price and David Shepherd came up with the idea after a boy at their school was bullied simply for wearing pink. The story has received international attention and, on Tuesday, Nova Scotia's premier declared that the second Thursday at the start of each school year will be known as 'Stand Up Against Bullying Day'. 550 words. By James Keller.  
BC-NS-Anti-Bully-Day, 1st Writethru. Moved.

RHODES CORNER, N.S. \_ The first person at the scene of a deadly ultralight plane crash in southern Nova Scotia shuddered Tuesday as he recalled the cries of an injured passenger just as fuel ignited on the engine of the crumpled aircraft. 600 words. By Michael Tutton. BC-NS-Plane-Crash, 6th Writethru. Moved.

## ONTARIO ELECTION

TORONTO \_ Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory promised Tuesday to clear a backlog of about 900 cases where families of autistic children are waiting for the Ontario government to start paying for a costly but effective form of intensive autism therapy. He even extended an olive branch to the New Democrats \_ likely to hold the balance of power in a minority \_ as he acknowledged the work on the autism file done by NDP stalwart Shelley Martel. Premier Dalton McGuinty, meanwhile, isn't quite ready to acknowledge the possibility of a minority \_ Ontario's "just-in-time" economy demands a nimble and agile Liberal majority to keep moving forward, he said. 1,000 words. By Sean Patrick Sullivan. See CP Photos. With vars  
BC-Elxn-Ont. BC-Elxn-Ont-Main, 3rd Writethru. Moved General (G).

Moving on the regional (C) wire:

\_ Elxn-Ont-Liberals;

\_ Elxn-Ont-Conservatives;

\_ Elxn-Ont-NDP;

\_ Elxn-Ont-Where-The-Leaders-Are.

TORONTO \_ More than six in 10 Ontario residents now know a referendum is being held alongside the Oct. 10 provincial election and the issue is poised to steal the spotlight in the campaign's final days, Elections Ontario's top official said Tuesday. While that's up dramatically from the just eight per cent who knew about the referendum in June, Chief Electoral Officer John Hollins said there's still a lack of understanding about what's at stake. 550 words. By Gregory Bonnell. BC-Elxn-Ont-MMP-Referendum, 1st Writethru. Moved.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. \_ Ontario's political leaders may not realize it, but they're treading on fertile ground as they make their way across the struggling farming communities, distressed manufacturing centres and overburdened cities of southwestern Ontario. The region, whose concerns encompass diverse urban and rural issues, typically takes a backseat to the vote-rich Greater Toronto Area. But experts say the southwest is rife with ridings that may prove to be hotly contested battlegrounds leading up to the Oct. 10 vote. 900 words. By Maria Babbage. With vars BC-Elxn-Ont. BC-Elxn-Ont-Regional-Spotlight. Moved regional (C).



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^Statement by the Minister of National Defence on the Death of Corporal@<

September 25, 2007

OTTAWA, ONTARIO---(Marketwire – Sept. 25, 2007) – The Honourable Peter Gordon MacKay, Minister of National Defence and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, issued the following statement today on the death of Corporal Nathan Hornburg and the wounding of four Canadian soldiers:

"I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Corporal Nathan Hornburg who died in Afghanistan in an incident that also left four other Canadian soldiers injured. My thoughts and prayers are with them during this time of great sorrow. I also wish a speedy recovery to the soldiers injured in this incident.

These soldiers were participating in Operation SADIQ SARBAAZ (Honest Soldier) – a joint Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and ISAF operation that is setting the conditions for a continuous security presence and the establishment of a new police sub-station in the northern part of Panjwayi. Corporal Hornburg and his colleagues were helping to bring stability and security to a population that has seen much hardship and turmoil. Their actions have brought hope to the people of Afghanistan.

Let us never forget Corporal Nathan Hornburg – a great Canadian whose self-sacrifice ensured a better life for others."

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Prime Minister Harper is telling Americans Canada is likely headed for another minority government.

Harper was asked about the political situation back home after he addressed the Council on Foreign Relations today in New York.

Harper said he didn't expect the minority situation to change anytime soon -- even if there's an election in the near future.

He admitted that might not go over well with election strategists in his party.

Harper also told the council his government is facing a big challenge over the deployment in Afghanistan. (14)

(Afghan-Cda-Ambush) (Audio: 117)

A Canadian soldier has been seriously wounded in an insurgent ambush today in Afghanistan -- a day after a soldier died in an attack.

The wounded soldier has been evacuated by helicopter, first to Kandahar Airfield and then to a military hospital in Helmand province, for specialist care.

The soldier, whose name has not been released, is part of the new Afghan police training team.

The soldier killed by a mortar yesterday was 24-year-old corporal Nathan Hornburg. (14)

(OLY-Allen-Controversy)

A New Democrat legislator in B-C wants prominent music promoter Bruce Allen kicked off the Olympic organizing team.

M-L-A Raj Chouhan (RAHZH SHOO'-han) says he's angry that the committee chose Allen as part of the team after he made remarks against immigrants on a radio show.

Allen sparked controversy last September when he said immigrants should stop seeking special treatment in Canada or not move here.

He singled out Sikhs and Muslims. (14)

(Bush-U-N)

While the war in Iraq continues, U-S President Bush made scant mention of it in his address at the United Nations General Assembly today.

He did however, reassure the Iraqi prime minister after his speech that U–S support is unwavering.

Bush used his speech to urge the U–N to do more to bring about human rights in countries under repressive regimes. (14)

(Polygamy Trial)

A juror was replaced today in the trial of polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs in Utah.

Now, the panel that had said it was closing in on a verdict has to start deliberations from scratch.

Jeffs is accused of rape by accomplice in the arranged marriage of a 14–year–old girl to her 19–year–old cousin.

His sect has an offshoot in Bountiful, British Columbia. (14)

(Vick Charged) (Audio: 128)

The legal woes of football star Michael Vick have taken a Canadian twist.

The Royal Bank of Canada is suing Vick for more than 2.3–million (m) dollars because it says the dogfighting scandal has prevented him from repaying a loan.

Vick has pleaded guilty to a U–S federal dogfighting conspiracy charge.

He and three co–defendants were also indicted in Virginia today on state charges relating to a dogfighting operation. (14)

(NewsWatch by Roger Ward)

## Update:Recasts; adds name of soldier, other details

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – One Canadian soldier has been killed and four others wounded in two incidents while on patrol in southern Afghanistan.

Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche, Canada's military commander in Afghanistan, told a news conference in Kandahar that Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, a 24-year-old reservist with the King's Own Calgary regiment, had been killed by a mortar shell while trying to repair a Leopard tank. Another soldier was wounded.

Three other Canadian soldiers were wounded in a subsequent firefight.

All four suffered non-life threatening injuries and are being treated at the Kandahar airfield.

He says next of kin have been notified but that the identities of the wounded soldiers are not being released at this time.

Seventy-one Canadian soldiers have died in Afghanistan since Canada first deployed troops there in 2002.

(The Canadian Press)

## --Fifth NewsWatch--

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A Canadian soldier has been killed and four others wounded in Afghanistan.

The dead soldier is being identified as Corporal Nathan Hornburg, a reservist mechanic based in Calgary.

Brigadier-General Guy Laroche says Hornburg was attempting to repair a broken-down tank when he was hit by mortar-fire. Another soldier was wounded in the attack.

Three other soldiers suffered non-life-threatening injuries in a subsequent firefight as part of the same patrol.

Hornburg is the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan. (5)

(Federal-Elxn-Plans)

We could be heading to the polls in a federal election later this fall.

The Toronto Star says Conservative M-P's are being told to prepare for an election.

It says the vote could be called within days of Prime Minister Harper's Speech from the Throne — scheduled for October 16th.

Liberal Leader Stephane Dion says he's not surprised, since the government expects a confidence vote on the speech just two days later. (5)

(BIZ-US-Auto-Canada)

Canadian autoworkers are keeping an eye on contract talks resuming in Detroit today.

C-A-W president Buzz Hargrove figures as many as 100-thousand Canadian workers will be laid off soon, because of the strike against General Motors in the U-S.

Two G-M plants in Oshawa are expected to be shut down today, as they run out of parts.

Union officials in the U-S say the strike is aimed at getting G-M to promise it will continue to build cars and trucks there — and preserve unionized jobs. (5)

(BIZ-Dodge)

The financial community will be listening closely today for any hint of direction from the governor of the Bank of Canada.

David Dodge is set to speak in Vancouver — his first major speech since the Canadian dollar has been running at par with the American dollar.

Observers are watching for any hint the Bank will reduce interest rates. (5)

(Que-Byelxn)(Audio:033)

Quebec's first female party leader has a seat in the province's legislature now.

Pauline Marois has easily won a byelection in the riding of Charlevoix — taking nearly 60 per cent of the vote.

Marois leads the Parti Quebecois — after serving in several cabinet posts — and trying twice previously to win the party leadership. (5)

(NS-Rebate-Suit)

The government in New Brunswick wants a lawyer leading a class action lawsuit against it removed from the case.

Yassin Choukri is representing the lead client in a 100-(m) million dollar lawsuit over a home-heating rebate program.

But the province argues Choukri could be in a conflict of interest.

He was deputy attorney general in the previous government. (5)

(NewsWatch by Paul Cross)

## --Seventh NewsWatch--

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Canadian soldiers on their way to help establish a police checkpoint in the Panjwaii district of Afghanistan have come under attack -- after a Leopard tank broke down.

Brigadier-General Guy Laroche says a mechanic -- Corporal Nathan Hornburg -- was trying to repair the tank, when the Canadians were hit by mortar-fire.

Hornburg -- who was 24 -- was killed, and another Canadian wounded.

A gunfight followed, and three more Canadians have been wounded.

They're expected to survive their injuries. (7)

(Khadr-Cda-Appeal)

Charges have been reinstated against the only Canadian held at the terrorism suspect camp at Guantanamo Bay.

A U-S military appeals court, siding with the Pentagon, has overruled a judge who threw out the charges against Omar Khadr.

A judge had ruled in June that Khadr could not be tried, because he had not been declared an enemy combatant.

Khadr has been held by the U-S since he was just 15.

He's accused of killing an American soldier in Afghanistan. (7)

(BIZ-US-Auto-Canada)(Audio:085)

General Motors workers in Canada are already being laid off because of the strike against G-M in the U-S.

Canadian Autoworkers union president Buzz Hargrove says one of G-M's car plants in Oshawa, Ontario has been shut down after running out of parts.

He says a second car plant will be shut down by the end of the day shift.

The G-M transmission plant in Windsor, Ontario closed yesterday less than an hour after the U-S strike began.

American G-M workers want the company to guarantee it will continue to build cars and trucks there. (7)

(Que-Byelxn)(Audio:036)

The leader of Parti Quebecois has her work cut out for her as she prepares to take her seat in the province's legislature.

Pauline Marois has been easily elected in a byelection in Charlevoix.

She vows to rebuild the party.

It holds just 36 of the 125 seats in the Quebec National Assembly. (7)

(Myanmar)

Tens of thousands of Buddhist monks continue to defy the military by marching in the streets of Myanmar again today.

Monks have been marching in Yangon and Mandalay, against military orders to stay out of politics.

It's the eighth day of mass protests in Myanmar, where a military junta continues to prevent a previously-elected government from taking office. (7)

(Deeper-Voice-More-Kids?)(Audio:062)

Women wanting to have children seem to favour men with deep voices.

And a McMaster University professor says new research also found men with lower voices had greater reproductive success and more children born to them.

The study involved a tribe in Tanzania that has no modern birth control. (7)

(NewsWatch by Paul Cross)



# Afghan-Cda-Soldier-Dead-Update (ramp ceremony over)

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KANDAHAR -- The body of Corporal Nathan Hornburg is on its way home from Afghanistan.

Hundreds of coalition troops gathered at dawn at the Kandahar airbase to bid a sad farewell to the 71st Canadian soldier to make the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan.

The 24-year-old mechanic with the King's Own Calgary Regiment was killed in a mortar attack while repairing the track on a Leopard 2 tank.

Another soldier was wounded.

In an ensuing firefight, three more infantry soldiers were wounded.

Separately, a Canadian soldier was seriously wounded Tuesday when insurgents ambushed a joint patrol with the Afghan National Police.

The soldier, whose name wasn't released, is part of the new Police Operational Mentoring Liaison Team.

Before heading to Afghanistan last month, Corporal Hornburg told the Calgary Sun that danger would not deter him.

He said ``We know it's a mess and that's why we're there.''

His flag draped casket is now headed home in the cargo hold of a military transport.

(The Canadian Press)

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## --Sixth NewsWatch--

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A Canadian soldier has been killed in Afghanistan while trying to repair a Leopard tank.

Brigadier-General Guy Laroche says Corporal Nathan Hornburg -- a reservist mechanic from Calgary -- was trying to fix a track on the tank, when the Canadians came under mortar fire.

A second Canadian was wounded.

Three others were wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade in an ensuing firefight with the rebels.

Laroche describes all the wounded soldiers' injuries as non-life-threatening. (6)

(BIZ-US-Auto-Canada)

The strike at General Motors in the U-S is already forcing Canadian plants to shut down.

Canadian Auto Workers president Buzz Hargrove says one of G-M's car plants in Oshawa, Ontario shut down overnight, after running out of parts.

That puts three-thousand workers on lay-off.

G-M Canada spokesman Stew Low says the status of a second car plant will be decided at noon. (6)

(Federal-Elxn-Plans)

Canadians could be called to vote in a general election before the end of autumn.

The Toronto Star reports Prime Minister Harper's Conservatives have been told to get ready.

It says an election could be called after Harper delivers his speech from the throne on October 16th.

A confidence motion is expected within days of the speech.

Liberal Leader Stephane Dion says Harper may be counting on losing that vote -- which could trigger an election. (6)

(Iran-US)

The president of Iran is set to speak at the United Nations today -- on the very same day as U-S President Bush.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (mahk-MOOD' ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd) is already insisting his country has no plans for a nuclear bomb -- and he does not think the U-S is going to attack.

Iran is expected to come up in Bush's speech, but will not be a main focus. (6)

(Terror-Trial)

A defence lawyer thinks up to half the adult suspects charged in a southern Ontario terrorism probe would have been released if not for an abrupt move by the Crown.

In the midst of a preliminary hearing for the 14 men, the Crown has announced it will proceed by direct indictment.

That ends the hearing, and sends the men directly to trial.

They're accused of plotting to storm Parliament and take hostages.

Charges have been stayed for three teenagers arrested in the case. (6)

(WEA-Tropical-Storms)

Another tropical storm is strengthening in the Atlantic.

Karen is the 12th named storm of the season.

It's not posing any immediate threat, and is still 25-hundred kilometres away from the Windward Islands. (6)

(NewsWatch by Paul Cross)

## --Eleventh NewsWatch--

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Prime Minister Harper says the death of another Canadian soldier in Afghanistan shows the significant price that must be paid for progress in the war-torn nation.

In a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, he noted 71 Canadian soldiers have died in Afghanistan.

Harper says the "stark reality" is that there can be no progress there without the protection provided by Canadian soldiers for reconstruction efforts.

Corporal Nathan Hornburg was killed yesterday in a mortar attack during a counter-insurgency operation in one of the most dangerous districts in the country. (11)

(HEALTH-C-Difficile) (Audio: 98)

A Quebec coroner has issued a damning report on the management of a Montreal-area hospital where 16 people died from the intestinal ailment called C. difficile.

Coroner Catherine Rudel-Tessier points the finger at the administration of Honore-Mercier Hospital in Saint-Hyacinthe for failing to prevent the infection.

She says infection prevention should be a major priority.

The deaths occurred in two separate outbreaks in 2006. (11)

(US-Auto-Canada)

General Motors shut down one of its Canadian car assembly plants overnight and another looks set to close later today.

The Canadian industry is feeling the effects of the strike against the automaker in the United States.

G-M Canada shut down the assembly plant at its complex in Oshawa, east of Toronto, after shutting down its transmission plant in Windsor, Ontario yesterday.

The lack of key major components from the United States could close a second plant in Oshawa at the end of the day shift, idling a total of about 56-hundred people. (11)

(Seal-Complaint-Dismissed)

Two Mexican animal rights groups have lost a bid to hamper the Canadian seal hunt.

Specifically, they said Canada was not enforcing regulations outlining the methods and instruments that are allowed to kill seals.

But the Commission for Environmental Co-operation decided Canada has not failed to effectively enforce environmental law. (11)

(Bush-U-N) (Audio: 99)

U-S President Bush has used his address to the U-N General Assembly to accuse the military dictatorship in Myanmar of imposing ``a 19-year reign of fear."

In the wide-ranging speech, Bush announced new sanctions against the regime that he says denies basic freedoms of speech, assembly and worship.

Buddhist monks have marched for an eighth day of peaceful protest in Myanmar. (11)

(ENT-Clooney)

George Clooney and his girlfriend are real troupers.

They turned up at the premiere of his new movie after being in a motorcycle accident last Friday.

Clooney has a broken rib and Sarah Larson has a broken foot.

But they were on the red carpet for his new thriller, ``Michael Clayton" last night in New York.

Clooney joked he's dealing with it by drinking. (11)

(NewsWatch by Roger Ward)

## --Ninth NewsWatch--

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Hornburg has been killed in a roadside ambush, while trying to repair a track that had come loose on a Leopard tank.

Brigadier-General Guy Laroche says after Hornburg got out of the tank, the Canadians came under mortar attack.

Another soldier was wounded in that attack and three more were injured in a subsequent firefight.

None of their injuries is considered life-threatening. (9)

(UN-Bush)

U-S President Bush is calling on the United Nations General Assembly to reform the global institution.

Bush says the U-N's Human Rights Council has been silent on abuses by the regimes in Havana, Caracas, Pyongyang and Tehran while being overly critical of Israel.

And he says the U-S will step up sanctions against Myanmar, where a military junta refuses to let an elected government take office.

Bush says the U-S will suspend visas for members of the regime and their families, and will impose economic sanctions.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is scheduled to address the U-N later today. (9)

(Federal-Elxn-Plans)

There could be a general election this fall.

The Toronto Star reports federal Conservatives have been told to be ready.

The newspaper says an election could be called within days of Prime Minister Harper's Speech from the Throne -- scheduled for October 16th. (9)

(BIZ-US-Auto-Canada) (Audio:083)

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strike at G–M in the United States.

A second car plant in Oshawa is expected to run out of parts this afternoon, and shut down when the day shift is over. (9)

(BIZ–US–Home–Sales)

There's no end in sight to the decline in home sales across the U–S.

The National Association of Realtors is reporting sales of existing homes dropped in August — for the sixth month in a row.

Sales have dropped to their lowest levels in five years. (9)

(TV–Kiefer–Sutherland)

Kiefer Sutherland is free on bail after being charged with drunk driving in Los Angeles overnight.

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A police spokeswoman says Sutherland was stopped when officers spotted him making an illegal U–turn. (9)

(NewsWatch by Paul Cross)

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(Alta–Royalty–Review)

The Alberta government is seeking public reaction to a recent report that says the province is not getting its fair share of energy revenue.

Albertans can express their views through a government website and by phone on whether oil and gas royalties should be substantially boosted.

Deputy premier Ron Stevens will be in charge of consulting with the industry and Energy Minister Mel Knight will lead a technical analysis of the report, released last week.

The announcement comes as an international energy research company — Wood Mackenzie — says boosting royalties would reduce the commercial value of Alberta's oilsands projects by 26 (m) million dollars U–S. (CBC, CHQR)

(HEALTH–Calgary–Review)

An independent health board says Calgary's emergency rooms must act faster in getting medical help to patients who need it the most.

The Health Quality Council of Alberta is recommending a triage system where those likely to be admitted are given priority over those likely to be sent home.

The recommendation follows an extensive study over the past year into overcrowding and wait times at the city's health care facilities.

The council says the health region is about two years away from increasing bed numbers, so ways must be quickly found to deal with problems in E–Rs. (The Canadian Press)

(CRIME–Child–Abuse) (Sask note)

A trial for a Saskatchewan man accused of sexually assaulting five children could be in the hands of the jury before the end of the week.

The Tisdale–area man, who can't be named, is on trial in Melfort where he faces several charges.

They stem from alleged assaults between 1979 and 1984.

The alleged victims included four girls and a boy. (CBC)

(Afghan–Cda–Ambush)

There is a uniquely Canadian sentiment in a message of condolence on a website for an Alberta soldier killed



in Afghanistan.

It says ``God Bless man. It was great playing hockey with you."

The message was posted in memory of Nanton resident, Corporal Nathan Hornburg, who was killed by a mortar round yesterday while repairing a tank track.

Nanton mayor John Blake says the war has suddenly come to his community and has taken on a larger meaning with Hornburg's death. (CHQR, The Canadian Press)

(Sask–Premier–Election)

Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert suggests political events in Ottawa may have some bearing on the date for the next provincial election.

He says he's keeping an eye out for a possible federal election before an opportunity arises to call Saskatchewan voters to the polls.

Calvert also says he's getting frustrated with the media and Opposition attention on the date for the next provincial vote, but he admits the ``silly season" in politics is here. (CKRM)

(MUSIC–ESO–Eddins)

The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra is extending the contract of music director William Eddins through the 2009–2010 season.

The native of Buffalo, New York made his debut with the E–S–O in 2005.

The orchestra's board says that since then, Eddins has made his mark on the organization and the community.

Eddins currently resides in Minneapolis with his wife and two sons. (The Canadian Press)

(Prairie Update by Ken Trimble)

## --Thirteenth NewsWatch--

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper has told a foreign policy audience that Canada is forging its way as a world leader in key global challenges such as Afghanistan and climate change.

He's told the Council on Foreign Relations in New York that Canada's climate change plan is the right one.

Harper says Canada is taking a leadership role on climate change, even though critics are upset that Canada has joined what they call an anti-Kyoto group.

He also insists Canada's involvement in Afghanistan is correct. (13)

(Afghan-Cda-Ambush)

There's a second attack on Canadians reported today in Afghanistan.

A Canadian soldier has been seriously wounded in an insurgent ambush on patrol with the Afghan National Police.

Information on the soldier's condition was not immediately available.

Another Canadian soldier was killed in the Panjwaii district, south of Pashmul, yesterday.

Corporal Nathan Hornburg died in a mortar attack as he was fixing a tank track. (13)

(Afghan-Cda-Ghostwriting) (Audio: P01)

The N-D-P is accusing the Canadian military of staging Afghan President Hamid Karzai's speech to Parliament last year.

Defence critic Dawn Black says papers she's obtained indicate Karzai's address was written by the military and Karzai went along with it.

She says what Canadians heard was not the voice of the Afghan people, but the talking points of the Department of National Defence.

In the speech, Karzai took direct aim at N-D-P Leader Jack Layton's opposition to the war. (13)

(UN-Bush) (Audio: 102)

U-S President Bush has addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York, urging it to do more to uphold human rights in the world.

Bush says human rights are being denied by tyrants in many places, despite the U-N's founding principals.

Bush says the people of some countries have asked for help, and every civilized country has a responsibility to stand with them.

He also voiced his support for anti-government protests in Myanmar. (13)

(Myanmar)

Myanmar's military government is trying to ban people from gathering in groups larger than five people at a time.

The new rule was imposed as thousands of monks and others are marching in its two largest cities in pro-democracy protests.

A nighttime curfew has also been imposed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Witnesses say the measures were announced via loudspeakers on vehicles cruising the streets of Yangon and Mandalay. (13)

(Britain-Magna Carta) (Audio: 101)

Freedom is going on the auction block.

A 13th-century copy of the Magna Carta will be offered for sale in New York in December.

The Magna Carta established the rights of the English people and limited the power of the king in 1215.

The vellum manuscript, owned by the Perot (pah-ROH') Foundation, is estimated to sell for 20- to 30 (m) million dollars. (13)

(NewsWatch by Roger Ward)

# --Tenth NewsWatch--

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Negotiators for General Motors and its unionized production workers in the U-S are back at the bargaining table -- a day after 73-thousand employees walked out.

The strike is already putting thousands of Canadian G-M workers on lay off.

Plants in Windsor and Oshawa, Ontario have already run out of parts and sent workers home.

Another plant in Oshawa is expected to close later today. (10)

(Afghan-Cda-Soldier-Dead)

Canadian soldiers have had to stop to make repairs to Leopard tanks in Afghanistan before -- but someone was watching this time.

Brigadier-General Guy Laroche says after Corporal Nathan Hornburg got out of the tank to repair a loose track, his patrol was hit by mortar fire.

The 24-year-old Hornburg has been killed, and another soldier wounded.

Three others have also been wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade in a battle following the mortar attack. (10)

(UN-Bush)(Audio:095)

U-S President Bush is calling on the United Nations to return to its founding principals.

He wants it to fight for human rights wherever they are being denied.

Bush says the U-N Human Rights Council has been ignoring abuses in several countries, but focusing unfairly on Israel.

He says the U-S itself will impose economic sanctions on the military junta in Myanmar. (10)

(Privacy-Breaches)

The federal privacy commissioner says a retail chain hit by a major security breach earlier this year had been collecting too much personal information about its customers.

Jennifer Stoddart also says there were too few safeguards applied to the data at T-J-X Companies -- which operates Winners and HomeSense stores.

Stoddart says many Canadian retailers ask for too much information -- and shoppers should refuse to provide it. (10)

(SCOTUS–Lethal–Injection)

An American defence lawyer says this may well be one of the most important death–penalty court cases in decades.

The Supreme Court in the United States has agreed to hear the case of two Kentucky death–row inmates.

They're challenging the constitutionality of being put to death by lethal injection.

The court will determine whether it amounts to cruel and unusual punishment. (10)

(Russia–Space–Mail)

A Russian experiment to send mail back to Earth from space is a bust.

A 30–kilometre long tether has failed to unwind.

The plan was to have a package lowered on a tether attached to a rocket.

Once it was inside Earth's atmosphere, a parachute was supposed to guide the package to its destination on the ground. (10)

(NewsWatch by Paul Cross)

# Grieving for dead soldier includes uniquely Canadian sentiment

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CALGARY – Grieving for Canada's latest casualty in the Afghan war includes at least one uniquely Canadian sentiment.

An entry on an Internet condolences page for Cpl. Nathan Hornburg says: 'God Bless man. It was great playing hockey with you.'

Hornburg, a reservist from Alberta ranching country, became Canada's 71st soldier to die in Afghanistan when he was killed by a mortar blast while repairing a track on a Leopard 2 tank.

He was one of four from the King's Own Calgary Regiment to ship out in late August.

Hornburg's death is also a blow to his hometown of Nanton, south of Calgary.

Mayor John Blake says the Afghan war has suddenly come to his community and has taken on a larger meaning with Hornburg's death.

(The Canadian Press)

## --Eighth NewsWatch--

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(BIZ–US–Home–Sales)

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(TV–Kiefer–Sutherland)

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(NewsWatch by Paul Cross)



# --Nineteenth NewsWatch--

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The body of the latest Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan is on its way home.

Hundreds of coalition soldiers stood at attention as the coffin carrying 24-year-old Corporal Nathan Hornburg was placed aboard a Hercules C-130.

When he died Monday in a mortar attack west of Kandahar City, Hornburg became the 71st Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan since 2002.

Prime Minister Harper is praising Hornburg's "courage and commitment," adding he "gave his life to ensure a brighter future for the people of Afghanistan." (19)

(Afghan-Cda-Ambush)

A Canadian soldier is being treated for serious wounds he suffered when insurgents staged an ambush west of Kandahar City in southern Afghanistan.

Tuesday's attack was aimed at a joint patrol with the Afghan National Police.

No one is saying anything more about the condition of the Canadian soldier, whose name has not been released. (19)

(US-Auto Canada)

Canadian Auto Workers president Buzz Hargrove predicts it will be "at least a couple of weeks" before a crippling strike against General Motors in the United States is settled.

Hargrove made his guess after G-M of Canada shut down its two car assembly plants in Oshawa, Ontario, temporarily idling almost six-thousand workers.

The Oshawa plants ran out of parts from the U-S, where 73-thousand G-M workers went on strike Monday. (19)

(Dodge Economy) (Audio: 178)

Bank of Canada governor David Dodge suggests the central bank's key overnight rate might not change at its next setting October 16th.

Dodge hints there may not be a need to boost the rate because of the recent and rapid fall of the American dollar.

Dodge says he's focused on what impact the U-S dollar's drop will have on Canada's economy. (19)

(University Threat)

The University of Winnipeg cancelled more than 100 classes after a threatening message was scrawled on a washroom wall last week.

C–T–V Winnipeg says the message was ``I'm going to shoot this place up on September 26th."

The university says some classes were cancelled at the request of both students and staff. (19)

(ENT–Sutherland Arrested) (Audio: 170)

Canadian actor Keifer Sutherland is free on bail after he was arrested in Los Angeles for investigation of misdemeanour drunk driving.

Police will only say Sutherland, who is 40, blew more than the legal limit.

In 2004, an L–A judge fined him 500–dollars and ordered to do 50 hours of community service after pleading no contest to driving under the influence. (19)

(NewsWatch by Bill Marshall)

# Mortar attack kills Canadian; Four others injured as insurgents in Panjwaii wage fierce firefight

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**ILLUSTRATION:** BRUCE CAMPION–SMITH TORONTO STAR Warrant Officer Nicolas Cote patrols not far from where a Canadian soldier was killed Monday. Cote is attached to the civil military co–operation team doing redevelopment work in Bazar–E– Panjwaii, Afghanistan. ;  
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The Leopard 1 tanks and LAV III armoured vehicles rumbled past this town before dawn on their way to push insurgents from a troubled section of the Panjwaii district.

A few of the big guns returned to their base after nightfall, their mission a success in the face of tough resistance but at a sad toll.

One Canadian soldier was killed Monday and four others injured as insurgents used mortars, rocket–propelled grenades and small arms fire to slow the advance by Canadian forces into territory about 47 kilometres west of Kandahar.

The fierce fight defied recent boasts by Canadian commanders that insurgents lack the muscle to mount co–ordinated attacks on coalition forces.

Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, a 24–year–old reservist from the King's Own Calgary Regiment, based in Calgary, was killed around 4: 30 p.m. local time in one of several skirmishes throughout the day.

Hornburg, a mechanic, had gotten out of his vehicle to repair the track on a Leopard 1 tank that had become dislodged by the rough terrain. He was killed instantly when an insurgent mortar landed nearby. Another soldier was wounded.

Early this morning, members of the Canadian Forces bade goodbye to their fallen comrade.

"Edmund Burke said the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing," said Maj. Pierre Bergeron, the military chaplain who eulogized the 24–year–old soldier on the tarmac before his final journey home.

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With this latest casualty, 71 Canadian soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002, as well as one diplomat. Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a point of mentioning Canada's latest battlefield death during a speech in New York.

Canada is in Afghanistan "because we believe it is noble and necessary," Harper said, "a cause completely consistent with our country's proud history of supporting international action to fight oppression and brutality, and to assist our fellow human beings."

Hornburg told a Calgary newspaper in July that being up against a foe willing to die to kill Canadians was a sobering thought, but also a motivating one.

"It just makes me more dedicated to do my job, so they don't kill you," he said.

In a separate incident during the offensive Monday, three other soldiers were wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade. The injured were taken by helicopter to the advanced medical facility at Kandahar Airfield, where they're all in stable condition.

Asked why Canadians are fighting over the same turf they had claimed just last year, Laroche said that counter-insurgency battles are "difficult."

"You will never be able to defeat completely the enemy," he said.

The troops were taking part in Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz (Honest Soldier), a joint operation involving Afghan and Canadian troops.

The offensive was part of an ongoing effort by Canadians and Afghans to establish new police substations throughout the troubled rural Zhari and Panjwaii districts.

Canadian commanders have said that the Taliban, weakened by last fall's big Operation Medusa offensive, are no longer attacking coalition troops in force this year. They've switched instead to hit-and-run tactics like roadside bombs.

But insurgents defied those predictions yesterday as they tried to slow Canadian troops pushing their way westward from their base at Ma'sum Ghar, west of Kandahar.

In fighting, a Canadian soldier was seriously wounded when insurgents ambushed a joint patrol with the Afghan National Police. The soldier, whose name was not released, is part of the new Police Operational Mentoring Liaison Team. Information on the soldier's condition was not immediately available.

With files from The Canadian Press

# Fallen reservist on his way home; Corporal killed, 4 injured in attack; soldier wounded in separate ambush

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Photo: Handout / This family photo of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, fourth from left and flanked by father Michael Hornburg and mother Linda Loree, was taken last month during a farewell barbecue held by the King's Own Calgary Regiment for the four members of the regiment then deploying to Afghanistan. ; Photo: Cpl. Nathan Hornburg: Hit by mortar ;

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"As a reservist, he could have stayed in Canada as a landscaper. Instead, he chose to make a difference in this world," said Maj. Pierre Bergeron, before the flag-draped coffin was carried to the aircraft by soldiers from the armoured crew member's reservist unit, the King's Own Calgary Regiment, and from the Edmonton-based Lord Strathcona's Horse.

Hornburg was killed Monday when he was struck by a mortar as he tried to fix a tread on his Leopard tank that had just fallen off in a cluster of villages in Panjwahi District, 47 kilometres west of Kandahar City.

During his brief sermon, Bergeron invoked the words of British statesman Edmund Burke, saying: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

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Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche, the Canadian commander, expressed his "sincere condolences" to the fallen soldier's family. "There is no way to comfort his family, friends and comrades today except to say that Cpl. Hornburg believed in the mission he was involved in," Laroche said.

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Hornburg's death was the first of a Canadian in southern Afghanistan since two Valcartier, Que.,–based soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb Aug. 22. He was the 27th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan this year, compared with 36 last year and eight in total in the four preceding years. Canada has about 2,500 troops in Afghanistan.

# THE AFGHAN MISSION Though deadly, Taliban prove 'weaker than last year' One Canadian slain in renewed fighting, but locals say insurgents are losing ground

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GRAEME SMITH KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN Two days of fighting have bloodied Canadian troops west of Kandahar city, but after the intense battles several local officials and villagers say they now believe the Taliban lack the strength they enjoyed in their heartland last year.

Canadian and Afghan forces endured ambushes as they expanded their zone of influence into the Panjwai valley with an offensive that kicked off Monday, leaving one soldier dead and five injured. Their objective was a familiar swath of farmland, taken and retaken by Canadian troops since they arrived, but they appeared to encounter lighter resistance than during previous fights for the same terrain.

Taliban fighters are reportedly lamenting how quickly they lost control of a key road that runs along the Arghandab River, through a cluster of villages known as Zangabad, about 40 kilometres southwest of Kandahar. Residents expressed surprise when they saw a bulldozer rumbling through yesterday, as the Canadians built a police outpost in a village held by insurgents less than 48 hours earlier.

A prominent local Taliban commander also says he plans to flee the area. Hafiz Mohammed Ayub, reputedly the leader of insurgents in Panjwai and Zhari districts, told a friend in Kandahar yesterday he was injured in recent fighting and will visit Pakistan for treatment.

It was a swift end to the Taliban's grip on that part of Panjwai, which residents say lasted most of the summer. A longer, bloodier fight was required last September, during Operation Medusa, when troops pushed away hundreds of insurgents from nearby Pashmul.

While rising violence has been reported elsewhere in Afghanistan this year, a sustained defeat of the insurgents in the districts west of Kandahar would ease the pressure on a major urban centre and serve as a symbolic victory in the villages where the Taliban movement was born in 1992.

"The Taliban are much weaker than last year," said Habibullah Jan, a member of parliament and former militia leader. "They can't stay and fight if they're confronted." The latest confrontation in Panjwai started with the launch of Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz, or "Honest Soldier." Canadian armoured vehicles and Afghan army trucks rolled out of Masum Ghar, a hilltop base overlooking the valley, about 5 a.m. on Monday morning and drove into Taliban territory about two hours later.

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"One of the reasons for this operation was the installation of a new police checkpoint, but at the same time to reduce the menace of the insurgents," said Brigadier-General Guy Laroche, commander of the Canadian contingent.

The Canadians fought scattered battles through the day, military officials said, saying they faced small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. The Taliban claimed they used an 82-millimetre recoilless rifle against the Canadians as well, but this could not be confirmed.

Around 4:30 p.m., a mortar shell exploded near Corporal Nathan Hornburg, 24, a reservist who works as an armoured vehicle driver with the King's Own Calgary Regiment, as he tried to repair a broken tread on a Leopard tank. He died, and another soldier was injured.

A subsequent firefight left another three Canadians with injuries.

"It's the biggest fight we have seen here for the last six months," said Aminullah Akhund, reached by mobile phone. Mr. Akhund is a minor Taliban field commander, who leads perhaps 15 men in Panjwai district.

At the end of the day, the Taliban's makeshift checkpoints along the main road had been cleared away. The Canadians held a strategic patch of ground known locally at the Dr. Nemat clinic, an abandoned medical facility in a mud building surrounded by empty land near the Arghandab, with good views of the nearby villages.

The Canadians started settling into their position, building earthen fortifications and warning local villagers to get away from the area to avoid being caught in the crossfire in case the Taliban attacked.

Fighting did erupt again, but locals say the Taliban were hit with air strikes and soon retreated west toward the nearby village of Talokan.

The insurgents claimed they would regroup in small units and launch guerrilla attacks against the Canadians.

One such attack happened yesterday around 11 a.m., as a police mentoring group was ambushed by gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades in Zhari district. A Canadian soldier was seriously injured and has been airlifted to a British base in Helmand province for specialist care.

Still, some local observers don't see the Taliban mustering the same kind of force they have managed in the past.

"The Taliban don't have any foxholes this year," said Ustad Abdul Halim, a former anti-Soviet militia commander. "They are taking cover in streams and vineyards. Every hour they move their positions because they are afraid of aircraft." At least eight Taliban have been seriously injured by the recent fighting, Mr. Halim said, but he declined to estimate the number of insurgents killed.

Brigadier-General Marquis Hainse, deputy commander of NATO forces southern Afghanistan, also described Zhari and Panjwai districts as vastly improved.

"Our point of reference should be, where were we at this time last year?" Brig.-Gen. Hainse said in an interview on Saturday.

"Well, at this time last year, Zhari-Panjwai, you will agree with me, there was not a lot of freedom of movement there. There was Operation Medusa, a concentration of enemies." He continued: "Let's talk about where we are this year. Still some insurgents, no doubt in my mind. There are insurgents, but people are back in Zhari-Panjwai and we can go wherever we decide to go."

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# THE AFGHAN MISSION: THE FALLEN Slain soldier 'exemplifies courage, dedication' Comrades mourn loss of reservist who jumped at chance to serve

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DAWN WALTON CALGARY Just weeks before he was to be deployed to Afghanistan, Corporal Nathan Hornburg shared his excitement for the mission, as well as his family's reservations.

"I got the call to see if I wanted to go out to Afghanistan I'd been waiting for, so I jumped at the opportunity," the 24-year-old reservist with the King's Own Calgary Regiment told CTV News in July.

He was one of four reservists from the tiny, 86-soldier regiment who volunteered for a six-month tour, leaving behind their civilian jobs and their families to risk their lives for their country.

"My family is supportive," Cpl. Hornburg said hesitantly, before his August deployment. "I wouldn't say they were happy when they heard I was going, but I think they knew for some time that I was going, so they're supportive." Yesterday, officials confirmed that the young armoured crewman, who had roots on a cattle ranch in Nanton, south of Calgary, was killed Monday by a mortar attack as he tried to repair a tread that had fallen off a Leopard tank in the volatile Panjwai district.

"Nathan took his armoured recovery vehicle forward under heavy fire to assist a fellow soldier in need," his commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Rick Coates, said. "He exemplifies courage, dedication to his peers and a commitment to the mission and to our country for which we are so very proud." Relatives in Nanton (population 2,055) were too shaken by the news to talk about their loss. But a vehicle adorned with a "support our troops" sticker parked outside his father's home in Calgary spoke volumes.

"There is no way to comfort those who are grieving today except to say that Cpl. Hornburg was involved in a mission he believed in," Canadian Forces Brigadier-General Guy Laroche told reporters in Kandahar.

Now, with 71 Canadian soldier deaths in Afghanistan since the mission began, a growing number of people have experienced a similar loss.

Tim McGrath, the father-in-law of Corporal Jordan Anderson, who died in July when the tank he was riding in rolled over an improvised explosive device in southern Afghanistan, offered his support to the Hornburgs.

"Know that you are not alone in your loss, we value every Canadian soldier lost fighting for what they believe," he wrote on an online book of condolences. "We can work together to make sure the loss is not in vain." Friends and fellow soldiers gathered yesterday at the Mewata Armoury where the King's Own is based. They tearfully recalled a man who took delight playing hockey, who was keen to collect his own war stories and who inspired others to join the Canadian Forces.

"The military made him stronger," said Private Michael Pederson, who enlisted because of his best friend. "We were the same size before he was in. After he was in, he could kick my butt. I admired that. He was always so positive and strong." Cpl. Hornburg was turned on to army life while in high school in Calgary when a family friend in the reserves suggested he join.

He did, and scrambled to get his homework done so he could train on weekends. He was a tradesman and college student, but he also made time to drive armoured vehicles and take a gunners course.

When he got the call to head overseas as an armoured recovery vehicle driver, he went into full-time training last year. After eight intense months, he said he was keen to apply his skills and serve with his "brothers in arms." He considered it a "rite of passage." He would join a group of about 300 Canadian reservists serving in Afghanistan to supplement the regular forces.

"I'm excited to just get my feet on the ground and start doing my job," he said, "What I'm scared of? I guess I'm just cautious of everything. . . . I've got some apprehension, but I wouldn't say I'm scared of any particular thing over there." Cpl. Hornburg also told local media last summer that he was aware of the danger, but that it was a risk he was willing to take because Canada owed a duty to Afghanistan.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper echoed that sentiment.

"Canadians mourn the loss of Corporal Nathan Hornburg," he said in a statement. "Demonstrating courage and commitment, he gave his life serving his country and working to ensure a brighter future for the Afghan people."

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# Taliban kill soldier from Nanton; Calgary-based reservist struck by mortar fragment

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Photo: Supplied / This photo showing Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, centre, with members of his family, was taken on Aug. 10, 2007 at a farewell barbeque held by the King's Own Calgary Regiment for the four soldiers deploying to Afghanistan and their families. Pictured are Tyler Herbert, left, Nathan's brother-in-law, Rachel Herbert, sister, Michael Hornburg, father, Nathan, Linda Loree, mother and Katie Zebedee, cousin. ; Photo: Journal Stock / (Cpl. Nathan) Hornburg ;

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – A cattle rancher's son from Nanton has become the latest Canadian to die in the dusty, volatile sweep of land to the west of Kandahar City that has become the main battle ground against the Taliban in this southern province.

Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, a 24-year-old mechanic with the King's Own Calgary Regiment, died when he was struck by fragments from a mortar fired by insurgents just before sundown Monday near a cluster of villages known as Zangabad in the Panjwahi district. He had dismounted from his Leopard tank to fix a tread that had come off the vehicle in what was described as very rough terrain.

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"To be faithful to those who have died is not to be sad," said Captain Claude Pigeon, who also presided over the brief ceremony. "As you pass us a last time, Nathan, we remember you and how you tried to make the world a better place."

Another soldier, a reservist attached to a squadron of the Edmonton-based Lord Strathcona's Horse squadron, was wounded in the same skirmish as Hornburg.

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Although responsible for the entire province of Kandahar, Canadians have spent most of their time over the past two years trying to wrest control of Panjwaii and Zhari districts from the Taliban.

Panjwaii and Zhari are a warren of villages with thick mud walls surrounded by irrigated farms. There was a bumper crop of opium poppies in the area this year, but the main legal crops are wheat and grapes.

Laroche said Canada will never "definitively" dominate Panjwaii and Zhari because the insurgents are engaged in a classic insurgency operation that makes them hard to locate and track.

"You have to find ways to reduce the threat and create reconstruction and development," he said.

# PM chides U.S. go-it-alone foreign policy; Better co-operation needed, Harper tells U.S. think-tank

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper says the United States needs to be more open and co-operative with other countries in the hemisphere.

Speaking Tuesday to the Council on Foreign Relations, a New York-based think-tank, Harper said the U.S. cannot act alone when trying to meet global challenges, and that success depends on middle powers like Canada doing their part.

"Success demands governments who are willing to assume responsibilities, seek practical, doable solutions to problems and who have a voice and influence in global affairs because they lead, not by lecturing, but by example," he said.

Harper's speech touched on the mission in Afghanistan and climate change, but he said he wanted the main focus of his talk to be on "our own neighbourhood, the Americas."

Harper said Canada is re-engaging in the hemisphere and working to advance security, prosperity and democracy. He said that while travelling the region this summer he saw contrasts among nations that were "stark and worrisome."

"While many nations are pursuing market reform and democratic development, others are falling back to economic nationalism and protectionism, to political populism and authoritarianism," he said.

The prime minister said there shouldn't be a choice between only "unfettered capitalism" or "old socialist models," and said Canadian democracy and economic openness should serve as an example.

He said Canada is pursuing a free trade partnership with Colombia, and that the United States should follow suit.

"In my view, Colombia needs its democratic friends to lean forward and give them the chance at partnership and trade with North America," he said. "I am very concerned that some in the United States seem unwilling to do that. What message does that send to those who want to share in freedom and prosperity?"

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Harper said the United States is concerned about nationalism and protectionism in the Americas, but warned that those ideologies can do "more real damage" in the U.S. itself.

"And, if the U.S. turns its back on its friends in Colombia, this will set back our cause far more than any Latin American dictator could hope to achieve."

The prime minister also expressed his displeasure with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, saying that Canada and the U.S. must be capable of managing the border "in a way that does not turn it into a barrier to commerce and to our shared prosperity."

Harper gave several other examples of how Canada is proving itself on the world stage, using the mission in Afghanistan as an example of how "Canada's back" and is asserting itself as an international leader.

The prime minister said Canada didn't hesitate to join the war in Afghanistan, which he called "noble and necessary."

Canada is paying a price, he said, with the lives of Canadian soldiers, and he referred to the latest casualty — the mortar-fire death Monday of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, a 24-year-old reservist from Calgary.

Harper said Canada is also proving to be a world leader on the environment. He said he is in favour of a new international protocol that has binding targets for the world's major greenhouse gas emitters, including the United States and China.

Canada's approach to fighting climate change will reduce domestic greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent by 2020 and by 60 to 70 per cent by 2050, he said.

Harper acknowledged the plan "will impose real costs on the Canadian economy.

"At the same time, by basing early targets on emission intensity, we are balancing effective environmental action with the reality that Canada has a growing population and growing economic output."

# Mortar attack kills Canadian soldier in Afghanistan

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Before boarding a military flight to Afghanistan last month, Cpl. Nathan Hornburg told a newspaper in his hometown that danger would not deter him. "It's more of an argument we should be there -- we know it's a mess and that's why we're there," he told the Calgary Sun in July.

On Monday, Hornburg became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

The 24-year-old mechanic with the King's Own Calgary Regiment was killed in a mortar attack during a counter-insurgency operation in one of the most dangerous districts in Afghanistan.

A member of a tank squadron, Hornburg was repairing the track on a Leopard 2 tank when he was killed by the blast from a mortar strike about 4:30 p.m. local time.

"Cpl. Hornburg had to dismount in order to put back a track on a Leopard tank and it's at this moment that the incident happened, that there was mortar shell attack," Brig-Gen. Guy Laroche, Canada's top soldier in Afghanistan, told reporters at Kandahar Airfield yesterday.

Another soldier was wounded in the mortar attack.

## ENSUING FIREFIGHT

In an ensuing firefight, a rocket-propelled grenade launched by insurgents wounded three more infantry soldiers. All four were evacuated, by air and by road, to Kandahar Airfield for treatment in hospital.

Separately, a Canadian soldier was seriously wounded yesterday when insurgents ambushed a joint patrol with the Afghan National Police. The soldier, whose name was not released, is part of the new Police Operational Mentoring Liaison Team.

The soldier was evacuated by helicopter, first to Kandahar Airfield and then to a military hospital at Camp Bastion, in Helmand province.

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**BYLINE:** DENE MOORE, CP  
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Last month, Canadian troops began a push into the dangerous Zhari district of Kandahar province, the birthplace of the Taliban movement. KEYWORDS=WORLD

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# Afghan toll hits home Sun writer's personal connection to latest Canadian casualty

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Two months before his death, Cpl. Nathan Hornburg spoke of the fickle fates of war.

In a July 16 interview with me, the 24-year-old addressed the inevitable question: What are a soldier's greatest fears?

Unlike some of his King's Own Calgary Regiment colleagues, Hornburg wasn't initially specific in fingering the greatest hazards, such as roadside bombs or mines.

But becoming a casualty is "always a worry in the back of your mind," said the young reservist.

"The rest of it is chance ... you certainly do so much as you can to cut that down."

After having gathered his thoughts, Hornburg backtracked slightly.

"The biggest concern is seeing something happen to my buddies — I've been living, eating and working with these guys for months."

On Monday, while repairing the tracks of a disabled Leopard tank, a mortar round took Hornburg's life.

Back on that July day he and KOCR comrades Cpl. Cade Seely, Cpl. Matthew Gow and Cpl. Jason Loykowski were part of a military public relations offensive showcasing local soldiers who were shipping out in late August.

Sharing a phone from Edmonton garrison, they eagerly spoke of their upcoming deployment.

Back then, 66 Canadian soldiers had been killed, a top British NATO general had dubbed the undermanned Afghan mission in peril and the brutal summer heat of Kandahar province loomed.

"Those are by no means a deterrent for us," said Hornburg. The worse the situation in that tortured country, the more urgently Canadian soldiers are needed, he reasoned, though he wasn't in a position to respond to political statements.

"We should be there," he said.

Hornburg described the task of operating a 30-tonne armoured recovery vehicle equipped with crane and bulldozer blade based on the chassis of the German-made Leopard II tank it was tasked to rescue.

The will among some Afghans to kill Canadians, he said, can't be taken personally.

"These people haven't had the opportunity to be educated," said Hornburg.

"The people they look up to are fanatics — it just makes me more dedicated to doing your job so they don't kill you."

While not fully dominating the interviews, death understandably colour all of them, with Hornburg's buddy, Cpl. Jason Loykowski telling the Sun "you have to get them before they get you.

"My biggest priority is to see all my buddies get back."

At age 20, Cpl. Cade Seely was the only one of the four heading for his second tour.

When asked about the spectre of a Soviet-style defeat in Afghanistan, Seely replied he and his unit were motivated volunteers, while the Russians "weren't as trained and were conscripts."

He was ready to save lives, he emphasized, with his advanced medical training.

"I'll be supporting the tank troops ... I want to see everybody in the squad, on the tour come home," he said, while also harkening back to his 2005–06 tour.

"We had good times and bad times."

It's safe to say today is one of the latter. KEYWORDS=ALBERTA

# Messages of sorrow pour in

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**ILLUSTRATION:** photo by Jack Cusano, Sun Media Dominic Levesque hugs his girlfriend Jennifer Wilson outside The Military Museums in Calgary. The couple were friends of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg from Calgary and a member of The King's Own Calgary Regiment who was killed in Afghanistan by a mortar round.

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Word of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg's death in Afghanistan hit the small King's Own Calgary Regiment hard yesterday, but the grieving stretched across the country and beyond.

An Internet condolence site sprang up within hours after news of his death became public.

By the end of the day, there were nine pages of thoughts and prayers. They came in English and French, from coast to coast and from as far away as the U.S. and Europe.

Some were quintessentially Canadian.

"God bless man. It was great playing hockey with you," read one entry.

Many others bore sad acknowledgment to the heavy price of Canada's involvement in a violent land half a world away.

"I hoped and prayed this morning that this was not OUR Nathan they were speaking of on the news. The war seems quite distant and impersonal until a friend and schoolmate is so deeply affected by it," wrote Ashley Hamilton from Vancouver.

"Every time I hear of another soldier being killed over there, a little piece of my heart breaks," wrote Dave Murphy from Toronto. KEYWORDS=ALBERTA

# Grieving envelops Nanton Town lowers flags to half-staff

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The flags have been lowered to half-staff in Nanton, the small community 80 km south of the city that was a second home to fallen Calgary soldier Cpl. Nathan Hornburg.

Mayor John Blake, a friend of Hornburg's ranching family, said the community is shocked and saddened by news of his death.

"He's a war hero and that's the way the town is going to treat him," said Blake, who spent yesterday consoling the soldier's family.

"That's why the flags are all draped at half-mast."

Although Hornburg was raised in Calgary, his mother's family lives on a Nanton ranch and he spent much of his childhood in the tightknit community of 2,000.

"There is a whole bunch of heavy hearts," he said.

"They're grieving for the parents and the rest of the family. We'll support them the best way we can, that's what little communities do."

On Monday, Hornburg became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan. Hornburg signed up as an army reservist in Calgary at 18 and more recently joined an active unit because he wanted to serve his country in Afghanistan, said Blake.

"He chose to go, he didn't have to go," he said.

Longtime Nanton resident Nancy Nagel, who owns Blu's Restaurant and Bistro, said news of Hornburg's death was slowly trickling into the community.

"It's just a very sad situation," she said.

"My heart just goes out to the family." **KEYWORDS=ALBERTA**

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Coming to the assistance of a fellow soldier in need has cost a Calgary trooper serving in Afghanistan his life.

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The 24-year-old reservist tank driver became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan when he was killed by a shell that also wounded a fellow soldier, said King's Own commanding officer Lt. Col. Rick Coates.

"Nathan took his armoured recovery vehicle forward under heavy fire to assist a fellow soldier in need," he said.

"He exemplifies courage, dedication to his peers, commitment to the mission and to our country."

The loss reverberated through the King's Own, a small reserve armoured regiment in Calgary.

Hornburg was among the four soldiers from the King's own serving in Afghanistan, with nine more set to go on the next rotation.

Through tears, Pte. Mike Pederson related how Hornburg, a high school buddy, was the reason he himself joined the military.

"Nathan was my best friend ... and the reason I enlisted in the Canadian Forces ... He was a hero of mine. I really looked up to him. I know he's laughing at us right now for all the fuss we're making."

The loss has left Hornburg's family, many of whom live in Nanton, shaken and struggling to cope, said that town's Mayor John Blake -- a life-long friend of the family -- after visiting them yesterday.

No family can prepare for what Hornburg's mom, sister and extended relatives are going through, he said.

"You just hope for the best and you pray every night that he's going to come home safe," said Blake.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a point of mentioning Canada's latest loss on the battlefield during a speech in New York.

Canada is in Afghanistan "because we believe it is noble and necessary," Harper said.

In a statement, he said Canadians mourn Hornburg's loss and expressed sympathy for the wounded soldiers.

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# FRONTPAGE 'MORE THAN A GREAT SOLDIER' The Sun's Pablo Fernandez pays homage to fallen local reservist, comrade-at-arms and friend

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An enterprising chopper pilot doing one more flypast found a pair of lost Calgary kayakers who had spent two cold nights in the northwest B.C. wilderness.

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### U.S. Must Work Better With Neighbours, Harper Urges

Prime Minister Stephen Harper had some stern words of advice for the United States on Tuesday during a speech in which he said Canada's neighbour needs to be more open and co-operative with other countries in the hemisphere.

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## World

### 'Prophet' Found Guilty for Being Accomplice to Rape

Warren Jeffs, the prophet of the largest polygamous group in North America, has been found guilty of two counts of being an accomplice to the rape of a 14-year-old by her 19-year-old first cousin.

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### New Species Discovered in Vietnam

Scientists have confirmed that they have identified 11 previously unrecorded species of animals and plants in a remote region of Vietnam. The finds include a frog-eating snake, two butterflies, orchids that grow like fungi and an aspidistra with a flower that is almost black.

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### Top U.S. Court to Review Lethal Injection's Legality

Ralph Baze, a death row inmate originally scheduled to die Tuesday night, instead celebrated news that the U.S. Supreme Court would hear his appeal in a high-profile case that could force the suspension of capital punishment in America.

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## Traffic

- Left lane closed: On eastbound 9th Avenue west of 15th Street S.W. until 3 p.m. tomorrow.
- Speed restrictions: Speed is restricted to 30 km/h on Spruce Drive between Waterloo Drive and Worcester Drive S.W. until Sept. 29.
- Road closure: On Centre Street between 7th Avenue and 6th Avenue S.E. until Sept. 30.
- Road closure: On 12th Street between Memorial Drive and 8th Avenue S.E. until Sept. 30.
- Road closed: On 13th Avenue at 1st Street S.W. until Oct. 1.

## Commuter Weather

6 A.M. Off to Work: Variably cloudy.

Temperature: 7 C

12 Noon Lunch: Mainly sunny. Winds westerly 10km/h becoming 20km/h.

Temperature: 15 C

5 P.M. Heading Home: Clear.

Temperature: 15 C

Overnight: Clear. Low: 1 C

Thursday: Mainly sunny with cloudy periods. High: 18 C Low: 5 C

Tuesday: High: 16.5 C Low: 7.3 C

## Online Extras

News: Public penned paeans to Gomery, e-mails reveal.

News: Missing data blurs assessment of education system.

Sports: Tiger-mania strikes Montreal.

Sports: Presidents Cup notebook.

## Quote of the Day

"Even if global warming were to turn out to be a figment of our imagination, at least the air is cleaner"

CNN founder Ted Turner, while suggesting solar power is the best solution to reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

See story, Page E5.

Calgary Business -- E1

Markets

– TSX Composite 39.34 13997.62

– Dow Jones 19.59 13778.65

– Nasdaq 15.5 2683.45

– TSX Venture 33.05 2801.39

Chinook Centre Nears Sales Benchmark

Calgary's Chinook Centre is within striking distance of surpassing a shopping centre industry benchmark achieved by only a handful of malls throughout the country including the Toronto Eaton Centre and Yorkdale.

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Province to Lift Cap on Wind Power

The Alberta government and its electric system operator are lifting a controversial cap on wind power generation that critics has said stymied growth in Alberta of what is one of the fastest-growing sources of power in the world.

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Editorial -- A18

Assembling An Auto Deal

The United Auto Workers' decision to launch a nationwide strike against General Motors is looking more and more like industrial hara-kiri.

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Letter of the Day

"I found it very annoying to cycle in downtown Calgary. There are no bike paths and I am afraid cycling on the street will damage my bike. . . . Although Calgarians are polite and friendly, you are not welcome to cycle on the sidewalk here."

Wiebke Kraemer, Page A19

Sports -- D1

Stamps Can't Bank on Hank

The Calgary Stampeders were trying to put a positive spin on the devastating injury situation with their quarterback MVP Henry Burris Tuesday. "No operations are necessary," assured head coach Tom Higgins. "It's only a dislocation. After two weeks, we'll look at it again." Which means Smilin' Hank is unavailable for four. More likely five. Minimum.



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### White's Return Boosts Hitmen

Ryan White had his three weeks with the Montreal Canadiens and now he's looking to pick up where he left off with the Calgary Hitmen.

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### Real Life — C8

#### Taking the Sandwich From Subpar to Spectacular

The sandwich just may be one the fastest and easiest meals on the planet. Just slap a filling between a couple slices of bread and pesto, er, presto, your lunch or dinner is ready. It's versatile, too — meat, vegetables, cheese, buns, pita or bread — your options for fillings are almost endless.

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#### Deep-Voiced Men Likely to Have More Kids

Forget the handsome face, broad shoulders or flirty grin — a deep voice is what attracts women and makes men likely to have more children, researchers said Tuesday.

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### Sudoku

#### World's Hottest Puzzle Craze

##### How to Play:

Complete this grid by placing the digits 1 to 9 exactly once, and only once, in each horizontal row and in each column. Also, each digit should only appear once in every 3x3 shaded or white mini-grid in the puzzle. Sudoku appears on the 5 Minute Herald page Monday to Friday and on the Saturday and Sunday puzzle pages.

Entertainment — C1

#### New Bionic Woman a Good Role Model

The new Bionic Woman TV show is an action-filled, stylish show that is not only entertaining, but also a reminder that female role models can come complete with clothes and compelling back stories that don't involve rehab or the kind of close-ups that really are, well, just too close.

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##### Tonight's TV Picks:

- CSI: NY : 10 p.m. on CTV (Ch. 3).
- Bones: 10 p.m. on GLOBAL (Ch. 7).

## It's An Odd World

### Dessert Fit for a King

The world's most expensive dessert, with a price tag of \$14,500 a serving, is offered at The Fortress in Koggala, Sri Lanka. The Fortress says the price of the sabayon is due to ingredients like Dom Perignon champagne, gold and silver leaf and an 80-carat aquamarine the diameter of the head of a soup spoon set into the dish.

# Troops pay respect to comrade on way home

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As the skirl from a lone piper playing Amazing Grace drifted across the silent tarmac, nearly 1,000 troops of Task Force Afghanistan saluted their fallen comrade Cpl. Nathan Hornburg just before dawn Wednesday as the 24-year-old from Calgary began his last trip home on-board a Canadian Forces C-130 Hercules transport.

"As a reservist he could have stayed in Canada as a landscaper. Instead, he chose to make a difference in this world," said Maj. Pierre Bergeron before soldiers from the armoured crew member's reservist unit, the King's Own Calgary Regiment and from the Edmonton-based Lord Strathcona's Horse, carried his flag-draped coffin to the aircraft.

Hornburg was killed Monday when he was struck by a mortar as he tried to fix a tread on his Leopard tank.

During his brief sermon, Padre Bergeron invoked the words of Edmund Burke, saying: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

"To be faithful to those who have died is not to be sad," said Captain Claude Pigeon, who also presided over the brief ceremony.

"As you pass us a last time, Nathan, we remember you and how you tried to make the world a better place."

# 'You will never be forgotten'; Online tributes pour in from across the world

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Colour Photo: Chris Schwarz, Edmonton Journal / Cpl. Nathan Hornburg of Calgary, second left, is seen with fellow soldiers during weapons training at the Edmonton Garrison before leaving for the Afghanistan mission. ;

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Within hours of waking to the terrible news of Cpl. Nathan Hornburg's death in Afghanistan, Canadians were turning to their keyboards to pour out their grief.

A very public portrait of a fallen soldier through a nation's eyes is forming as online condolences from nearly every province across the country are being posted on Legacy.com.

A link to reach Hornburg's condolence site is posted on the Herald's website, [www.calgaryherald.com](http://www.calgaryherald.com).

Friends, military comrades, and strangers alike are turning to the Internet as a way of coping with the death of the 24-year-old soldier, a mechanic with the King's Own Calgary Regiment who was ambushed by mortar fire Monday.

"I was absolutely horrified this morning, when I woke to hear of his passing," wrote an acquaintance named Katie G. from Calgary.

Messages are coming in from Nanaimo, B.C., Turner Valley, Laval, Que., Cape Breton, N.S., and St. John, N.B.

Writers from Miami, Fla., Paris, Tennessee, and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, are also posting.

"Dearest soldier, I truly honour and respect everything you did for our country. It's people like you who gave us all the luxuries of living in Canada. I too want to join the military when I'm done high school," wrote Melanie Budd of Ontario.

"Thanks for doing your duty to make the world a safer place. I guess your work here on Earth has been done. You will never be forgotten," wrote Kery Nordin of White Rock, B.C., a former member of 2nd Battalion PPCLI.

Others are from writers who knew the soldier: "It was nice that I got to see and talk to Nathan a few weeks ago, right before he left. My thoughts are with you," signed Chris Bowman of Calgary.

"I wish I could have got to know him better," writes Jackie F. of Calgary. "I only ever heard great things about

him and it is so sad that the world will be left without this True Hero. He was an amazing man and everyone is a better person for having known him."

A tribute site on the popular website Facebook was also quickly set up by friends.

Military brass have offered their sincere condolences to Hornburg's family, who have not yet spoken publicly. But what is usually a private experience has already become public domain through online mourning. The web postings from average Canadian citizens are bringing Hornburg's legacy to life through equal measures of their gratitude and grief.

"Canada thanks Nathan Hornburg for the greatest gift that can be given for Canada," a writer named Nicklan posted Tuesday.

Famous Cape Breton fiddler Ashley MacIsaac, whose own website declares him to be in Scotland, posted on the site:

"I awoke today in Soctland (sic) to discover the news of this horrible event. I cannot know what it feels like for your family, but I can imagine that somewhere in the universe you are smiling down at the them -- because they know that you knew deep in your heart how grateful and respected you must have been by them to fight for yours, theirs, and all Canadians belief that everybody, even the most vulnerable deserve a chance a freedom to be safe and cared for. That is what you did for the Afgans (sic) and for that I and all lovers of peace thank you. . . ."

Many quoted passages from the bible, trying to offer the family comfort.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," Larry Irla from Boyle, Alta. wrote.

"God bless our troops!"

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# Fallen hero chose to make difference; Soldier's regiment and their families mourn loss

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Photo: Courtesy, Hornburg family / Cpl. Nathan Hornburg with members of his family in this August 10 photo taken at a farewell barbeque held by the King's Own Calgary Regiment. From left, Tyler Herbert, brother-in-law, Rachel Herbert, sister, Michael Hornburg, father, Nathan Hornburg, Linda Loree, mother, and Katie Zebedee, cousin. ;

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Members of the King's Own Calgary Regiment and their families were mourning Tuesday the death of fellow soldier Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, who was killed in Afghanistan.

The Military Family Resource Centre opened its doors to families left shocked by Hornburg's death.

After hearing news of the Calgary reservist's death, families of other soldiers joined together to manage their grief.

"The first thing I did was call the family members of the other soldiers that deployed with Cpl. Hornburg," said the centre's Colleen Rowe.

"They're in touch with one another, so they are a very good support network with each other."

Families get to know each other well through monthly information sessions and meetings to assemble care packages, she said.

"They've all become a real support network for each other."

Rowe invited the families of soldiers deployed with Hornburg, as well as families of soldiers currently in training for January deployment, to spend as much time as they needed at the centre. It's important for families to know they're not alone, she added.

"We'll put the coffee on and a bunch of food and do what we can to help alleviate their fears. They can talk about things and express their fears and concerns and condolences with one another," Rowe said.

"Nobody else can really understand that perspective."

But despite support from the centre and other families, nothing can prepare relatives for the devastating news that a soldier has been killed.

"I don't think they focus on this at all. I don't think the soldiers do and I don't think the families can," Rowe said.

"When the soldiers deploy, they (have) the faith that they're coming home safely. You can't focus on, 'What if they don't?' "

Today, Calgary soldiers will gather to mourn Hornburg at the Mewata Armoury.

When they report for their scheduled parade, they will hear the details of Hornburg's death.

"The commanding officer will sit them down and let them know all of the facts as they stand right now," said Capt. Malcolm Day, a Calgary-based military spokesman.

"They'll start going through the healing process as a regimental family."

The small King's Own Calgary Regiment is made up of about 90 members, with four, including Hornburg, overseas and another nine who will be deployed in January.

"There's a fairly small number of people back at home and it's a challenge," Day said.

"We all know each other very well."

However, Day stressed that reservists enter their missions voluntarily and understand the inherent risks of the job.

"The reality is, guys like Nathan volunteered to go because it was something they believed they should be doing," he said. "He died doing something he believed in."

Day said he hopes Hornburg's death will remind Calgarians of the sacrifices made by soldiers and reiterate the significance of Remembrance Day.

Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier offered condolences to Hornburg's family Tuesday.

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# 'He is a hero'; Family, friends and fellow reservists honour Calgary soldier killed in Afghanistan

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**ILLUSTRATION:** Colour Photo: Courtesy, Department of National Defence, Herald Archive, Edmonton Journal / Cpl. Nathan Hornburg of Calgary, at right and front row centre on tank, is hailed a hero for taking his armoured vehicle further into battle to help fellow soldiers. ; Colour Photo: Calgary Herald, MCT / Leopard tank hit by mortar fire, killing Cpl. Nathan Hornburg ; Photo: Mikael Kjellström, Calgary Herald / Cpl. Bonnie Critchley, flanked by Clayton Lepine, left, and Pte. Michael Pederson, shares stories about Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, who was killed in Afghanistan. ; Photo: Mikael Kjellström, Calgary Herald / Friends hang their heads at a press conference Tuesday for Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, who died in Afghanistan after being hit by shrapnel while trying to repair the tread on a tank. ; Photo: Lt.-Col Rick Coates ;

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Just weeks before leaving Calgary for Afghanistan Cpl. Nathan Hornburg could hardly contain his excitement.

After eight months of training, the 24-year-old was one of only a handful of Canadian reservists qualified to operate the military's new Leopard 2, a state-of-the-art tank destined to do battle in the Afghan desert.

"Not many reservists get the chance to drive tanks," Hornburg, a King's Own Calgary Regiment volunteer soldier, said in July, one month before deploying.

But just before sundown on Monday, Hornburg was struck and killed by shrapnel during an insurgent mortar attack while trying to repair a tread on one of the Leopard tanks.

He is the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan, and the 27th killed this year.

He is the second Calgary soldier killed. Capt. Nichola Goddard died May 17, 2006.

Longtime friends and fellow reservists who Hornburg trained with in Calgary were inconsolable.

"He is . . . a hero of mine and always will be," said Pte. Mike Pederson, who said he was inspired to join the reserves by Hornburg.

"He will be dearly, dearly missed."



Hornburg's family, longtime Calgaryians who also run a cattle ranch near Nanton, were too distraught to speak with the media Tuesday.

Lt.-Col. Rick Coates of King's Own Regiment, delivered the news of Hornburg's death to his parents, Michael and Linda, at 4 a.m. Tuesday.

Coates later called their son a hero for taking his armoured recovery vehicle further into battle to help his fellow soldiers.

"He exemplifies courage, dedication to his peers, and a commitment to the mission and to our country, for which we are so very proud," said Coates.

Linda and Michael were worried about their son's upcoming deployment to the volatile war zone, Nathan told the Herald in July.

"I know my parents are a little apprehensive, but they're very supportive," he said, adding his father often joked with him about choosing another career.

Hornburg died in a battle west of Kandahar City — a place that has become the main battleground against the Taliban in this southern province.

He was driving an armoured recovery vehicle with Edmonton's Lord Strathcona's Horse squadron near the Panjwahi district when the tank lost a tread.

He had dismounted from his Leopard to fix it when he was struck by shrapnel and killed.

Coates said with only 86 reservists with the King's Own Regiment, the news hits hard.

"We were really hoping that this wasn't going to happen," he said.

Another soldier, an Edmonton reservist, was wounded in the same battle. Three other infantrymen, based in Quebec, were then wounded by rocket-propelled grenades when they engaged the insurgents who had fired at Hornburg as they tried to carry him away from the fighting.

Those soldiers do not have life-threatening injuries, Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche, the Canadian commander, said.

From New York, Prime Minister Stephen Harper expressed his condolences to the families.

He called Hornburg "brave."

"Demonstrating courage and commitment, he gave his life serving his country and working to ensure a brighter future for the Afghan people," Harper said.

"We honour his memory and will remain forever grateful for his sacrifice."

If Hornburg had any reservations about his upcoming mission to Afghanistan, he didn't show it in July.

"It's my job," he said. "I've been training to do this for the past six years. I'm going to finally be able to go out there and help. It's a good cause."

At the time, he seemed more concerned that his height — combined with the desert heat — might make for an uncomfortable time driving in the cramped tank in Kandahar.

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But he was proud of having the opportunity to be part of the first tank crew, along with three other reservists from Calgary.

"It's extremely rare," Hornburg said. "We have one or two guys in our regiment who used to be in the regular force and only one is qualified on tanks."

As the days counted down toward Hornburg's deployment, Pederson says the two friends never discussed the possibility of injuries or death.

"We could have talked about all the horrible things that could happen to him while he was gone, but we decided to talk about all the great things we've experienced," said Pederson.

"We both had a silent understanding that the worst could happen, but why colour over a pretty picture?"

Hornburg joined the military about six years ago while attending Bishop Carroll High School, fulfilling a life-long dream, his friends said.

"He loved the discipline of the army," said Dean Wilson, 22.

"He has this inner drive and wanted to make a difference in the world."

Before joining the military, Hornburg excelled academically.

In 1999 he graduated from junior high at Waldorf School, a private institution which his parents helped found.

He attended Waldorf from preschool until junior high, standing out in both academics and athletics, said Dinah Clark, an administrator at the school.

He not only won several scholarships, but in his final year of junior school, was named top athlete.

"He was such a sweet boy," Clark said. "This is just devastating."

Although he was born and raised in the city, one of his favourite places to relax was at his family's cattle ranch, south of Calgary.

Before leaving for Afghanistan he told the Herald the ranch would be the one place he'd miss most when serving overseas.

Hornburg is the first Canadian to die in ground combat in Afghanistan since last October. More than half of the 71 Canadian soldiers who have now died in Afghanistan since 2002 have been killed in Panjwairi or the neighbouring district of Zhari.

On Monday, a battle group from Quebec's Royal 22nd Regiment, often referred to as the Van Doo, and tanks from the Strathconas, were conducting a daylong sweep dubbed Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz (Good Soldier) "to increase security in northern Panjwairi" and to establish a police station, Laroche said. The Van Doo reported several firefights during a long day of contact between the warring parties.

The fatal confrontation began close to the southern shore of the almost dry Arghandab River, about 47 kilometres west of Kandahar City. A Canadian army spokesman confirmed insurgents had also been killed during the exchanges, which involved small arms, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars. But in line with Canadian and NATO policy, the spokesman declined further details on enemy casualties.

Hornburg's death was the first of a Canadian in southern Afghanistan since two Valcartier, Que.,-based soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb Aug. 22. He was the 27th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan this year, compared to 36 last year and eight in total in the four preceding years. Canada has about 2,500 troops in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, another Canadian soldier was seriously wounded in a Taliban ambush. The soldier, whose name was not released, was part of a joint patrol of the Canadian army and Afghan police officers. The daylight attack, 42 kilometres west of Kandahar City, involved rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. The soldier, a member of a Police Operational Mentor Liaison, was airlifted to a British military hospital at Camp Bastien in Helmand province for specialist care.

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### In His Own Words

Just before deploying to Afghanistan, Cpl. Nathan Hornburg talked with the Herald about his excitement at being one of Canada's first reservists to operate a tank in combat and his desire to help others:

– "I know my parents are a little apprehensive, but they're very supportive."

– "It's my job. I've been training to do this for the past six years. I'm going to finally be able to go out there and help. It's a good cause."

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### Alberta's Toll From Afghan Mission

The following are soldiers from Alberta-based regiments, or natives of Alberta, who have lost their lives in Afghanistan since 2002:

– April 17, 2002: Sgt. Marc D. Leger, Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, Pte. Richard A. Green of Edmonton, and Pte. Nathan Smith are killed when an American fighter jet drops a bomb on the soldiers during a training exercise. All served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group.

– March 2, 2006: Cpl. Paul Davis dies and six others are injured when their LAV III collides with a taxi just west of Kandahar during a routine patrol. The soldiers had served with 2nd Battalion PPCLI.

– March 5, 2006: Master Cpl. Timothy Wilson of Grande Prairie dies in a German hospital from injuries sustained in a LAV III crash on March 2 in Afghanistan. Wilson served with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion PPCLI of CFB Shilo, Man.

– March 28–29, 2006: Pte. Robert Costall is killed in a firefight with Taliban insurgents north of Kandahar. A U.S. soldier and a number of Afghan troops also die and three Canadians are wounded. Costall was a member of 1st Battalion PPCLI, based in Edmonton.

– April 22, 2006: Lt. William Turner, of Land Force Western Area Headquarters, stationed in Edmonton, and Cpl. Randy Payne of CFB Wainwright are killed by a roadside bomb.

– May 17, 2006: Capt. Nichola Goddard, of Calgary, a combat engineer with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and Canada's first female combat casualty, is killed during battle against Taliban forces.

- July 22, 2006: A suicide bomber blows himself up in Kandahar, killing two Canadian soldiers and wounding eight. Cpl. Francisco Gomez, an Edmonton native, is one of those killed.
  
- Aug. 3, 2006: Cpl. Christopher Jonathan Reid, with 1st Battalion PPCLI, dies overnight when a LAV III hits a roadside bomb. Later the same day, three more Canadian soldiers — Pte. Kevin Dallaire of Calgary, Sgt. Vaughn Ingram and Cpl. Bryce Jeffrey Keller, also of 1st Battalion PPCLI — are killed in a separate attack near Kandahar.
  
- Aug. 5, 2006: Master Cpl. Raymond Arndt, from Edson, of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, dies when a G-Wagon on a supply run collides with a civilian truck.
  
- Aug. 11, 2006: Cpl. Andrew James Eykelenboom with the 1st Field Ambulance, based in Edmonton, is killed when his vehicle is hit by a suicide bomber.
  
- Sept. 3, 2006: Sgt. Shane Stachnik, of Waskatenau, serving with the 2 Combat Engineers Regiment, is among four soldiers killed in fighting in southern Afghanistan.
  
- June 20, 2007: Sgt. Christos Karigiannis, Cpl. Stephen Frederick Bouzane and Pte. Joel Vincent Wiebe, an Edmonton native — all of 3rd Battalion PPCLI — are killed when their vehicle hits a roadside bomb.
  
- July 4, 2007: Among six Canadian soldiers killed by a roadside bomb are Capt. Matthew Johnathan Dawe, Cpl. Cole Bartsch, of Whitecourt, Cpl. Jordan Anderson, and Pte. Lane Watkins, all serving with Edmonton-based 3rd Battalion PPCLI.
  
- Sept. 24, 2007: Calgary Cpl. Nathan Hornburg, 24, of the King's Own Calgary Regiment dies during a mortar attack.

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# Soldier dies, five injured in clashes with Taliban

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Before boarding a military flight to Afghanistan last month, Corporal Nathan Hornburg told a newspaper in his hometown that danger would not deter him. "It's more of an argument we should be there --- we know it's a mess and that's why we're there," he told the Calgary Sun in July.

On Monday, the 24-year-old armoured crewman with the King's Own Calgary Regiment became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

Hundreds of coalition troops assembled early today on the tarmac to pay solemn tribute as his coffin was taken aboard a plane bound for Canada.

Hornburg was repairing the track on a Leopard 2 tank when he was killed by the blast from a mortar strike that also wounded another soldier. Three more infantry soldiers were hurt in an ensuing firefight.

Separately, a Canadian soldier was seriously wounded yesterday when insurgents ambushed a joint patrol with the Afghan National Police.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a point of mentioning Canada's latest loss on the battlefield during a speech in New York.

Canada is in Afghanistan "because we believe it is noble and necessary," Harper said, "a cause completely consistent with our country's proud history of supporting international action to fight oppression and brutality, and to assist our fellow human beings."

# Canadian killed in mortar attack 'We know it's a mess and that's why we're there,' soldier told newspaper

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CP Wire Dene Moore KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Before boarding a military flight to Afghanistan last month, Cpl. Nathan Hornburg told a newspaper in his hometown that danger would not deter him. "It's more of an argument we should be there — we know it's a mess and that's why we're there," he told the Calgary Sun in July.

On Monday, Hornburg became the 71st Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

The 24-year-old armoured crewman with the King's Own Calgary Regiment was killed during a counter-insurgency operation in one of the most dangerous districts in Afghanistan.

A member of a tank squadron, Hornburg was repairing the track on a Leopard 2 tank when he was killed by the blast from a mortar strike around 4:30 p.m. local time during Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz — or Operation Honest Soldier.

"Cpl. Hornburg had to dismount in order to put back a track on a Leopard tank and it's at this moment that the incident happened, that there was mortar shell attack," Brig-Gen. Guy Laroche, Canada's top soldier in Afghanistan, told reporters at Kandahar Airfield on Tuesday.

Another soldier was wounded in the mortar attack.

In an ensuing firefight, a rocket-propelled grenade launched by insurgents wounded three more infantry soldiers. All four were evacuated, by air and by road, to Kandahar Airfield for treatment in hospital.

"The injuries of our wounded are not life threatening," Laroche said.

Separately, a Canadian soldier was seriously wounded Tuesday when insurgents ambushed a joint patrol with the Afghan National Police.

The soldier, whose name was not released, is part of the new Police Operational Mentoring Liaison Team.

The joint patrol from the Pashmul police substation in the Zhari district was ambushed with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades around 11 a.m. local time.

The soldier was evacuated by helicopter, first to Kandahar Airfield and then to a military hospital at Camp Bastion, in Helmand province, where he is receiving specialist care. Information on the soldier's condition was not immediately available.

At Kandahar Airfield, Laroche said the tank that needed repairs in the Monday incident was not hit by any roadside bomb; the track had come off on its own.

The terrain is rough, he said.

Canadian killed in mortar attack 'We know it's a mess and that's why we're there,' soldier told newspaper



# Mortar kills Alta. soldier; Latest casualty in dangerous Afghan district

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – A cattle rancher's son from Nanton, Alta., has become the latest Canadian to die in the dusty, volatile sweep of land to the west of Kandahar City that has become the main battle ground against the Taliban in this southern province.

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"Cpl. Hornburg had dismounted to put back a track on the Leopard," said Brig.-Gen. Guy Laroche, the Canadian battle group commander.

"The terrain was very rough and (tank treads falling off) is something that we see on a regular basis.

Three more soldiers were wounded when they were attacked by rocket-propelled grenade fire, Brig.-Gen. Laroche said.

Cpl. Hornburg was from a cattle ranch near Nanton, Alta., and one of four reservists with the King's Own Calgary Regiment to have been sent to Afghanistan late last month.

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All wounded Canadian soldiers were ferried by U.S. army medevac helicopters to the base hospital at Kandahar Airfield. Three of the wounded were from Quebec and the fourth was from Ontario, Brig.-Gen. Laroche said. They had leg injuries, but none was life-threatening, he said.



The Canadians were conducting a day-long sweep operation known as Operation Sadiq Sarbaaz (Operation Good Soldier).

"The operation during which Cpl. Hornburg died was undertaken to increase security in northern Panjwai and to subsequently set up a police station," Brig.-Gen. Laroche said.

It was the first Canadian death in southern Afghanistan since two soldiers were killed Aug. 22 by a roadside bomb and the first Canadian death as a result of direct ground combat against the enemy in more than 11 months.

Most of the 71 Canadian military deaths in Afghanistan have come from improvised explosive devices buried under roads or from attacks on armoured convoys or patrols by suicide bombers driving cars packed with explosives.

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Monday's gunfights were part of several battles reported by Canada's Van Doo battle group in the neighbouring Panjwai and Zahri districts during the day, which began about 47 kilometres west of Kandahar City. A Canadian army spokesman confirmed that enemy combatants had died during the exchanges, which involved small arms, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars.

"We do not want speculation, so we do not give out numbers," Brig.-Gen. Laroche said.

Calgary soldiers were to gather today at the city's Mewata Armoury to mourn Cpl. Hornburg.

On a night when members would normally parade, the soldiers will instead hear the details of his death.

"The commanding officer will sit them down and let them know all of the facts as they stand right now," said military spokesman Capt. Malcolm Day.

"They'll start going through the healing process as a regimental family."

The small King's Own Calgary Regiment is made up of about 90 members, with four, including Cpl. Hornburg, overseas, and another nine who will be deployed in January.

"There's a fairly small number of people back at home, and it's a challenge," Capt. Day said. "We all know each other very well."

Yesterday, the Military Family Resource Centre opened its doors to families left shocked by Cpl. Hornburg's death.

"The first thing I did was call the family members of the other soldiers that deployed with Cpl. Hornburg," said the centre's Colleen Rowe.

She invited the families and those of soldiers currently in training for January deployment, because it's important for families to know they're not alone, she said.

Online: Video

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"As a reservist he could have stayed in Canada as a landscaper. Instead he chose to make a difference in this world," said Maj. Pierre Bergeron, before the flag-draped coffin was carried to the aircraft by soldiers from the armoured crew member's reservist unit, the King's Own Calgary Regiment, and from the Edmonton-based Lord Strathcona's Horse.

Cpl. Hornburg was killed Monday when he was struck by a mortar as he tried to fix a tread on his Leopard tank that had just fallen off in a cluster of villages in Panjwaii District, 47 kilometres west of Kandahar City.

During his brief sermon, Maj. Bergeron invoked the words of Edmund Burke, saying: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Among those mourning Cpl. Hornburg's death at the dignified ramp ceremony were two Canadian generals and hundreds of Canadian soldiers, including three with war wounds who watched the proceedings from their wheelchairs. Also attending the service, which began as the moon set and before the sun rose, were large numbers of soldiers from Britain, Australia, France, the U.S., and some from France and Denmark.

"To be faithful to those who have died is not to be sad," said Capt. Claude Pigeon, who also presided over the brief ceremony. "As you pass us a last time, Nathan, we remember you and how you tried to make the world a better place."

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The fatal confrontation began close to the southern shore of the almost dry Arghandab River, about 47 kilometres west of Kandahar City. A Canadian army spokesperson confirmed insurgents had also been killed.

More than 60 Taliban militants and a soldier from the U.S.-led coalition were killed in fighting in Musa Qalah, Helmand province, yesterday, the U.S. military said.

Also, the commander for Spin Boldak, on the border with Pakistan, said a suicide bomber rammed a motorcycle into an Afghan border police convoy.