



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR...

Tom Douglas, recipient of The Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation for his work over the years chronicling Canada's military heritage through his books, newspaper and magazine articles, and public speaking engagements, is the author of a number of published works about Canadians who participated in various military campaigns, including the First World War, World War Two, Korea, and Afghanistan. Most of his books are Canadian bestsellers and have won several awards.

As Communications Advisor to The Late Honourable Bennett Campbell, Minister of Veterans Affairs, Tom travelled with the Minister and contingents of veterans on pilgrimages to battle sites in France, Holland, Italy and Korea. After accompanying nineteen World War One veterans to Vimy Ridge during one of his many visits to France, he and the group were invited to be special guests of French President François Mitterrand at a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Arch of Triumph in Paris.

He and his wife Gail, also a published author, toured the Western Front in France and Belgium and produced a website called World War One: Rising From The Ashes. He and his son James, as guests of the Netherlands Board of Tourism, filmed a documentary about the close ties between Canada and Holland, entitled The Tulip and the Maple Leaf.

Tom has served in an editorial capacity with a number of magazines, including Copy Editor of The Canadian Military Journal, Associate Editor of The Maritime Engineering Journal (Royal Canadian Navy) and Coordinating

Editor of the LEMS Journal, a publication produced by the Corps of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

He has ghostwritten the memoirs of a Second World War RCAF Squadron Leader as well as those of a career warrant officer in the Canadian Army. He was engaged by the Department of National Defence to act as editor on a book profiling some thirty Canadian soldiers who were awarded valour medals in Afghanistan.

Duke Schiller was Tom's great-uncle. When Duke's daughter Barbara Jane passed away recently, her daughter, Leslie Tindall, turned over the celebrated airman's scrapbooks, photograph albums, logbooks, personal letters and other memorabilia to Tom. These items and extensive research poring through newspaper archives, books and magazines enabled the author to tell the remarkable story of this forgotten hero of early aviation.