

Lest We Forget – Ceremony For Fallen Canadians At Kranji Cemetery



Canadian delegation following the service for Canadians buried at Kranji War Cemetery.

In a moving ceremony on December 2, 1985, veterans from the Second World War gathered at Kranji War Memorial in Singapore to honour those Canadians who died in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. While only three Canadians are actually buried in the cemetery, the walls of the Memorial list the names of another 196 Canadians, principally members of air and naval units, who died in the region and who have no known graves. Out of an estimated 8,000 Canadians who served in Southeast Asia, a total of 454

were killed in action or died of their wounds.

The Canadian party was headed by the Honourable George Hees, Minister of Veterans Affairs and included surviving air and naval persons, Members of Parliament and representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion. In total 45 veterans from Canada participated as well as representatives from local government and Canadians resident in Singapore at the ceremony marking the 40th Anniversary of the conclusion of World War II. The Canadian delegation will also attend similar ceremonies to be held in Burma, Hong Kong and Japan.

During his visit to Singapore December 1–3, Mr Hees paid a call on Mr Goh Chok Tong, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence.

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Strong Team For Air Show

The creme de la creme of the Canadian aerospace industry, including such big-ticket names as de Havilland Canada, Canadair and C.A.E., will participate at the forthcoming Asian Aerospace 86 show, to be held from January 15 to 18 at Singapore.

Canada will have one of six national stands and will occupy an area of 375 square meters, featuring an information desk manned by trade officers from the High Commission, an exhibitors' lounge and 20 individual stands. The other large national exhibitors are Britain, France, Germany, Israel and the United States.

The Singapore show is considered to be the most important one in Asia and rates as the world's third aviation event after Paris and Farnborough.

The open-air display area will feature two famous Canadian planes, the de Havilland Dash-8 and the Canadair Challenger.

Show organizers are expecting about 30,000 aviation experts from the Asian region, from Islamabad, Pakistan, to Auckland, New Zealand.

B.C. Minister Visits

The Honourable Grace McCarthy, British Columbia's Minister of Human Resources and Minister Responsible for B.C. Transit visited Singapore September 15–16, 1985. During her visit she met with the Minister of State Responsible for Communications, Dr. Yeo Ning Hong, and was given an extensive briefing during a tour of the construction site of the Mass Rapid Transit System, Singapore's new subway.

She also addressed the Canadian Business Association, during which she explained the significance of the new area-light rapid transit system opening in Vancouver in January and which will be an important part of the transportation theme of the Expo 86 world exposition.

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Veterans Affairs Minister George Hees at the Service of Remembrance.

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