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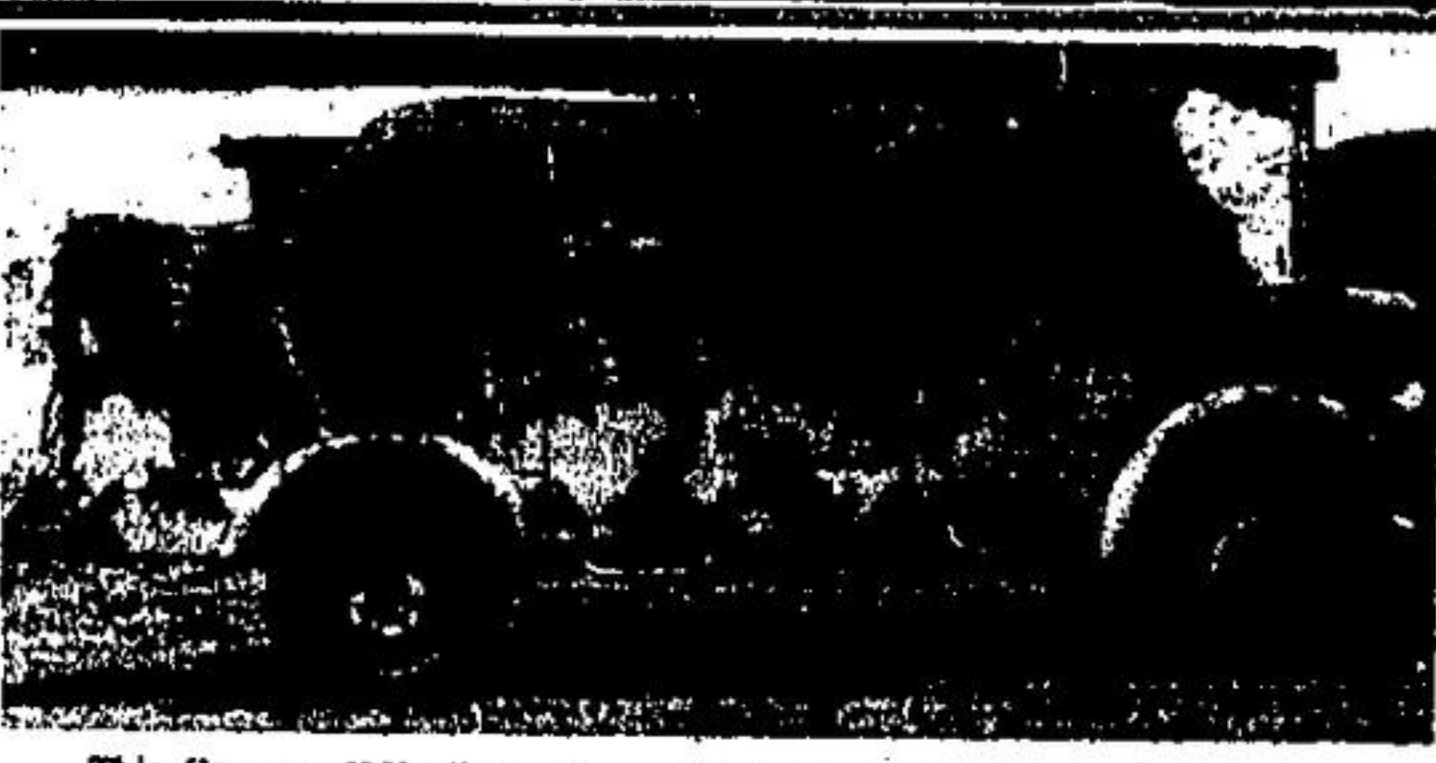
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Fred the cat gives this mannequin a good looking over. The mannequin is wearing the original uniform of Major-General Newmann.

Sikow, who was the commander of the 15th Panzer Division. He died of a wound that occurred when a shell burst beside his command vehicle in 1941.



This German Kdfz five-and-a-half ton artillery mover was used primarily to



. . . tow this anti-tank gun. The 75 mm Pak-40 was the most effective tank gun of the war. It was even used in the Vietnam War. Both these pieces fought together in the German forces.



This tank commander was a fairly common sight to members of the 3rd Canadian Division and 4th Canadian Armour Brigade who fought in the invasion of Normandy. This member of the 12th de Waffen Panzer Division proved to be a formidable foe in that invasion.

Call to Arms military museum

Making time stand still

By DAN RALPH
Herald Staff

Frank Grant has managed to make time stand still in a small museum in Limehouse.

Call to Arms is a military museum featuring original artifacts from World War I and II as well as the Boer War. Included in Mr. Grant's collection are uniforms, weapons and motor vehicles that are in running condition today.

Mr. Grant began collecting military items about 25 years ago. His present collection has outgrown the current site of Call to Arms, and Mr. Grant is looking for a bigger location to justly show his 17 Canadian and German vehicles and other artifacts.

Many of the uniforms Mr. Grant has are featured on mannequins. The uniforms are outfitted with the same crests and medals they would have had back during the time of the great wars.

However, many other uniforms are not on mannequins because there isn't enough room. In a bigger location, Mr. Grant said he would display soldiers from both sides.

"If you show a Canadian uniform worn by a Canadian soldier by itself the person isn't really interested. If you show the Canadian soldier with how the enemy appeared, the person's eyes light up and you have gotten his full attention.

"That's how you get him interested in history. When you teach history in a moving way,

people do get interested," he said.

Mr. Grant became involved in collecting military items partly through his father and grandfather. Both saw service during the war years.

"Both had stories about the war, and we always had stuff from the war around."

Mr. Grant is a consultant for museums, and his work takes him all across the world. This year alone Mr. Grant has travelled to California twice, Texas, Arizona as well as seven other states in the U.S. Also, he has travelled to England and Europe.

Mr. Grant's work involves consulting in basic building, environmental controls, showcasing and exhibit, designing themes. Also he evaluates, restores and preserves exhibits.

"The fact that I work so closely with museums means I can get my hands on some items a lot more readily," he said. "I know what to get because it is my business to know."

One can notice Mr. Grant's keen eye to detail by examining some of his mannequins. They have the exact uniforms, jewellery, maps and even cigarettes of the day.

Mr. Grant has read a lot about the military

during the world wars, but he has also gotten a human perspective involved in his learning.

"I've talked to thousands of veterans, Canadian and German. I can get people to talk with me because I have some idea of what they went through. A lot of veterans won't talk about the war."

Mr. Grant said he hopes not to gain monetary reward from his efforts. He added being able to tell people what actually went on "is reward enough."

"It is a great feeling to have a piece of history. I have something in my hand that was involved in the makeup of the world."



Supporting the original cold weather flying outfits, this is how a member of the Canadian Royal flying corps appeared in 1917.



This must have been quite a scene for those allied troops in World War I. This MG-08 machine gun could fire 450 rounds per minute, and was used mainly in the trenches in 1917-18.



Even in the early 1940's the Germans had shaft-drive present in their motorcycles. This BMW R-35 was deployed in the 15th Panzer Africa Corps and specifically was involved in the armoured reconnaissance battalion.



This mannequin exactly depicts what a Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Air Force pilot would have looked like in the 1940 Battle of Britain.



Sporting the winter apparel that was prevalent for their duty, this Totenkopf Division soldier was stationed mostly in Russia. An SS unit, the division did fight briefly in the Normandy invasion.

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