



In Memoriam

BEDWELL, Stephen Frederick (1931 - 2005) Age: 74

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There is no Obit to be found, but Stephen passed away on October 14, 2005 in Halifax at the age of 74. He was born in Toronto, ON on June 14, 1931.

He was a Surg. Cadet, UofT MD '55.

A/SLT(Surg) RCN(R), Sen. 1 May '52, O-5365, attached to YORK.

Became a Neurologist with a practice in Halifax.

He was a Glenn Miller aficionado and wrote the occasional historic piece relating to Louisburg and New France.

Below is an abstract of one such piece from 1980, which takes a neurological tack;

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D'Anville's doom--a neurological vignette from historic Halifax. Bedwell SF.

Abstract

After the capture of Fortress Louisbourg by the New England Irregulars, Louis XV of France commissioned Jean Baptiste Louis Frédéric de la Rochefoucauld, duc d'Anville, to command a massive offensive flotilla to retake Louisbourg, and ravage the eastern seaboard of North America south to Florida. After arriving in Chibouctou (Halifax Harbour) following thirteen weeks at sea, duc d'Anville collapsed. His doctor treated him with enemas and emetics, but he suddenly turned blue, convulsed, and died. The report of his autopsy, which included the cranium, (and which is Canada's only Royal autopsy) has been lost for two centuries. It is now analysed, showing that although he had significant intracranial pathology, he died from medical therapy.

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