

# **EXCUSE US! HERR SCHICKLGRUBER**

## **Response to the Book**

*"Thank you for the great book. They & you are such brave men. Every story was inspirational, especially Emile. How sad he had to die so young. I never miss your TV shows reminding Canadians of the sacrifice our boys paid. What would we do without you? You remind me of another great Canadian Danny Gallivan, a true Canadian gentleman."*

**Don Cherry,  
CBC Broadcaster**

*"The greatest generation' was more than a collectivity, they were individuals. Cliff Chadderton is one of those heroes, and in his unique book, he paints an intimate portrait of these brave men and women. They won a war, they gave us freedom, they built a nation. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet these heroes up close."*

**Mike Duffy,  
Broadcaster**

*"It's the heartfelt attempt of one man, late in his life, to keep alive at least in memory some of the many Second World War casualties he had to write letters home about... a collection of column-length essays, including the funny with the sad."*

**Dave Brown,  
The Ottawa Citizen**

*"It is a terrific book. The focus on real stories about real people is outstanding."*

**Larry Murray,  
Former Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs**

*"There is certainly something special about an infantry regiment - more like one big family and especially for you, who came up through the ranks. Congratulations on a great job."*

**Barney Danson,  
World War II veteran and  
Former Minister of National Defence**

*"This personal account of the RWR in WWII is so well written and interesting that it was difficult to put down."*

**Jan de Vries,  
World War II veteran and  
President 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion Association**

*"Soldiers' stories are always more enjoyable (and honest) than the selected reminiscences of the great commanders. Knowing his personality, it didn't surprise me that Cliff's style makes for most enjoyable reading, not to mention the inclusion of many lessons in leadership for the current generation."*

**Major-General Lewis Mackenzie**

*"A splendid book. The fact that it is a soldier's story, and not an historian's history, makes it all the more vivid to read. You have made a wonderful contribution to this year's celebration of the end of WWII."*

**Hamilton Southam (1916-2008),  
World War II veteran, Founder, Canadian Battle of  
Normandy Foundation and Founder and President, Valiants Foundation**

*"A great book immortalizing ordinary Canadians who became extraordinary people in action in 1944-45. Nothing written about Normandy and the early days of the Scheldt battles captures better what it was like for the P.B.I."*

**George Blackburn (1917-2006),  
World War II veteran and best-selling author**

*"I have read a lot of books. Cliff, this writing of yours is incredible. It just brings the past vividly to mind. I'm amazed."*

**The Honourable John Matheson,  
Chief Designer, New Canadian Flag, February 15, 1965**

*"A truly magnificent portrayal of war, particularly of the participants, the soldiers. Almost every page was a story in itself. It is a masterly production."*

**Bill Mayne, World War II veteran and Vice-President,  
The Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded**

*"Cliff would have been in the NHL if he hadn't lost his leg. Good skater, good shot, good defensive work, he didn't play dirty - but he wouldn't back down from a fight either. He would have gone a long way. He had signed a contract with the New York Rangers but opted to serve in the army."*

**Al Vickery,  
Former sports writer - The Canadian Press**

*"It brought out the overall feeling of the tremendous bravery and great sense of service which created our Regiment's history during the war. It saddens me greatly to think of those who gave their lives... such a terrible waste. But they brought honour to themselves and to Canada. You put a human face in our history and you have ennobled our Riflemen."*

**Norm Donogh, both he and his brother Roland  
(Killed in action) are mentioned in the memoir**

*"This is an important addition to the history of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and to Canada's role in the Second World War, as well as a fitting memorial to the men who fought with you, many of whom gave their lives in the war."*

**Ian Wilson,  
Library and Archives Canada**

*"Enlightening and touches all ones emotions. It would be a good thing if all veterans were to attempt the same. Firsthand accounts are surely the best eye-openers for future generations."*

**Wendy West,  
Canadian Singer/Songwriter**

*"I'm sure that when Canada's educational community gets hold of it, the book will become at least required reading for Canadian history courses, if not a textbook. Rabbi Bulka referred to you as one of Canada's most important war heroes. Robin and I second that emotion."*

**Joe Turner (and Robin Moir),  
Canadian Music Publishers and Producers**