

Forty Canadian soldiers. Six nuclear bombs. One secret.

## **Time Bombs**

Airing November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 p.m. on Global Television

In the spring of 1957 at the height of the Cold War, 40 young Canadian soldiers were sent to Nevada on a top secret mission - to serve as guinea pigs for the military in a nuclear test field. They played war games less than 1,000 metres away from detonated test bombs four times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima.

Several veterans fell victim to radiation, and children were born with birth defects. Today, 50 years after being exposed to dangerous nuclear radiation, the few soldiers who survived are fighting for justice. And Ottawa is trying to bury the affair.

Produced by Guylaine Maroist and Eric Ruel as part of Global Television's "Global Currents" documentary series, **Time Bombs** turns a spotlight on this embarrassing and controversial page in Canadian military history. A team of journalists traced the few survivors of Operation Plumbbob. The documentary's makers also tracked down never-before-screened film records of American nuclear tests involving soldiers. Using these stunning records, **Time Bombs** helps us relive the soldiers' incredible experience.

In this real-life thriller, we follow Jim Huntley, the only veteran still in good health, as he puts his case to the government and confronts the politicians who are trying to dampen their efforts. As the controversy gains media attention, will policy makers listen to the plights of these veterans?

Screenings for the documentary will take place in several cities including Ottawa, Calgary and Montreal on the following dates:

- October 29 - Calgary      **The 5 Calgary** Downtown Suites  
   **Aspen room**  
   618 5th Ave SW  
   10:30 am
- November 5<sup>th</sup> – Montreal      **Canal D**
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – Ottawa      **Library and Archives Canada**  
   **Auditorium**  
   395 Wellington Street  
   10:30 am

"We're proud to partner with Guylaine and Eric on this documentary as part of our Global Currents documentary series," said Christine Shipton, Global Television's Vice-President of Original Programming. "This documentary addresses an important social issue and we're pleased to bring this to the forefront for all Canadians."

"*Canal D* is happy to have helped fund this important film, both to help the soldiers gain recognition for their contribution, and to broadcast the surprising revelations the film makes. From its very beginnings, *Canal D* has supported documentaries by Canadian film makers that disturb generally accepted ideas, bring a new vision of the world, and allow the cast-offs their right to be heard. **Time Bombs** is such a film." says Jean-Pierre Laurendeau, Vice-President of Programming at *Canal D*.

About Global Currents:

Global National's Kevin Newman together with Global Television and CanWest MediaWorks present Global Currents, a critically acclaimed, unique series of hour-long, independently produced documentaries. The documentaries represent the talents of Canada's best socio-political, environmental, humanist and scientific documentary filmmakers. [www.globaltv.com/globalcurrents](http://www.globaltv.com/globalcurrents).

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