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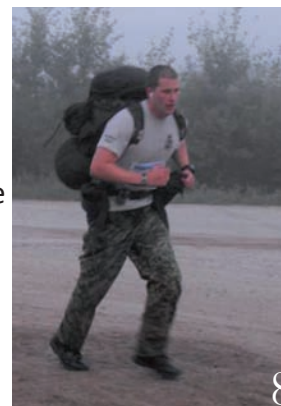
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BRANCH ADVISOR'S MESSAGE

By: Col S.P. Myers, EME Branch Advisor

When I think of EME in sports the first thing that comes to mind is curling, hockey, golf and a nice 10k run. Ok, well maybe not the run... Sports are a big part of the EME Branch and this is shown not only through the number of bonspiels, golf tournaments and hockey tournaments we have each year but also by the many members of our Branch who participate in activities such as Mountain Man, Ironman and CSIM sports.

Sports have become part of our culture. We are one of the few Branches that regularly holds annual sporting events and I believe this fact is directly related to our success as equipment maintainers and managers and is at the very core of our 'work hard - play hard' reputation.

Like the sports we play, there is a lot of diversity in the work and jobs we perform. Being a "regiment of many small units... everywhere" makes it difficult to stay in touch, relate to, and maintain an

understanding of what everyone else is doing. Sports are one thing we all have in common. They help us keep the distances between us small by giving us an excuse to get together and socialize. They provide a way to build camaraderie and to get to know each other outside of the workshop. Apparently they are also an excellent opportunity to get work done... or so the Branch RSM tells me every time he goes golfing.

Whether it is on EME Day, or as part of a Unit intramural program, sport repre-

sents an outlet from the daily routine and tempo. I understand that the pace of work can seem unrelenting at times however we all need to put down our tools once in a while and make the time to leave it all on the playing field... or the putting green like the RSM. So I encourage you to continue participating in these events not just because they help you stay in shape but because they also keep our regiment of many small units... everywhere together.

Comments or suggestions about the new format of the EME Journal?

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BRANCH CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER'S MESSAGE

By: CWO J.R.D. St-Jean, Branch Chief Warrant Officer

People used to tell me that I had joined a Sports Scholarship program and that being in the military was just a side effect. Perhaps, the fact that every bone in my body hurts like heck today has something to do with the numerous injuries I sustained over the years. Fortunately for me, I discovered golf later in life and never looked back. I am no Tiger Woods (in more ways than one!) but I certainly enjoy the walk and the camaraderie of old friends every Sunday morning.

Sports, especially team sports, are all about working towards the same goal. Those values are a big part of our everyday life in the military. We routinely forget about our own individual accomplishments for the good of the team, whether that team is on an ice rink, in the workshop or on Operations. We often trust our companions with our own lives while being there for them, no matter what. In a way, sports are just an extension of our way of life. As a team, we have unlimited potential.

Sports are also synonymous with fair play. Personally, I always enjoyed dropping the gloves and getting into a good scrap but, as a whole, the unwritten law of any game always included some kind of respect for the sport and the people that play it. Fair play also applies in our everyday business. As leaders, we try to be fair with all of our troops by knowing each and everyone of them and treating them like we would like to be treated.

The same applies with our own families. Respect and fairness towards each other certainly goes a long way in a healthy relationship which in turn, reflects positively in our demeanour at

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Enough with the philosophical stuff (it comes naturally with advanced age). Our Branch Advisor touched on the importance of participating in EME sport and social events. Let's not forget the amazing contribution of all the

volunteers that make those events a success time after time. Those that volunteer and those that participate in EME events contribute positively to our Esprit de Corps. Long story short, a family that plays is a family that stays and our EME family spirit is certainly here to stay.

I hope you will enjoy this new and improved format of the EME journal. The changes you will witness in the next few pages reflect your suggestions submitted over the years. The editorial team has done a great job creating a journal that we can all relate to so, take your time, read through it and don't forget that this journal is a team effort and your articles and input are key to its success.

In the meantime, stay fit and keep your stick on the ice!

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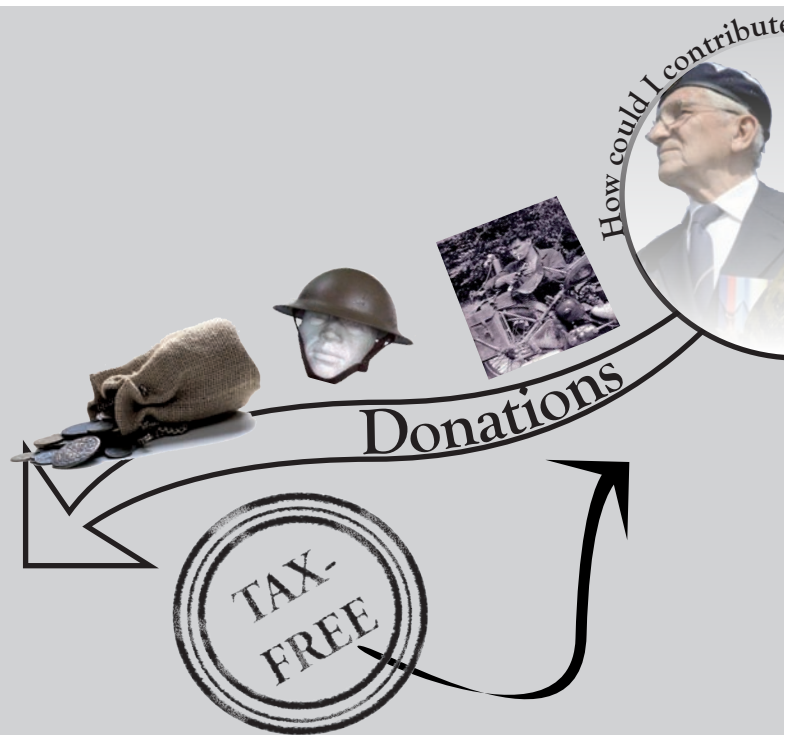
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PETAWAWA IRONMAN COMPETITION

By: Capt Ian Lau, 2IC, Maint Coy, 2 Svc Bn

With 26 years of history, the annual 2 CMBG Ironman Competition has come to be recognized as one of Petawawa's premier challenges for physical endurance and mental discipline. The race features a 50-km trajectory consisting of a 32-km rucksack march, a 4-km canoe portage, an 8-km paddle on the Ottawa River, and a 6-km rucksack sprint to the finish line.

As usual, this year's pre-competition climate was as energetic and inspiring as ever. Day in, day out, teams of soldiers could be seen scurrying about the Petawawa vicinity – rucksack running, portaging, and canoeing – ceaselessly training to meet established goals and surpass personal bests. Anticipation and intensity filled the air. Yet, coincidentally and unbeknownst to anyone, a surprise phenomenon was forming – one that would give reason for additional excitement: the 2 Service Battalion Ironman Team would turn out to be nearly 100% EME!

From the onset, it was apparent that the influence of EME esprit-de-corps would inevitably come into play as the responsibility of Team Captain was bestowed upon fellow EME brethren, Capt Andrew Mills. Given Capt Mills' incredible pas-

sion for fitness and brimming outward enthusiasm, fervour for the Ironman Team was sparked and a nucleus of EME participants quickly formed. Initially, the team consisted primarily of Maintenance



Capt Andrew Mills at the 25km mark, half way to the finish line.



Service Battalion Ironman Team (from left to right):

Lt T.W. Murphy, Lt M.J. Winniski, Capt A.R. Mills, Maj G. Olivier, Cpl S.W. Munro, Capt I. Lau, Cpl C.J. Steward, MWO J.E. Osterholm, Cpl A. Aguilar

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Company personnel. Several other 2 Service Battalion members had intentions of taking part; however, training and operational requirements eventually precluded them from being able to stay the course. Yet despite the toll imposed, Maintenance Company was adamant on persevering and the core of EME presence never dwindled. By the time steady state was reached, the close-knit team was undeniably EME-centric. And as luck would have it, the end of the summer posting season even saw two additional EME members brought onboard. Needless to say, with a final roster of eight EME folks and an LCIS chap (who – through osmosis – has become recognized

as honorary-EME), the 2 Service Battalion Ironman Team was running high on EME pride.

On race day, it was not long after crossing the start line that Capt Mills and fellow teammate Cpl Alex Aguilar rose to positions within the top

twentieth percentile of all competitors. Whether it be the rucksack march, canoe portage, or river paddle, positioning between the pair remained extremely close. Meanwhile back in the offices and workshops throughout the base, members of the Petawawa EME community were tightly glued to the Sportstats website – constantly checking the status of Maintenance Company's two front runners. As the race clock struck seven hours and five minutes, 2 Service Battalion saw its first competitor cross the finish line! Capt Mills finished 35th out of 217 competitors and moments later, was joined by Cpl Aguilar who finished in 37th place with a time of seven hours and eight minutes. Notwithstanding that both Capt Mills and Cpl Aguilar were first time competitors this year, their race day performance was certainly a triumphant effort and delightful accomplishment.

With the event's passing and in the days that followed, Ironman excitement subsided almost as quickly as summer gave way to fall. However, for the nine members of 2 Service Battalion's 2009 Ironman Team, this story of EME centricity and camaraderie will certainly be fondly remembered and reminisced in conversations for years to come.



CFSEME COMPETES IN THE CANADA ARMY RUN

By: MCpl Martin Faucher

Once again, the Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering had no hesitation in sending a team of 31 runners to represent the school, with 25 braving the 21-kilometre challenge.

The half marathon boot camp lasted 13 weeks. While it may have seemed easy at the beginning, the kilometres quickly accumulated over the weeks and tested the less determined among us, showing us that the challenge was just as much mental as it was physical. Despite it all, however, many were surprised to realize that they were now able to run 16 kilometres with ease when only a few weeks before they had trouble with the 10k.

Our team arrived in Ottawa the day before the run. Not wasting a second we went to visit the Expo site and activate our chip timers. The day ended with a pasta dinner under the canopy where various specialists shared their knowledge on the human body and the training conditions that can lead to sport injuries, completed with some wise advice and techniques for the next day's run.

Sunday, September 20: Close to 11,000 civilians and military personnel from coast to coast to coast ran, walked or wheeled side-by-side to complete one of the two runs; either the 5K or the half marathon. According to the media, it's the fastest growing run in the country! The weather was ideal at 8° C with no wind, and the scenic courses that took you by the Rideau Canal helped you forget the pain. It was interesting to listen to everyone's stories and to see the spirit of camaraderie between people after the race, as though we had all just survived a baptism of fire! In the end, all the members of our team found the experience gratifying and unique.

I wouldn't be surprised to see a good number of these new "fanatics" next year as well.



CFSEME Team near the start line

THE VALCARTIER MAINTENANCE COMPANY HAS A STRONG YEAR

By: Lt M. Nabhani, TEC Pl Comd, EME, 5 Svc Bn Maint Coy

Despite a year replete with operational and deployment support tasks, the 5 Canadian Service Battalion Maintenance Company met this huge challenge and came out a winner. Over the past year, the Maintenance Company participated in a variety of sport activities aimed at strengthening team cohesiveness. Here are some highlights from 2009.

Let's begin with the 5 Svc Bn sports day at Shannon on 6 February 2009. Despite horrible winter weather, 169 members from the Maintenance Company threw themselves into the various activities, which helped everyone forget work for a while, not to mention the intense cold of this unforgettable day. The aim was to encourage maximum participation by 5 Svc Bn military personnel in outdoor winter activities. Friendly inter-company competitions saw the different teams take turns playing a variety of sports such as Kin Ball, Muckluk Soccer and Muckluk Hockey. There were sixteen teams in all, including eight from Maint Coy. At the end of the day, new teams were formed and impromptu broomball games had officers playing against SNCOs and corporals against master corporals.

On 15 May 2009, all Mainte-



5 Svc Bn personnel braves freezing weather to play outdoor hockey during the sports day in Shannon.

nance Company members supported EME Day organizer Lt Forget in making that day memorable. It was a unique opportunity for members working in EME organizations to get together once during the year in a relaxed and frien-

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dly atmosphere. 530 technicians from the Branch, including all Maintenance Coy personnel, participated in the event. Colleagues from Sherbrooke, Bagotville and Montreal were also invited.

EME Day began with an opening parade, followed by a speech from Colonel Myers, the honorary president representing the EME branch. Then hockey, volleyball

and horseshoe competitions were held. At the same time, a strength competition hosted by strongman Hugo Girard attracted the attention of a lot of people. Competitors were required to place themselves between two vehicles mounted on ramps and hold on to the cables attached to each vehicle. Volunteers had to withstand the force exerted by the two vehicles, 1,400 kilograms apiece, as they descended their respective ramps in neutral. The strongest man, Craftsman Maxime Michaud, held on for 38 seconds. The EME LFQA 2009 Golf Tourna-

ment, which took place on 28 August at the Valcartier Garrison Castor Outdoor Center, was also a huge success. This year's tournament was organized by Lt Zizian who, through perseverance, managed to recruit 144 golfers, including 84 from the EME Branch Fund, 50 CF members and 10 civilians. Those who arrived early were able to take advantage of a breakfast served on site. Even at 6 in the morning, we could easily see a smile on the faces of our colleagues who were enjoying a hearty breakfast before getting on their way for the start of the tournament, which began at about 7:00 am. The day saw a wide range of emotions, sometimes happy, sometimes disappointing, but always competitive. At about 12:30 pm, after a few hours filled with friendly challenges under clear skies, the golfers were served lunch.

At the end of the tournament, teams reported to Building 324 with their cards so committee members could tally up the scores. A little golf competition had been organized by the team in charge of sponsorships. Each participant chipped in \$2 for the right to one

try or \$5 for three tries. A scoring system was set up to determine a winner at the end of the day. The winner of the competition won a \$1,000-value toolbox. Awards were given before the closing speech for the best foursome, the ball closest to the hole, holes in one, and the longest ball.

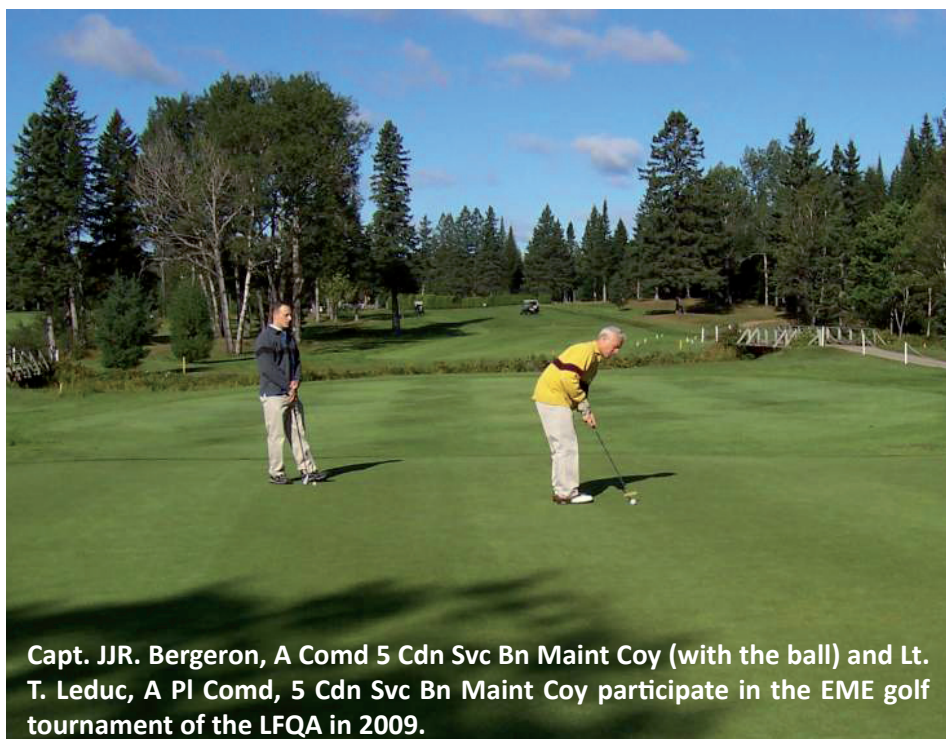
On 29 November, Maint Coy dispatched two teams to participate in the EME Branch hockey tournament at Borden from 29 November to 3 December 2009. The person responsible for the two teams in the tournament was MCpl Audet, who brilliantly rose to the challenge. Despite several snags along the way, our two teams represented us very well. After a week of hard work (4 games for each team in 5 days) and despite their failure to reach the finals, our players were in excellent spirits at



The event for competitors trying as long as possible to withstand the force of two vehicles attracted a curious crowd. In the photo: Craftsman, M Michaud, Veh Tech, Training Pl, 5 Cdn Svc Bn Maint Coy.

the end. Even with their sore muscles and long trip back, all members showed a strong desire to compete in the event again next year and win.

Finally, before leaving for the holidays, our members took part in the battalion field day on 11 December 2009. WO Dallaire was in charge of this activity and despite the large number of participants was up to the challenge. The day began with a parade during which the 5 Svc Bn Commander encouraged his troops to have as much fun as possible. The inter-coy competitions had teams playing against each other in sports such as soccer, volleyball, indoor hockey and outdoor hockey. At the end of the day, token awards were presented to the winning teams.



Capt. JJR. Bergeron, A Comd 5 Cdn Svc Bn Maint Coy (with the ball) and Lt. T. Leduc, A Pl Comd, 5 Cdn Svc Bn Maint Coy participate in the EME golf tournament of the LFQA in 2009.



CFSEME HOSTS 46TH ANNUAL EME GOLF TOURNAMENT

By: Helene Rowen, CFSEME HQ

The 46th Annual EME Golf Tournament was held at Circled Pine Golf Club, Canadian Forces Base Borden 13 - 14 August 2009. The Tournament consisted of a Meet and Greet held at Circled Pine Golf Course on 12 August 2009, a Banquet on 13 August 2009 and two days of golfing 13 and 14 August 2009. Approximately 136 golfers (EME personnel, retired EME members and corporate sponsors) were in attendance.

The following prizes were awarded during the tournament. Low Gross Male - Bob Roy, Low Gross Female - Lindsey McGowan; Closest to the Pin #3 - Lt Marty Hart, Longest Drive #4 - Henriette Desutter, Longest Drive #5 - Steve Sломinski, Closest to the Pin #11 - Lindsey McGowan. In addition, golf balls were awarded to the Most Honest players - Denise Smith and Heather Skaling. In order to protect the innocent, we will not publicize Most Honest Scores. Gilles Nappert was once again this year's winner of the WWII Vets Seniors Trophy. The winner of four Michelin tires from sponsor Weatherven was Carter

Thorne. On the last day of the tournament, all golfers received prizes for participating in the Tournament.

The Committee would also like to thank Mr. Gary Corriveau and Mr. Gunther Gratzner and all the staff of Circled Pine



Missed the LAV, got the green!

Golf Course for their support of this event. In addition, a special mention must be made - Barrie Mitsubishi provided numerous hole in one prizes, including the opportunity to win a Lancer Sportback. There was some excitement when Lt Marty Hart almost had the hole in one, the ball bounced out of the hole.

As in previous years, this EME Golf Tournament was a success. Dates for next years tournament are August 12 and 13, 2010.

EME Golf Committee members with Barrie Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback that participants could win if they made a hole in one.



40TH WESTERN AREA EME BONSPIEL

By: Lt R.A. Cummings, 1 Svc Bn

The weekend of October 23, 2009 marked the 40th Western Area EME Bonspiel at the Lancaster Park Golf and Curling Club, CFB Edmonton. This event is intended to promote camaraderie and esprit de corps within the EME Branch, where both retired and serving members from all over Canada gather for a few days to enjoy the competition of curling and friendship of fellow tradesman. It also provides the opportunity to meet past acquaintances, make new ones, share experiences and reminisce about favorite personal stories.

This year's event was quite unique, in the sense that the tentatively scheduled February 2010 Bonspiel had to be held 4 months early, if it were to be held at all. This was attributed to the unusual circumstances that Op Podium imposed making it impossible to host when originally planned. Even with the on-going high tempo of operations, CFB Ed-

monton was able to compose a highly reliable organizing committee comprised of Maintainers from 1 Svc Bn, 1 CER and LdSH(RC) that sacrificed many of their own hours to make it happen. In all, 38 teams consisting of over 150 people participated which was considered a great turnout.

The event unofficially began October 22 at 4:00 pm for the Meet and Greet where EME members, dignitaries, sponsors and guests met for a few sociables and appetizers, including those who would be unable to attend the



Bgen (retired) Holt, EME Branch Colonel Commandant, throws the ceremonial stone.

event itself. This year's dignitaries included the EME Branch Col Cmdt, BGen (retired) Holt and RSM, CWO St-Jean. Although the first game was at 8:00 am on October 23, opening ceremonies commenced at 10:00 am where all participating teams were led out on to the rink by the dignitaries followed by the Col Cmdt offering words of welcome. Next, he threw the ceremonial stone and officially declared the 40th Western Area EME Bonspiel open.

The draws took place around-the-clock until the championship game at 12:00 pm on October 25, with all teams being

guaranteed at least 4 games. When not playing, the participants had the opportunity to mingle in the bar lounge, which remained open 24 hrs throughout the tournament. While competitiveness comes naturally to us all, especially those in the military, everyone seemed to understand that "a fun game,

is a friendly game" making the weekend that much more enjoyable. Each night of the weekend included karaoke affording everyone the opportunity (some more than others) to get up on the stage and sing some of their favorite songs, making for much laughter and good times. On Saturday evening the Bonspiel participants and their guests attended a buffet-style banquet with an abundance of different food. Following the meal several presentations and speeches were given by dignitaries, organizers and other distinguished guests. Closing ceremonies

took place following the championship game where prizes were drawn for and awarded to the participants, with each receiving at least one prize. Due to prior commitments the dignitaries were unable to attend, therefore to officially close the EME Bonspiel, Maj Jeffrey, OC Maint, 1 Svc Bn gave some closing words thanking all participants and those who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

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EME family together and to increase the morale within the Branch. This important fact became obvious to both young officers and soldiers alike. With all of the adverse factors faced by the Maintainers of the West, the success of the 40th Western Area EME Bonspiel is directly linked to the adaptability they display each and every day.

MOUNTAIN MAN 2009

By: Lt McKeown, 1 Svc Bn

With a day time high of 32.8 °C on 3 September 2009, Exercise Mountain Man took place in Edmonton's River Valley.

Of the 11 soldiers from 1 Service Battalion, 6 represented the EME Branch. The 5 Vehicle Technicians and 1 EME Officer placed in 1 Service Battalion's top 7, giving the team an average time of 7:07:35, allowing 1 Svc Bn to win 3rd place in the major unit category. The team's EME competitors consisted of, in order of completion, Cfn Matthew Madge, Cfn Philippe Lamontagne, Sgt Danny Forbes, Lt Craig McKeown, Cfn Ric Mosquito, and Cfn Kevin Dryburgh.

The competition consisted of a 31.6 km rucksack march weighing a minimum of 15 kg, followed by a 3.2 km portage, then a 10 km paddle down the North Saskatchewan River and finishing with a 5.6 km rucksack march uphill to the finish line.

The team started training together in



Cfn Philippe Lamontagne (left) and Lt Craig McKeown (right) running the course.

mid-June and would practice three times a week, including weekend workouts. Their training consisted of interval running, long distance running, hill training, plyometric exercises, and lots of CrossFit workouts. The team even took out canoes on the North Saskatchewan River to work on their paddling and portage techniques.

The entire team enjoyed the great ex-

perience, and although it was a brutal challenge, everyone admitted to having fun. Be sure to see the EME Seals at Mountain Man 2010!

EME IN AFGHANISTAN

By: Mcpl Cornell Tucker, Weapons Technician, FOB Wilson, Maintenance Company, National Support Element

The Task Force 3-09 National Support Element (NSE) has been in Theatre for almost four months now. As a unit, our diversity in personal and qualifications spans normal expectations - Supply, Transport and Maintenance - but also the unique additions of a Force Protection Platoon of Combat Arms soldiers, Contracts Management staff and the civilians of CFPsA and CANCAP. Regular and Reserve Force, civilian and military alike. Although many of our Soldiers hail from 1 Service Battalion, equally as many have joined us from units across Canada.

Our primary role in Maintenance Company is to ensure that battle-winning equipment remains operational – whether it be carrying combat arms troops into battle and patrolling across our Area of Operations, or carrying supplies to the Forward Operating Bases in order to support the troops operating outside the wire. Task Force Maintainers have demonstrated tireless effort in support of operations, and it is their commitment and dedication that allows operations to move forward uninterrupted.

So, here we are in Afghanistan with the International Security Assistance Force, fulfilling our role in support of the entire Task Force as they travel the dangerous roads of Afghanistan. Not a small undertaking by any stretch but fortunately morale is high and working with such a fantastic group of people who all want to be here makes it that much more of a po-



An AHSVS Wrecker recovering a MLVW from FOB Wilson to FOB Ma'sum Ghar.

sitive experience.

It seems that no matter where you go one thing stays the same; EME remains a very tight knit family that always finds new and intuitive ways to get the job done. The ability of the Troops on the shop floors to adapt and overcome has held fast in the Branch for generations and I am sure will continue to do so for years to come. The "outside the box" mindset is what has earned the EME Technicians the respect of not only our own but many other Nations.

As a Canadian Soldier, I hadn't really appreciated how well respected we are as a military until arriving here. In speaking to troops of other nations, they all seem to say the same thing; our Soldiers are among some of the best trained, best equipped and above all else, most strongly supported by the family, friends and co-workers they have back at home.

Every deployment provides its participants with both positive and nega-



Cpl Préfontaine and Cpl Duffy work on an M113.

tive experiences that will be told in stories over a coffee for many years to come. But in the coming months, after we leave and reintegrate into the Garrison life, I would hope that

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everyone takes what they have learned here and shares the knowledge and experience with the next generation of techs.

As I heard it put to the Branch Chief, “Arte et Marte has been catapulted into the modern era of soldiering and fixing with our involvement in Afghanistan”. The stories need to be told to set the course for the next 65 years.

THE HORNBURG'S VISIT

By: Cpl B.M. Myers, National Support Element

We, as soldiers, are perhaps more prepared for the loss of our comrades than are the families they leave behind. I was never as aware of this as when I listened to the words of Linda Loree and Mike Hornburg. On September 2009, Linda and Mike arrived in Afghanistan as part of “the Next of Kin Visit Program”: an initiative providing a means for families to grieve and find closure for family members lost to the acts of war.

Two years had passed since their son, Corporal Nathan Hornburg of the King's Own Calgary Regiment, fell prey to a mortar round while changing track on a leopard tank. Two years and still their grief was a raw wound, how deep it must have cut. He whom they called best of us all. How does one move on from such a loss? The answer is one never truly does, though with the support of those who share our grief, we may begin to heal.

Every year, on the anniversary of his death, those who knew him make a pilgrimage of sorts. They go down to Calgary to remember this vibrant figure, a candle who burned so brightly, it's light could not last nearly long enough. They go to offer what support they can to those who felt his loss most deeply. The Branch members with whom he served lent their strength to the Hornburgs during their greatest woe so that they could find the strength to face the land that had taken their son from them.

And so it came to pass that after two years his parents found themselves here, in this shattered land of dust and rocks among the brothers and sisters of the Branch that adopted him as one of their own. With the families of the other fallen they stood before the sign proclaiming “Hornburg's Corner,” the NSE Maintenance Company Stand Easy named in his honour. And what more appropriate honour could we give to such a man as he? For one so full of life's joys to be memorialized by a place of respite from the day's toils.

Before coming over with Roto 4 in 2007, Nathan was asked what he thought of the mission. He said, “We know it's a mess, that's why we're there.” He knew

what might be asked of him and he came, even knowing full well the cost and worth. Cpl Hornburg believed in this

Linda Loree and Mike Hornburg with EME members in Afghanistan on September 2009.



mission and what it meant, not to the people back home, but to the people right here. This is what his parents asked us to remember, that it is not for ourselves we go, but for those who come after us. They exhorted us, despite their loss, despite their suffering, to continue, to provide the stability and security their son strove to introduce.

After their speech we were left a moment to reflect on this as they were taken inside the canteen to see the small tribute raised by those left behind. Amidst the plaques of previous Rotos stands a brass plate with his story, and on the Roto 4 plaque his name is listed alongside ours.

When they came out we had our picture taken with these extraordinary individuals who were capable of standing behind our mission even after what it had taken from them. There were other

« Men exist for the sake of one another. »
Marcus Aurelius

families there, with other units to visit, so we had no time then to speak longer with the Hornburgs. They continued on to the headquarters building, to our small cenotaph where their son's name was carved in black stone alongside the names of the 132 other Canadians who gave everything they had to give

this country a chance at a future. Those who laid their bodies as the foundation of a nation free from oppression.

Their message was found in their presence more than their words, the message that, no matter the cost, a soldier must act rightly. The message that through one another we can overcome anything. The maintainers from Roto 4 supported them through their loss, they support our mission and we support those who provide Afghanistan with the tools to support itself.

EMILIE, A TRIBUTE

By: Cpl Martin Desrochers, National Support Element, Maintenance Section

Emilie is about 13 feet long, 9 feet wide and weighs roughly 35 tonnes; she is an Armoured Heavy Support Vehicle System (AHSVS) recovery asset for the FOB Wilson. She was named, for good luck, in honour of my 1 year old daughter. During my time with her, she has been used as a work horse, a hydraulic lift, a workbench/tool box and of course in her primary role, as a recovery vehicle.

As a work horse she moved a fuel pod. We had doubts because she was not really made to do this kind of work, but she pulled it off without a hitch (pardon the pun!). Because of the weight of the fuel pod, the D-ring we used was the only casualty.

On numerous occasions, she was used as a Hydraulic lift. Unfortunately the air jacks we were using in FOB Wilson could not quite lift the LAV IIIs (Light

Armoured vehicle III) or the ELAV's (Engineer Light Armoured Vehicle) because of all the extra add-on armour plates.

On one occasion, after fighting for 3 hours to get the ELAV on an axle stand in order to

work on the suspension, my co-worker, Cpl Daren Lunn and I decided that we'd had enough and so brought in Emilie. She hardly broke a sweat and within a



Emilie, the FOB Wilson AHSVS recovery asset, named in honour of Cpl Desrochers' girl.

Right:
Emilie with the
MPEV.

Below:
Emilie with the
ELAV picked up
from the front.



not quite made to bring back this type of equipment. As we all know the purpose of recovery is to bring back equipment with the least damage possible and Emilie once again rose to the challenge and didn't disappoint.

During the time I spent in FOB Wilson, I really grew quite fond of her

few minutes we were able to work on the suspension without any further delays. From that day on one of Emilie's new tasks was as FOB Wilson's hydraulic jack.

Occasionally, some jobs have to be done away from our shop and tools, fortunately for us Emilie comes very well equipped with all the tools that we require.

One day, a co-worker, Cpl Jeremy Farrell and I were sent to recover a LAV III that had a broken differential. Upon arriving in situ we were informed that a MPEV (Multi Purpose Engineering Vehicle) had

suffered major damage and was losing its hydraulic fluid rapidly. Emilie was eager to bring back both vehicles. The real challenge was to secure the front bucket of the MPEV so it would not fall on Emilie's Stinger; but we had to move fast as the MPEV was running out of fluid. It was our first time hooking up an MPEV and we tried several different ways – without much success! It was a very challenging recovery as Emilie was

and think that the AHSVS wrecker was one of our most valuable assets. I am glad that I named my vehicle after my daughter and hope sincerely that my daughter grows up to have some similar qualities as her namesake: Great character, strength, versatility, dependability and patience.

While away from home I missed my family tremendously, my wife Nadia, my son Xavier and of course Emilie! But having a vehicle named for one of them kept me both grounded and connected.

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FOUR LEOPARD 2 A4S PREPARED FOR THE CANADIAN FORCES

By: Stéphan Ipperciel CD, M.A.Sc., PMP, Engineer, Team Leader, Project Management, 202 Workshop Depot, Montreal

The mission of 202 Workshop Depot is to support the Army in all of the operations and tasks that it undertakes. The arrival of a new fleet of Leopard 2 A4 tanks is a typical example of how we must react when a work opportunity arises. Our quick reaction is the direct result of the experience of our employees and the flexibility of our organization, a specialized entity within the Department of National Defence.

In 2007, the Canadian government procured approximately 100 Leopard 2 A4 tanks from the Netherlands, about 20 of which are currently in Germany being upgraded to Canadian standards. During the summer of 2010, these vehicles will gradually replace the Leopard 2 A6 tanks currently in Afghanistan. In principle, these vehicles should begin to return to Canada by the end of the year for well-deserved maintenance and updating. Furthermore, about 40 of the Leopard 2 A4 tanks are currently being stored in Montreal.

At the time, General Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff, had asked the Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel) (ADM(Mat)), through the 202 Workshop Depot, to prepare four of these tanks to be sent to Gagetown to be of-

ficially presented to the people of Canada and to provide a mandate to the Director Army Training (DAT) and his armour school to begin developing training procedures that will be used starting in 2012.

The Standardization and Efficiency Process project management team, along with the technicians of Integrated Systems Process and the support of the Fabrication (painting) and Logistics Processes, managed to render four Leopard 2 A4 tanks safe and operational in less than three months, working without complete technical documentation. With prior specialized experience working on the Leopard 1 C2, the team guided the project with a steady hand through the summer from July to September 2009. These vehicles were of-

ficially delivered to the Army on September 24, 2009, during a ceremony at which the four Leopard 2 A4s paraded proudly from Building 3 to Building 8 at the Longue-Pointe base.

This task showed our clients, the Canadian Forces, that the 202 Workshop Depot has the flexibility and assets to meet its objectives and that its employees have the technical knowledge required to meet these objectives in an effective and affordable manner. Despite the occasional funding shortfall and the significant technical problems that must be dealt with regularly in this type of industry, our organization, 202 Workshop Depot, can complete large-scale projects within the time allotted.



A commemorative photo was taken on the test track in order to capture the importance of this event.

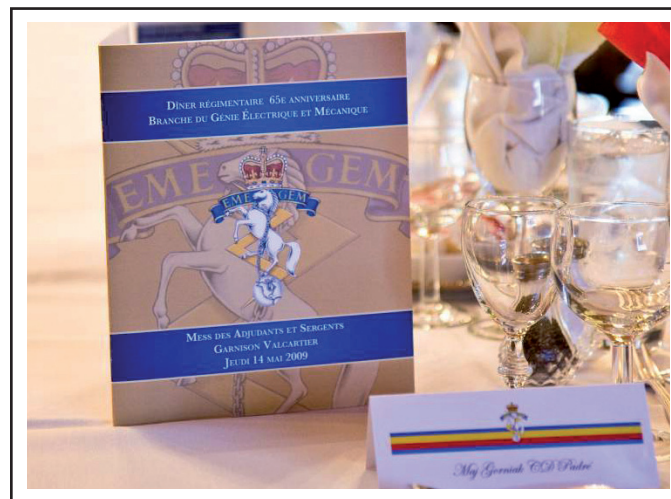
LFOA MESS DINNER COMMEMORATING THE EME BRANCH'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

By: MWO Daniel David, PMC Mess Dinner of the EME Branch's 65th Anniversary, Maintenance Company Sergeant-major

On Thursday May 14th 2009, a Mess Dinner was held at the Senior NCO's Mess to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the EME Branch. Col S. Myers, EME Branch Advisor, and CWO D. St-Jean, the Branch CWO, attended as the guests of honour. The participants were active EME members of the Regular and Reserve Forces from the rank of MCpl and above, as well as retired EME members and Quebec's "Light Aid Detachment 111" (LAD 111) association members. Besides celebrating the 65th anniversary, the goal of this dinner was to promote discussion between active and retired members about their varied experience.

To honour the EME Branch icon, a horsemeat filet mignon was served as the main course, which was a surprise for some and a first time experience for others. Among the evening's activities, there were presentations of hockey jerseys from the Montreal Canadiens, the Ottawa Senators and the Quebec Remparts, each jersey marked with the number 65 and signed by their respective team members. All three jerseys were later framed and displayed in the "Halte des Artisans", which is the maintenance company's canteen. All dinner participants received a limited edition 65th anniversary souvenir coin. The remaining coins have been sold for ten dollars each, and there is no need to

say that they soon found a buyer. To capture this beautiful evening, an amateur photographer had been hired. A slide show on DVD has also been produced and distributed.



cards, the anniversary's souvenir coin bearing the number 65, the speeches of the evening, the seating plan, the list of recipients of the commemorative



EME retired and civilians at the LFOA Mess Dinner on May 14, 2009.

Finally, many representative objects have been stored in a stainless steel box manufactured by Maintenance Company's material technicians. This box contains dinner pamphlets and

and stored in the display room at Maintenance Company. It will be re-opened on May 15th 2019 during celebrations of the 75th anniversary.

65th anniversary coin, an EME flag that flew in theatre with the Maintenance Company of JTF-Afg Roto 7 NSE, a copy of the latest edition of the EME Journal, a copy of the ADSUM newspaper and other items related to the regimental dinner. The small box was subsequently sealed

and stored in the display room at Maintenance Company. It will be re-opened on May 15th 2019 during celebrations of the 75th anniversary.

REGIMENTAL COMPANY MUG OUT

By: MCpl O'Reilly, CFSEME, Regimental Company, Common EME Training Platoon

On the 12th of June 2009, Regimental Company of the Canadian Forces School of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (CFSEME) in CFB Borden said goodbye to the members leaving the Company. As luck would have it, the weather was great; there was a lot of sunshine and the temperature was perfect. Here is how the day went.

The day started on the Sicily parade square for the CFSEME change of appointment parade to recognize the outgoing RSM, CWO D. L. Laberge and to welcome CWO J. A. R. Rodrigue to the appointment. There were also many promotions and awards given out to deserving members of CFSEME. The parade concluded when CWO Laberge took his commission to Captain on parade for the start of his new employment at Regt Coy.

Next, the fun began. After the parade, the Company changed into civilian attire. The team dressed in loose clothes that they would not mind getting dirty; some with extra protection. Regimental and Headquarters Companies met at the Borden Paint Ball Club. The paintballs flew for hours. It started out with teams competing in a few different scenarios. This was great for team building

and a good way to start the summer. Everyone had the chance to play side by side with their co-workers while trying to eliminate the other team or to capture their fort. As ammunition got low, the



Team preparation before the Paint Ball competition.

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scenario changed to a smaller area with fewer places to hide. After a lot of fun and a number of bruises, the group moved back to Regimental Company for the rest of the day's events.

Volunteers were hard at work while the rest were paintballing. MCpl J. M. Hogan, MCpl D. J. C. Marsolais and MCpl J.

The paintballs flew for hours at the Borden Paint Ball Club.



M. A. Carignan got the BBQ going and had the food and drinks ready to go as everyone got back from paintball. Each of the farewells included speeches from the PI Comds and the members themselves followed by the presentation of the Regimental soldier statue. The Company then went into the canteen to participate in the depart with dignity ceremony for the outgoing CSM, MWO Boucher, recognizing his numerous years of service in the EME Branch and the CF. Letters from across the country were read sending best wishes on retirement.

To end the events of the day, the OC, Maj R. R. Chenard, planned an Engineering Design Competition.

Six kits of common items were given to teams in order for them to use in their goal of building a device capable of launching an egg for distance. One trebuchet and several catapults were built. The machines had to be fired from a distance of at least five feet. Every egg flew, some forwards and some backwards, but it was the STI's de-



The «Egg Slinger» is one of the many constructions created during the Engineering Design Competition in order to launch an egg for distance.

sign, MWO Saunders, that won the competition in the end.

Once again, many people were leaving the School and those staying behind wished them the best in their future endeavours. Wherever they go, they bring a small part of the Regimental spirit with them.

Trade Sections



THE HAIR TRIGGER

WEAPONS TECHNICIAN

By: Major Bryan D Davidson, Occupation Advisor, Weapons Tech

Its unfortunate for the inception of this column to have to start with a farewell, but such is life. The Assistant Occupation Advisor, CWO Roger Cuffe, is retiring after 31 years of service to the Canadian Forces, the EME Branch, and of course, the Weapons trade.

For the past three years, he's been serving in the role of Assistant Occupation Advisor for the trade as a secondary duty. As a recent addition to the team as of Summer 2009, I can attest to his passion for the trade and the soldiers within it. He has been working to advance key issues in the trade in support of the technicians in the field with diligence. CWO Cuffe is being succeeded by CWO Steve Hansen. CWO Hansen brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge and I have no doubt that he will represent the trade well. Welcome to the team!

At present, the Weapons trade needs a good hard look at its development periods 1 through 3 in order to ensure training needs to support deployed operations are meeting the changes being encountered in the Army. In order to make sure that this meets the needs of the future, some of the senior fellow tradesmen provided significant advice towards looking at the future of the trade, which is being rolled into a "vision" document at this time. Concurrently, it's necessary to continue and deliver key documents that are needed for Accident and Incident Investigation, as well as Certification to Fire. These

publications are now in final draft form and awaiting a few finishing touches and support by other stakeholders in the CF, much thanks to the efforts of CWO Cuffe, MTD and his working group teams.

If you have something you wish to see addressed for the trade, please let us know through your senior area representative so we can have our fingers on the pulse. For hairstyling advice, please contact MWO Bob Cruise or MWO Bill Martyn or myself.



SHARED WORKSPACE

ELECTRONIC OPTRONIC TECHNICIAN

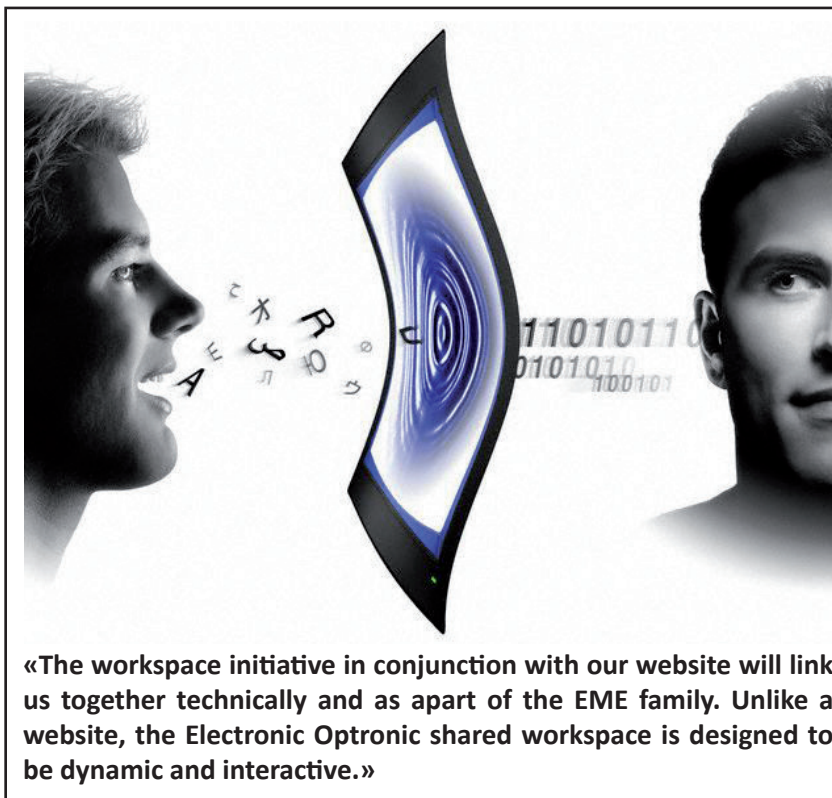
By: Maj Buchanan and CWO Fleming, Occupation and assistant occupation advisor EO Tech

The occupation advisor and assistant occupation advisor would like to welcome you to the Electronic Optronics (EO Tech) corner of the EME Journal. Maj Buchanan would like to take this opportunity to introduce himself as the new EO Tech Trade Advisor with CWO Fleming remaining as a part of your advisory team. The EO occupation faces what we see as very challenging yet opportunistic times. Maj Paul Cogswell and CWO Fleming made considerable inroads on a number of issues affecting the trade and it's now time to focus those initiatives.

We must at the same time evolve as technology evolves and ultimately position ourselves to be relevant to the CF and capable of achieving "In-Mission Effects". To do this effectively we need to find a way to share technical information in a timely manner and stay connected as a part of the EME family.

As you read this article you will be receiving an e-mail welcoming you into the Electronic Optronics Technician shared workspace. As a Regiment of many small units... everywhere, communication is one of our biggest challenges.

The workspace initiative in conjunction with our website will link us together technically and as apart of the EME family. Unlike most website, the Electronic Optronics shared workspace is designed to be dynamic and interactive. It will provide a central storage and collaboration space for technical documents, information, and ideas. We will use this as a tool for technical collaboration and communication enabling



every EO tech to contribute their own ideas and content as well as comment on or contribute to others. It is in effect your one stop shop for all things EO.

When you open the site, you will see a number of tabs across the top of the workspace. The tabs correspond to functional groupings and responsible for each grouping is an EO MWO from Ottawa. The MWO's and yourselves will share technical documentation in the shared documents area and engage in discussions in the discussions portion of the site. Depending on your

experiences and past employment, you have a unique skill set and expertise that needs to be shared. The site will give every technician in the EO occupation visibility over all issues and the ability to contribute to solving the problems faced by others. While other tech forums will continue to exist, we will now have a central access point with the ability to provide our own comments, ask questions and seek out advice/assistance from other members of the trade.

Your occupational advisory team believes that this workspace will resolve a number of communication concerns and issues that have been raised by you to ourselves. To make this site useful however requires your input, so don't be shy, contribute. The site will evolve to our needs over time through your input. We would also like to thank all those that voiced their concerns and opinions over the last year and while the workspace itself does not solve any of those issues it will go a long way towards eventually resolving them.



MAINTENANCE PLATOON

MATERIALS TECHNICIAN

By: Cfn Poirier, Maint Coy CFB Gagetown, Mat Tech

Maintenance's Coy Mat Platoon in CFB Gagetown is like many of the Mat Platoons on other bases around the country; we share many of the same responsibilities ranging from welding radiator over flow tanks to repairing camp cots or even applying CARC (Chemical Agent Resistant Coating) paint on an MLVW. Our job consists of four main categories; welding, textiles, body and paint and machining.

A common phrase among our trade is "Jack of all trades, master of none" but more often than not our skills are put to the test. We are sometimes called upon to come up with ideas to improve things, to increase efficiency, or ways to fix something that would be considered non repairable, but that's how we learn and develop our skills as a tradesman and we always like a challenge.

CFB Gagetown is the home of the combat arms schools and as such, we face a multitude of tasks when it comes to maintaining the equipment from repairing a mine plow off a Leopard, sewing a modular tent, and performing body work on many types of vehicles. There are a few things unique about our shop; we are the only third line repair unit for the mobile bridging in Canada. These units come from all over the country to be repaired and/or modified. All the work done on the bridging is executed by civilians and they are very efficient and continuously produce at a very high standard. When it comes to bridging they are the best. Some of the work they do includes sand blasting, welding, fabricating, painting, modifications and even more. And because we work in close proximity of each other we develop a great friendship and learn many things from one another. Some of the guys in the bridging section have served in the military as Mat Techs and a

few that came from the private sector, but all of them have experience that the younger generation of techs here can learn from.

Another project that we take pride in is our yearly utility trailer we build in support of the United Way. Every year we have a couple of our junior techs working together to design and build a



The utility trailer built in support of the United Way.

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5'X8' trailer that we raffle off. All proceeds from the tickets go to the United Way. Usually the team that builds this trailer is comprised of a tech that has a few years under his belt and a junior

tech. It's definitely a good way to develop friendships and also to teach and share ideas with a common goal and it's also a great feeling to create something that ultimately changes someone's life for the better. It's also a great way to give support back to those who support us.

In conclusion I would like to say that regardless of the base or unit we are posted to or what jobs are unique to our shops, the Materials Technician trade is very fulfilling especially when you stand back to look at some of the things you have created from a simple drawing on a time card. Everyday is an opportunity to progress as a tech and hone our skills.

EME HISTORY QUIZ

By: Lt T. Sakalauski, 202 Workshop Depot

A new column will be published in the EME Journal. Each edition will include an EME « Traditions and History » section, where you will find the EME history quiz that will test your knowledge about the Branch. Questions are inspired by «Canada's Craftmen at 50» written by Colonel (Retired) Murray Johnston.

QUESTION 1

What is on this picture?



ANSWER

The Rose Bowl. A sterling silver bowl was presented to the Corps of RCEME by General, The Honorable A.G.L. McNaughton on his retirement as Colonel Commandant of RCEME on 18 March 1964. The inscription reads: "In Commemoration of the first two Decades

of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and to Express Faith and Confidence in the Continued Service of the Corps to Canada".

QUESTION 2

The official March of the Electrical and Mechanical Engineers is an amalgamation of two songs, which are they and when were they written?

ANSWER

1- "Lillibulero" is an old Irish song. The words for which were written during the "Glorious Revolution of 1688". The song was adopted as a marching song by the Duke of Marlborough's troops who sang it all through the War of the Spanish Succession.

2- "Après de ma Blonde". This old French marching song had been used by the French army, England's opponent during the War of the Spanish Succession, and later the Seven Years' War. It was composed in 1674 at the time the Dutch Fleet was attacking Noirmoutier.

The march was composed by Captain Plater and was adopted in October 1951. It was later amended in 1959 to overcome difficulties between the two tunes and the march as we know it today came into being. Thus, two individual marching songs, one from each of the two armies that fought at Quebec, have become entwined in one march past.

Awards and Recognitions

ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Congratulations to the following EME Personnel were awarded the Order of Military Merit for exceptional service or performance of duties:

CWO G.B. Biggar
MWO D.W. Coble
MWO D. Dubuc
MWO J.R.P.T. Tremblay
WO T.W. Hale
WO M.B. Vandepol
Capt D.W. Atkinson

Moreover, MCpl WT Hoggarth (Mat Tech), CFJSR Kingston, received the Meritorious Service Medal for his actions in Afghanistan.



Congratulations to all recipients!

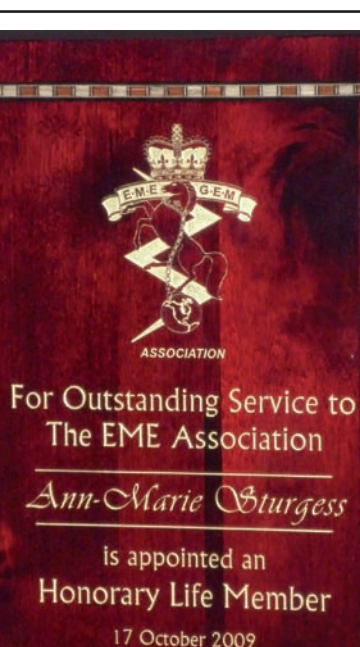
RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING SERVICE

By: Col (Retired) Murray Johnston

Outstanding Service to the EME Family was recognized recently at a regular Friday morning CFSEME Commandant's coffee break. Ann Marie Sturgess, the EME Branch Adjutant's Administrative Assistant, was appointed an Honorary Life Member of the EME Association.

In presenting Ann-Marie with a special plaque to mark this event Major(Retd) Mike Horn, The EME Association President, noted, "As a long time member of the EMEA I have had the opportunity to come to the School each Fall to attend the Association's Annual General Meeting. Much of the support needed to prepare for our AGM is provided by the Branch Adjutant's office and Ann-Marie has become the "centre of excellence" in delivering that support. And her work doesn't stop when our AGM begins. She's there throughout the weekend running errands and helping all the returning members with any issues that require assistance. One of the highlights for me and many of my colleagues is to see Ann-Marie's smiling face as she personally greets us when we arrive. It is a great pleasure for me to present her with her Honorary Life Membership plaque from the Association. The inscription on the plaques says it all, "For Outstanding Service".

Being appointed an Honorary Life Member is the EME Association's highest honour and it is awarded sparingly. In the past this award has gone only to regular Association members. So this award is special in that it recognizes the support



Above: The plaque received by Ms. Sturgess

Opposite: Ms. Sturgess (right) at the reception desk for the EME Association's 2004 AGM.



this in 2002 when, as the EME Colonel Commandant, I was at CFSEME to attend the EME Hockey Tournament. I also attended a base parade in which several CFSEME members were receiving awards. Among the spectators was Ann-Marie. Although she was in the process of recovering from a bout with cancer she came to the parade to see her Craftsmen friends receive their awards. This reflects a sense of dedica-

that is so generously given to the association in helping it to do its work.

But Ann-Marie's outstanding service doesn't stop there. Since she arrived at CFSEME to be the Branch Adjutant's Administrative Assistant in April 1999 she has provided that same level of service on a Branch-wide basis. I noticed

tion to the EME Family which combined with the care and knowledge that she quickly gained made her a "centre of excellence" in the Branch Adjutant's office, as Lieutenant-Colonel Nishika Jardine, the current Commandant of CFSEME, observes.

It is also interesting to note that Ann-Marie now joins a small but growing

group of EME Family members who over the course of the past decade have been recognized for outstanding service to Canada's Craftsmen. Lieutenant-Commander(Retd) Ralph Leudy, "The Michelin Tire Man", is an Honorary Member of the EME Branch Fund for his long time support of Branch activities over and above what would be expected of the representative of a major contractor. Sergeant(Retd) Ralph (Rotten' Ralph) Kendrick who runs the EME Hut in Maintenance Company CFB Petawawa was accorded the same honour for his support of Craftsmen and their activities in that base. Corporal (Ret'd) Earl Hodges, the author of the "RCEME to the Rescue" cartoons examples of which hang in the student's lounge in Regimental Company, created those cartoons when he was serving as a vehicle technician in Korea in the early

1950s. Over the course of the past half-century he has allowed the EME Branch unrestricted use of those cartoons for which the Branch has benefited greatly and he has received no monetary bene-

City a small group of retired soldiers defended the presence of the Canadian flag flying over the provincial legislature. During that incident they suffered some physical abuse from protestors.

One of those soldiers was Sergeant (Ret'd) Joe Bilog a member of the RCEME Association. In recognition of that outstanding service to Canada the RCEME Association elected him to Honorary Life Membership in the RCEME Association.

This record of service to members of the EME Family for their outstanding service to the EME Branch and to Canada is at the foundation of the Branch's strength today and is central in the Branch's continual quest

to inspire all Craftsmen to keep equipment operational no matter what.

« With all of the difficulties in developing EME Esprit de Corps on a shoe string budget having Ann Marie and all that she does in the Branch Adjutant's office has been of great help to the EME Branch.

She has rendered outstanding service not only to the EME Association but also to the EME Branch family. We have come to always count on her.»

fit. In recognition of that contribution he was made an Honorary Member of the EME Branch Fund. In the late-1990s during the troubles in Quebec

CPL MONTREUIL PRESENTED WITH THE COMMANDER'S COIN

On 11 June 09, Cpl Billy Montreuil, Veh Tech with 2R22R BG, was awarded the Commandant's Coin. During an operation in tactical terrain, Cpl Montreuil showed courage and ingenuity during several complex towing procedures carried out under the worst possible conditions.

Now here's a little horse the Branch can be proud of!

Right, Col J Paul, Comd 2R22R BG. Left, CWO J Moreau, RSM 2R22R BG. Centre, our «cheval», grinning as usual.



EMERGENCY EVACUATION ACTION LEADS TO CDS COMMENDATION

By: Tom Philp, journalist for «The Contact»

In the early morning hours of August 10, 2008, a series of explosions sent shockwaves through a north Toronto suburb, creating a tableau that most combat veterans associate with war zones. It was not the type of incident Sergeant William Kochie even dreamed he would be dealing with as part of the Canadian Forces Toronto Area Support Unit (ASU).

The multiple explosions and massive fire that took place at the Sunrise Propane Industrial Gases facility in Downsview, Ontario, and resulted in the deaths of two people, were triggered around 0400 hrs that day. Sgt Kochie was the ASU's Duty Officer when they occurred. His actions following the devastating blasts earned Sgt Kochie (who was a Master Corporal at the time) a Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Commendation last month.

According to the scroll presented to Sgt Kochie (posted to 8 Wing/CFB Trenton two months ago as In Charge Ancillary, Wing Transport/Electrical Mechanical Engineering Squadron) on September 30, he received the honour:

In recognition of his outstanding actions in response to the catastrophic explosion at Toronto's propane facility on 10 August 2008. Blast damage to the Married Quar-



Sgt Kochie receives the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation in recognition of his intervention during the Sunrise Propane Industrial Gases incident on August 2008.

ters and the threat from toxic fallout required immediate evacuation. As Duty Officer, Master Corporal Kochie was the first to be alerted of the emergency and his leadership was instrumental in the successful evacuation of 43 families. His exemplary conduct brought great

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credit to the Canadian Forces.

“The site of the blast was about 150 meters from the PMQs,” Sgt Kochie told The Contact this week. “A lot of our people (military & civilian) were affected. It was an administrative challenge coordinating between the two agencies (CFHA & Military Police) to attain the necessary information required for a large-scale evacuation.”

Due to the calm, professional efforts of people like Sgt Kochie the challenge of working with Military Police, emergency services personnel and civilian authorities was minimized. This ensured people affected by the explosions and fire were contacted, located, and safe. In total, and including military members and their families, more than 13,000 people were evacuated from the area after the blasts.

Nearly 22 hours after the first blast, Sgt Kochie got to go home, satisfied that the Canadian Forces had done all it could to help during the initial aftermath of the disaster.

"I just happened to be the Duty Officer that night," Sgt Kochie said. "The biggest challenge for me was the difficulty in getting (military) people coordinated to respond, because most people in the ASU live so far away (from the former CFB Downsview)."

"Security of the properties was another concern," he said. "There was actually some looting starting to happen. Can you believe that?" In addition, security was necessary to protect residents attempting to return home to get clothes or needed medication. The condition of the housing in some areas was nothing short of disastrous.

A humble man by nature, Sgt Kochie said, "I was just doing my duty. Somebody else thought about it in a larger context."

"I was surprised to receive (the CDS)," he said. "I really am humbled by it."

MICHELIN AND THE FORCES

Par : Maj Jeff Coleman, TEME, Halifax

There are few names as recognizable to the EME Branch as Michelin Tires and Mr. Ralph Leudey. Michelin Tires is synonymous to Army Mobility and Mr. Leudey represents steadfast dedication and support to the members of the EME Branch.

On 27 November 2009, at the Michelin Plant in Nova Scotia, Michelin Tire made an unprecedented, industry-leading announcement in support of the Canadian Forces Reserves. Major Jeff Coleman and Chief Warrant Officer Craig Ball of TEME Halifax were in attendance.

Michelin announced that it will be joining the growing list of companies including; Bell Aliant, West Jet, London International Airport and the Moncton Fire Department, who now grant reservists time-off from their civilian occupation to participate in military training and operations without penalty.

Reservists are "mission-critical"; participating in operations directly impacting Canada's ability to fulfill its role on the world stage. Having an industry leader like Michelin step-up to the plate in support of Canada's reservists is an important step in further strengthening the Canadian Armed Forces ability to secure our borders and project forces throughout the world.

Industry Leaders have also recognized that our Canadian Soldiers, Sailors and Air personnel have skill sets and training that are invaluable in the private sector. As part of that recognition, Michelin has also signed-on to the Canadian Forces Transition Assistance Program (TAP). TAP is a mutually beneficial program that offers assistance to members of the Canadian Forces who have been or will be medically released; make the transition to the civilian workforce. TAP actively



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recruits prospective employers, like Michelin Canada, to consider employing highly skilled, well trained, and job ready CF members.

For more information on the TAP program visit: <http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/cen/ps/tps-pst/cftps-pstfc-eng.asp>

EME PHOTORAMA

The Olympic Torch Relay in the EME Branch



Left:

MWO Mark McDonnell (3 RCR), WO Will Smith (LFCA TC CSS TRG COY), Sgt Wayne Coughlin (2 FD Amb) and Cpl David Côté (CANSOF-COM) (absent from the photo) had the chance to carry the olympic torch on CFB Petawawa.

Below:

Sgt Lavoie (right), EME member, passes the olympic torch to another military at CFB Shilo on January 8, 2010.

Below:

WO Alkerton (EME) participates in the olympic torch relay in Moose Jaw.

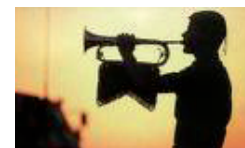


Left :

Maj Sophie Pellicano proudly carries the olympic torch on December 13, 2009 in Ottawa on Baseline Road.



LAST CALL



GARDNER, MARC FREEMAN

Mr. Gardner passed away at home on September 3, 2009. He was formerly from Windsor, NS.

GEORGE PITZUL

1915 - 2009 The family would like to thank the staff of the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre for their extraordinary care and compassion.

MARTIN HUGHES STAINES

On Thursday, June 18, 2009, Martin Hughes Staines passed away at the age of 84.

MONKMAN, WILLIAM «BILL»

William Monkman died peacefully at the John M. Perrott Centre in Napanee Monday May 4, 2009 at the age of 87.

MCKINLAY, DON

Maj. (retired) Don McKinlay passed away on July 7, 2009 at Humber River Regional Hospital Toronto at the age of 86.

JOHN WALTER LEES BARR

BARR, John Walter Lees - retired WO of the RCME, died after a lengthy illness on July 8, 2009, at the Kingston General Hospital. He was 84 years old.

CROWE, RUSSELL MACGREGOR

Mr. Russel MacGregor passed away January 6, 2010, in Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow.

ALFRED STROWBRIDGE

1947-2010 Mr. Alfred Strowbridge passed away peacefully on Monday, January 4, 2010, at the Oromocto Public Hospital.

CULLING, JOHN T

Mr. Culling, WWII Veteran RCME, suddenly died at the Kingston General Hospital on Saturday November 14, 2009 in his 87th year.

DOWNING, SSM CD, LAURIE FREESTONE

M. Downing passed away peacefully at the age of 78 in Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building, on January 3, 2010.

PATRICK MCGOVERN

McGOVERN, Patrick Marshall, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 1st, 2009, at the age of 92. He was an Overseas Veteran WWII and part of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Egypt.

JOHNSON, CPL. WILLIAM JOSEPH «BILLIE» (RET)

Cpl (retired) Johnson died on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at the age of 87.

MCKINNON, JOSEPH DANIEL «JOE»

Mr. McKinnon passed away in Twin Oaks Memorial Hospital, Musquodoboit Harbour, on January 14, 2010.

CANADA'S LAST KNOWN FIRST WORLD WAR VETERAN DIES

Canada's last known First World War veteran, John Babcock, died on February 18, 2010, at the age of 109. At the age of 15, he joined the rank of the 146th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Sydenham, near Kingston, Ontario. Mr. Babcock was one of 650,000 Canadian men and women who served in the Canadian Forces during the First World War. In 2008, he received the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.



Mr. Babcock receiving the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation in 2008.

MURPHY'S LAW

By: MCpl Courchesne

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