

History and Heritage

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Topics:

- ▶ French Legion of Honour
- ▶ CME Last Post
- ▶ Juno Beach Sapper Tributes
- ▶ Publications
- ▶ Engineer Heritage Moments

French Legion of Honour Awards

- ▶ Highest award in France
- ▶ 70th Anniversary of D-Day/Battle of France
- ▶ Serendipitous awareness in November 2013
- ▶ nominations due end-year 2013
- ▶ 2000 Email/Web notices
- ▶ second iteration Spring 2015 – 2 more submitted
- ▶ 17 submitted
- ▶ 3 died before Decree issued

- ▶ Spr Stanley Fields, 5th Fd Coy, RCE
- ▶ WO George Fouchard, 1 Field Svy (Air) Coy
- ▶ LCpl Roscoe Garrett, 5th Fd Coy, RCE
- ▶ Cpl Gerry Gaudet, 20th and 23rd Fd Coy, RCE
- ▶ Spr Louis Hachey, 2 Bn, RCE *
- ▶ Spr Ralph Hebb, 10th Fd Pk Coy, RCE
- ▶ Capt Albert Highwater, 9th Fd Coy
- ▶ Spr Ethan Hudson, 23rd Fd Coy, RCE *
- ▶ Maj Lloyd Kenyon, 16th Fd Coy, RCE
- ▶ Spr Gilles Leclair, 5th Fd Coy, RCE
- ▶ Sgt John Mitges, 18th Fd Coy, RCE
- ▶ Spr Ken Pratt, 7th Fd Coy, RCE*
- ▶ Spr Don Somerville, 23rd Fd Coy, RCE
- ▶ Spr Harold Tischart, 5th Fd Coy, RCE

Juno Beach Tributes: D-Day Fallen Sappers

- ▶ Juno Beach Memorial project awareness in 2014
- ▶ Research confirmed 18 D-Day Fallen Sappers.
- ▶ Research assisted by
 - ▶ High School “Lest We Forget” Project research
 - ▶ 6th Field Company Museum
 - ▶ 5th Field Company Veterans

- ▶ **Sapper Maxwell Gilder Adams**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Sergeant Paul Barrette**, 16th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Alexander Bleoo**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Ronald Norman Brewer**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Harold Nelson Cowan**, 5th Field Company
- ▶ **Sergeant John Percival Downing**, 5th Field Company
- ▶ **Lance Corporal John Thomas Ferguson**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Arthur Thomas Jackson**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Arthur Herbert Johnson**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Leo Lacroix**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Alfred James Leslie Martin**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Corporal Alwyn Kenneth Ross**, 5th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper James Ernest Sawdon**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Raymond Reginald Sparkes**, 6th Field Company
- ▶ **Lieutenant Donald Stalker**, 5th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Howard Stolar**, 5th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Arthur D. Switzer**, 5th Field Company
- ▶ **Sapper Robert Daniel Tarlington**, 6th Field Company

Publications

- ▶ CME Book of Remembrance
- ▶ CME History – Volume IV
- ▶ Customs and Traditions of the CME
- ▶ One More River to Cross

CME Book of Remembrance

- ▶ Existing Books of Remembrance
 - ▶ WWI & WW II
 - ▶ Korean War
 - ▶ Peacekeeping
- ▶ VAC initiative: “7th Book of Remembrance”
- ▶ CME Book of Remembrance
 - ▶ Work started in 2004
 - ▶ No Central records – anecdotal searching
 - ▶ 2006 and 2013 Editions
 - ▶ Part of the set
- ▶ Presented 27 Feb 2014

CME History – Volume IV

- ▶ Project of Military Engineers Institute of Canada (MEIC)
- ▶ Timeframe: Vol III >> 2003 CME Centennial year
- ▶ Focus on 'changes' – NOT "chronology"
- ▶ First Draft stage - requires two more drafts before publication

Customs and Traditions of the CME

- ▶ CME Branch publication - CME CWO is the OPI
- ▶ First edition of this version of manual in 2000 [CD version]
- ▶ Updated (current version) in Centennial year – hard copy and on-line
- ▶ Completed First Draft and preparation of Final Draft is underway
- ▶ Future based in on-line version

One More River to Cross

- ▶ Started as Family History research
- ▶ Team:
 - ▶ Malcolm Hamilton
 - ▶ Bill Milhausen
 - ▶ Ken Holmes
- ▶ Vignettes and Personalities
- ▶ Limited Print
- ▶ Proceeds to:
 - ▶ CME Museum
 - ▶ Petard Corporation
 - ▶ Legion
 - ▶ Peace through Valour

Engineer Heritage Moments.

- ▶ Glimpses into our heritage representing all facets and eras
- ▶ Early start by Vic Johnson for CME Museum web site
- ▶ CME 2003 Centennial booklet: “*Ubique! - Canadian Military Engineers: a Century of Service.*”
- ▶ Transfer to CMEA site
 - ▶ will include total at least 120 stories
 - ▶ fully searchable by Theme, Era, and Key Word.

Initial representative items (23):

- ▶ Izzy Doll Project
- ▶ Whispers and Shadows in the Night – Engineers Rescue Airborne Forces
- ▶ “Ductores Docemus” – Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering
- ▶ 14 Construction Engineering Squadron Deploys
- ▶ A Lesson from History in East Timor UN Operations
- ▶ Sapper Apprentices - An Investment in Canada's Youth
- ▶ Blackfriars Bridge - WW II's Longest Bailey Bridge in the World
- ▶ British Commonwealth Air Training Plan
- ▶ Canadian Tunnellers Tackle Gibraltar
- ▶ Double Trouble on the Rouge River - Hurricane Hazel Emergency Bridges

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- ▶ Engineers Fly First in 1905
 - ▶ Engineers in the "Dirty Thirties"
 - ▶ Engineers in the Land of Morning Calm – Korean War
 - ▶ Engineers Restore the Northern Transportation Link in Yukon
 - ▶ Lumberjacks in Uniform
 - ▶ Military Engineers at the Throttle
 - ▶ Water Every Where
 - ▶ Military Fire Brigades Get Their Start at Camp Borden
 - ▶ WW I Mount Sorrell Underground Battle
 - ▶ Mouse Holing in Italy at Ortona
 - ▶ New Neighbours in New Brunswick – Camp Gagetown Construction
 - ▶ Stanley Park, Vancouver - A Military Engineer Legacy
 - ▶ Surveyors on Horseback

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