

## ***Chapter 4 – Trophies, Awards and Memorials***

1. The CME Family and its associations sponsor a variety of awards that serve to promote excellence at both the individual and unit level. Some of the awards originated more than 115 years ago and their perpetuation continues to contribute to CME esprit de corps and history.

### **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

2. Canadian Military Engineers Association. The Military Engineers' Association of Canada formerly sponsored a number of competitions that were designed to promote unit cohesiveness and esprit de corps, as well as recognize individual excellence. This responsibility is being assumed by the Canadian Military Engineers Association. Competition is in the areas of: Unit Evaluation (LFAA - Gzowski No 1 Cup, LFQA - The Honourary Colonel Commandant's Trophy, LFCA - Gzowski No 2 Cup, and LFWA - Major-General J.P. MacKenzie Trophy); Project Competitions (The Hertzberg Memorial Trophy, The Tunnellers' Cup, and The Patton-Cunnington Airfield Engineering Trophy) and the MEAC Challenge Trophy for marksmanship.

3. The Colonel Commandant normally presents the national awards during the Annual Meeting of the Engineer Association whereas the Area trophies are presented under Area arrangements. Few of the trophies have been presented continuously since it has been necessary to temporarily retire trophies and alter the terms of reference due to changing circumstances. A brief history and the current terms of reference for each trophy follow:

#### **MARKSMANSHIP**

- a. MEAC Challenge Trophy. The MEAC Challenge Trophy was originally awarded to the unit achieving the best score in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association winter indoor matches for the .22 calibre rifle. The trophy was first presented in 1936 and was open to all units, but it was later restricted to Reserve Force units only. The trophy was in continuous competition, less three of the war years, until 1962. It was re-instituted in 1977 and is currently awarded to the Engineer Reserve unit with the best score on the annual Individual Battle Tasks C7 rifle classification practice.



**Figure 4-1 MEAC Challenge Trophy**

## ENGINEER UNIT EVALUATIONS

- b. Gzowski Cups. In 1885, Colonel (later Sir) Casimir Gzowski, an Engineer and Honourary Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, presented two silver cups for annual competition among companies of engineers of the Canadian Militia. These were the first recorded Engineer trophies, but were lost between 1914 and 1948 and re-instituted in 1949. They were awarded to the first and second place Reserve Force units demonstrating the best engineering tasks at national Engineer summer camps held at CFB Petawawa. As of 1998, the Gzowski No. 1 Cup was assigned to the Land Forces Atlantic Area Engineer's Evaluation and the Gzowski No. 2 Cup to the Land Forces Central Area Engineer's Evaluation.
- c. Brigadier J.L. Melville Trophy (Colonel Commandant's Trophy). In 1950, Brigadier Melville, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Engineers and CME from 1948 to 1973, presented a trophy to be known as The Honorary Colonel Commandant's Trophy. The trophy is a large silver bowl and was awarded for the first time in 1952 to the Reserve Force unit with the best overall efficiency. In 1998, the trophy was reassigned for annual award to the best overall Reserve unit in Land Forces Québec Area Engineer's Evaluation.
- d. MacKenzie Trophy. On 21 April 1953, Major-General J.P. MacKenzie, former CRE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and Quartermaster-General, provided a trophy in the form of a large mounted Engineer flaming grenade. It was to be used in competition between units of the Reserve Force acknowledging the best training, administrative and general efficiency on annual inspection. The trophy was awarded from 1956 until 1964, when it was found difficult to administer. It was re-instituted in 1977, but was retired again in 1992 for the same reason. With the 1998 reassignment of trophies, the Mackenzie Trophy was assigned to the Land Forces Western Area Engineer's Evaluation.



**Figure 4-2 Gzowski Cups**



**Figure 4-3 Colonel Commandants Trophy**



**Figure 4-4 Mackenzie Trophy**

- e. The Patton-Cunnington Trophy. This trophy is an airplane mounted on a black base that was presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Royal Canadian Engineers by Vickers-Armstrong Limited in appreciation for the brave acts of Lieutenant J.M.S. Patton, GC, RCE and Captain D.W. Cunnington, GM, RCE. These two Engineers relocated an unexploded bomb from a Hawker Hurricane plant in September 1940 and were subsequently awarded the George Cross and George Medal, respectively, for their bravery. This trophy is presented annually to the top Air Command Airfield Engineering unit.



**Figure 4-5 Patton-Cunnington Trophy**

### ENGINEER PROJECTS

- f. Hertzberg Memorial Trophy. This trophy is named for Major-General Charles S.L. Hertzberg, CB, MC, VD, who served with the Canadian Engineers in the First World War and became the first Chief Engineer of the First Canadian Army during the Second World War. The trophy is a silver figure of a Second World War Sapper using a mine detector and is a modified version of an item of silver held in the Royal Engineer Mess at the Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham, England. The trophy was first awarded in 1951 and is presented to the Reserve Force unit having carried out the most outstanding Sapper Task during the training year.



**Figure 4-6 Hertzberg Memorial Trophy**

- g. Lindsay Memorial Trophy. The trophy, presented to the Military Engineers' Association of Canada by Sapper Officers of the First World War, commemorates Major-General W.B. Lindsay, CB, CMG, who was the Chief Engineer (from March 1916 to the end of the First World War) of the first Canadian Corps ever formed. The trophy is a replica of the Royal Canadian Engineer badge with Engineer grenades on the support shoulders. The Lindsay Trophy was first awarded in 1952 and was presented to the Militia unit submitting the best appreciation of a Tactical Exercise without Troops. With the reassignment of many of the trophies to Area competitions in 1998, the trophy was retired and is held in the CME Museum.



**Figure 4-7 Lindsay Memorial Trophy**

- h. Tunneller's Cup. In 1989, the Tunnellers' Association offered a trophy, in the form of a silver cup, for competition among Construction Engineering Units sections of the CME. The aim of the competition is to develop construction engineering military occupational skills and to promote esprit de corps among CME members of the Regular and Reserve forces. The Tunneller's Cup was first presented in 1990 and is awarded annually to Construction Engineering units with the best project in construction engineering.



**Figure 4-8 Tunneller's Cup**

#### TOP STUDENT AWARDS

4. RMC Top Second-Year Engineer Student. The Military Engineers' Association of Canada awards a pair of binoculars to the top second-year engineer student at RMC.
5. Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering. The top student awards presented at the school are as follows:



**Figure 4-9 CFSME Top Student Sword Award**

- a. Anderson Sword. The trophy is the personal sword of Major-General W.B. Anderson, CMG, DSO, who became Army Quartermaster General during the First World War. It is awarded to the top student of Engineer Officer Phase III training and a copy of the book *The History of the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, Volume II* is presented to the student.
- b. Burns Sword. The trophy is the personal sword of Major-General E.L.M. Burns, DSO, OBE, MC, Commander 1 Canadian Corps Second World War, and Commander of UNEFI, the first United Nations Peacekeeping Force. The trophy is awarded to the top student of Engineer Officer Phase IV training and a pewter clock is presented to the student.

- c. Melville Cup. The Melville Cup is a silver cup supported by three African Boar's tusks. Brigadier J.L. Melville, CBE, MC, CD was Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Engineers and CME from 1948 to 1973 and donated the original cup. A replacement was commissioned by the Colonel Commandants after the CFSME fire of 1985. This cup is awarded to the top student of Advanced Field Operations Course. A copy of the book *History of the Canadian Military Engineers Volume III* is presented to the student.



**Figure 4-10 Melville Cup**

- d. Megill Trophy. This trophy was presented by Colonel J.D. Megill, CD, when he was Commandant Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering, and was originally awarded to the top students of the Phase IV Construction Engineering package. Retired in 1995 due to cancellation of the common officer training, it was re-instituted in May 2000 as the Top Student Award for Airfield Engineer Officer Phase III training. A copy of the book *The History of the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers Volume II* is presented to the student.



**Figure 4-11 Megill Trophy**

- e. Sutherland-Brown Cup. The trophy was presented by Colonel M.C. Sutherland Brown, DSO, CD, when he was Colonel Commandant. The cup is awarded to the top student of Airfield Engineer Officer Phase IV training and a pewter clock is presented to the student.



**Figure 4-12 Sutherland-Brown Cup**

- f. Robertson Cane. The trophy consists of a mounted drill cane and was presented in 1985 by Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Harris, CD, CFSME Commandant. The award honours CWO George Robertson, a Mechanical Systems Technician, and the first School CWO from outside the Field Engineer trade. A drill cane is presented to the top student for each of the following courses:

- (1) Combat Engineer 043 Troop Warrant Officer;
- (2) Combat Engineer 043R Troop Warrant Officer; and,
- (3) Construction Engineering Superintendent Qualification Level 6B.



**Figure 4-13 Robertson Cane**

- g. Certificates. All other top students receive certificates and copies of RCE and CME history books as follows:

- (1) 640 Trades Qualification Level 3 and Combat Engineer Section Member – *The History of the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers Volume I*;
- (2) 640 Trades Qualification Level 5A and 043 Combat Engineer Section 2IC – *The History of the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers Volume II*; and,
- (3) 640 Trades Qualification Level 6A and 043 Combat Engineer Section Commander – *History of the Canadian Military Engineers Volume III*.

- h. The RSM's Trophy. This trophy was presented to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering by a group of former Regimental Sergeant Majors in the Chilliwack area for presentation to the top student of the Combat Engineer Qualification Section Commander courses.



**Figure 4-14 RSM's Trophy**

6. Canadian Forces Fire Academy. The Canadian Forces Fire Academy recognizes Honour Students on all courses with certificates and, in addition, presents two top student awards:

- a. Fire fighter's Chief Warrant Officer's Shield. A shield presented by CWOs Walker, Daley, Kearley, Bonner, Gray, Dauphinee and Buchanan is inscribed to acknowledge the top student on the Qualification Level 3 Firefighter course. The student also receives a copy of *The History of the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers Volume I*;
- b. Canadian Forces Fire Academy Top Student Award. The award is to acknowledge overall excellence on all courses, with the student's name inscribed on a course plaque.

7. School of Military Mapping. The School of Military Mapping presents a Sergeant Major's Top Student Award to the top student on each course Qualification Level 4 through Qualification Level 6. The recipient's name is recorded on a shield and the recipient is presented with a volume of the history as follows:

- a. Qualification Level 4 – *The History of the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers Volume I*;
- b. Qualification Level 5 – *The History of the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers Volume II*; and,
- c. Qualification Level 6 – *History of the Canadian Military Engineers Volume III*.

## MEMORIALS

*There is an on-going program to complete the listing of Engineer memorials. That include, for example, the stained glass window in the Petawawa chapel commemorating Airborne Engineers; a monument in Werl, Germany to honour the 4 Field Squadron presence; plaques in Royal Artillery Park and the Citadel in Halifax; the CFB Chilliwack 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary monument; and the Northwest Highway System. The major CME memorials are the All Sappers' Cenotaph and the Books of Remembrance described below. A list of other memorials that have been researched to date may be found at [Annex A](#) to this chapter.*

8. All Sappers' Cenotaph. The All Sappers' Cenotaph at Vedder Crossing, BC was quarried and constructed entirely by Engineers in 1945 and 1946. Although CFB Chilliwack is now closed, the monument still stands near what was the entrance to the Base. The cenotaph is a fitting monument honouring fellow Engineers who served in the many conflicts over the last century. The South side of the cenotaph is inscribed with the words "*In Memory of all Sappers of the British Empire who have given their lives in the service of their Country*," from whence comes the name All Sappers' Cenotaph. The West face is devoted to Canadian Engineers of the War of 1914-1918 and Korea 1950 - 1953. The East face is inscribed "*In the Service of Peace Au Service de la Paix*," in memory of those who died during the Second World War 1939-1945, and the North side is devoted to Canadian Sappers who gave their lives while serving with other corps.



**Figure 4-15 All Sappers' Cenotaph**

9. Books of Remembrance. Three Books of Remembrance of Royal Canadian Engineer and Canadian Military Engineer record the names of Canadian Engineers who lost their lives on active service during the First and Second World Wars and the Korean Conflict. The originals of the Second World War and Korea Books of Remembrance are held, with those of other Engineers of the Commonwealth, in the Royal Engineers (Kitchener) Memorial Chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England. Copies of the books and many other commemoratives to fallen sappers are on display at the CME Museum.



**Figure 4-16 Books of Remembrance**

10. The names of the fatalities of the Second World War RCAF Construction and Maintenance Units are found in Deller's Book: "*Per Ardua ad Usquam, History of the CMUs and 1 CEU*." In addition, the names of all RCAF Second World War fatalities are recorded in "*They Shall Not Grow Old - A Book Of Remembrance*" by Hayward and Allison (but it is difficult to identify the Engineers). A separate book listing those Canadian Military Engineers who have died in the service of peace with either United Nations or NATO operations is displayed in the CME Museum.