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# Honours, Decorations, and Medals

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Note: unless otherwise stated, all persons listed in this document were members of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) and its predecessors, the Canadian Ordnance Corps (COC) and Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (Engineering Branch) (RCOC (E)), the Land Ordnance Engineering Branch (LORE), the Land Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch (LEME), and the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch (EME).

Used generically, the term RCEME includes all these predecessors.





## Authors' Note

This is a work in progress. Our intention is to record the medals and honours awarded to the officers and non-commissioned personnel of RCEME, and its predecessor RCOC (E) and successors LORE, LEME, EME, and RCEME again. As with any work of this nature, it will never be completed, because members of RCEME will undoubtedly continue to receive awards for valour or service.

### What is Included

There is always the difficulty of what awards and medals to include, and which to exclude. Version 1 included only the awards listed by Veteran's Affairs, Canada, or the DND Honours List, which excluded many command and unit commendations that were currently being awarded. Version 2 adds additional awards, such as Command Commendations, DGLEPM awards and the Director RCEME's Coin of Excellence. Undoubtedly, some awards are still not included, and this in no way reflects on the merit of those awards, which are well deserved by the individuals that receive them, but is due to limitations of space, and in particular, access to the information. We are not recording United Nations medals, Canadian Forces Decoration, Jubilee medals, etc. However, the award of the CD to a member who receives another medal will be noted, if known.

The awards are listed in order of precedence as recorded by VAC and DND. Within an award, details are alphabetical by surname, regardless of rank.

### The Start Date

An additional difficulty was where to start. A rigid start date of formation of RCEME would exclude a significant portion of the Second World War awards. Inclusion of the RCOC (E) confused the start date. In the end, we decided to include awards to COC and RCOC personnel, where they were clearly filling a function that was later taken over by RCEME. A similar approach was taken for personnel who may have received an award with another regiment or corps, and who later transferred to RCEME/LORE/EME.

### Sources

There have been a number of attempts in the past to produce a list of RCEME awards and medals. Colonel RH Hodgson's *A History of RCEME to 1946*, includes only Second World War records, was based on DHH records, and contains a number of omissions. Major Jorge Glaus' *Honours and Awards Received by Members of RCEME/LORE/RCEME from World War II to the Present (1994)* was based on DHH records and contains some errors created by that source. Nevertheless, it extended the list to 1994, and was published as part of the RCEME Heritage Reprints series.

DHH records are invaluable, but are ambiguous in that they contain recommendations for awards that were not approved, and it is difficult to discriminate between those and the approved awards. Because of this, a severe approach has been taken for the substantiation of an award. Unless otherwise noted, awards will not be included in the main text unless they have been confirmed by an entry in the London Gazette or London Gazette Supplement (LG and LGS), the Canada Gazette (CG), a Canadian Army Routine Order (CARO), or from the Governor General of Canada's on-line honours database (GGCHS). A number of memos have been found that list awards for, eg, DEME, or DGLEM. These are useful, but do

not constitute confirmation to the standards of this document. Unconfirmed awards have been listed in Annex B. This ensures that the name is not lost, and allows confirmation later.

When possible, the record will include the text of the citation as recorded in the Canada Gazette, or other reliable source. Eventually, we hope to include a photo of the person, and possibly details of his/her later career.

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## Errors and Omissions

Regardless of the version of this document, there will be errors and omissions. Anyone who notices a problem, or who can contribute details, is requested to contact [DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DND.RCEME-GEMRC.MDN@forces.gc.ca).

### A Note to Version 3

On 11 November 2011, the RCEME Colonel Commandant accepted responsibility for the control, maintenance, and updating of this document. At handover, the version number was increased to version 3. Version 3 includes a few additions to version 2 that was issued by the authors in September 2011.

### A Note to Version 4

At the 2018 fall RCEME Council, the Col Cmdt BGen (ret'd) Brewer stated that this document needs to be updated and this task fell upon the RCEME Corps Secretariat's Office, which includes the RCEME Corps SM and the Asst SO RCEME.

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## Member of the Order of Canada (CM)

Established in 1967 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Order of Canada is the centrepiece of Canada's honours system and recognizes a lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. The Order recognizes people in all sectors of Canadian society. The Member of the Order of Canada (CM) recognizes a lifetime of distinguished service in or to a particular community, group or field of activity

### CM Awards

The following member of RCEME has been awarded the CM.

#### Lieutenant-Colonel Leseur **Brodie**, CM

**Citation:** An engineer who has rendered distinguished services to Canada in war and peace, and whose interest in military history has found expression in his many gifts to various museums in Canada.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 15 December 1976. Deceased on May 7, 1988. See the Brodie Building at CFSME in Annex A.

## Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)



The Order of Military Merit was established on 1 July 1972 to provide a worthy means of recognizing conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members of the Canadian Forces (CF), both regular and reserve. The Order comprises three levels: Commander (CMM), Officer (OMM), and Member (MMM). Only members of the Canadian Forces (regular or reserve) are eligible for appointment to the order. Names are gazetted in the Canada Gazette. The order is not awarded posthumously.

**Commander (CMM):** Appointments are made for outstanding meritorious service duties of great responsibility. This has been interpreted to mean that only officers of Brigadier-General/Commodore and above are eligible to be appointed a Commander. Commanders may use the post-nominal letters CMM.

### CMM Awards

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the CMM.

Major-General Ernest Basil **Creber**, CMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 28 June 1982.

Lieutenant-General Robert Nelson **Fischer**, CMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 December 1994. Canada Gazette 1 April 1995 p938.

Major-General Ian Charles **Poulter**, CMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 23 September 2011



## Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)



With the First World War lasting longer than expected and no suitable way to reward services to the war effort by civilians at home and servicemen in support positions, King George V created another order with five levels. The first two levels confer knighthood (since 1935, these have not been available to anyone retaining Canadian citizenship). The three levels - Commander, Officer and Member - have been available to Canadian citizens. The order could be given generously for services to the Empire at home, in India and in the Dominions and colonies. The order was created mainly to award non-combatant services to the war and was to include women, whom most existing orders excluded. The order had only one division when it was created in 1917, but it was divided into civil and military divisions in 1918. The order at any level can be awarded for gallantry as well as for service. The order took an abrupt change in 1937 when the insignia and the colour of the ribbon were changed. The order was established in June 1917. In December 1918, military and civil divisions were established. On 09 March 1937, the insignia and ribbon were changed. After 01 January 1958, gallantry awards were recognized with silver oak leaves. There have been 481 CBE's awarded to Canadians: 200 civil and 281 military.

### CBE Awards

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the CBE.

#### Brigadier George Milligan **Grant**, CBE, RCEME

Deputy Director, Mechanical Engineering, First Canadian Army



**Citation:** Brigadier George Milligan Grant has been DDME, First Canadian Army, throughout the present campaign in NW Europe and, as a result, has been responsible for the successful functioning of the recovery and repair program of the army. He has applied himself to his important duties with great energy and efficiency, and has shown himself to have a real gift for organization, and for anticipating the requirements of any situation. He has also succeeded in a unique degree in instilling throughout the personnel under his command a proper sense of the importance of their functions, and in imparting to them his own enthusiasm, drive, and aggressiveness.

The part played by the RRCEME and the RCEME under this officer's leadership in the achievements of First Canadian Army has been most substantial. He has proven to be an outstanding DDME.

**Notes:** Brigadier Grant was awarded the CBE on 27 November 1944. Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

## Distinguished Service Order (DSO)



The Distinguished Service Order was established in 1886 to reward individual instances of meritorious or distinguished service in war. This is a military order for officers only, and while normally given for service under fire or under conditions equivalent to service in actual combat with the enemy, it was awarded between 1914 and 1916 under circumstances that could not be regarded as under fire. After 01 January 1917, commanders in the field were instructed to recommend this award only for those serving under fire. Prior to 1943, the order could be given only to someone Mentioned-in-Despatches. The order is generally given to officers in command, above the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and awards to ranks below this are usually for a high degree of gallantry just short of deserving the Victoria Cross. A bar is awarded for a subsequent act that would have earned the order in the first place. The bar is plain gold with an Imperial Crown in the centre. The year of the award is engraved on the reverse. There have been 1,220 Distinguished Service Orders, 119 first bars and 20 second bars awarded to Canadians.

### DSO Awards

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the DSO.

#### Major Alfred Sidney **Buttenshaw**, DSO, Canadian Ordnance Corps

**Citation:** No citation has been found.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1917, No. 30450, page 28. Extracts from his personnel file (Library and Archives of Canada, RG 150, Acc 1992-93/166, Box 1335): On enlistment in the CEF, his trade was “Inspector of Ordnance Machinery”. He went overseas on 15 October 1915 as a member of the Canadian Ordnance Corps Travelling Workshop. He was promoted Temporary Major on 1 July 1917 (London Gazette dated 23 August 1917, No. 30247). His file records a Mentioned in Despatches, but the London Gazette reference in the file does not confirm the MiD.

## Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)



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**Officer (OMM):** Appointments are made for outstanding meritorious service in duties of responsibility. This has been interpreted to mean that only Majors to Colonels are appointed with the Occasional Chief Warrant Officer/CPO1 appointed and these only usually by elevation. Officers may use the post-nominal letters OMM. Members may be evaluated to Officer and Officers to Commanders. When this occurs, the individual holds only the higher appointment but may wear both miniature insignia on the ribbon in undress.

### OMM Awards

For this award, a successful search on the Governor General of Canada's Honours Search site is considered confirmation (GGCHS).

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the OMM.

Colonel Sébastien **Bouchard**, OMM, MSM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 22 September 2016.

Lieutenant Colonel André **Boucher**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 13 June 1983.

Colonel William John **Brewer**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 6 September 1995.

Major Clifford Alexander **Churchill**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 19 June 1978.

Colonel Robert Bernard **Dundon**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 12 October 2017.

Colonel Robert Nelson **Fischer**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 14 December 1987.

Major Stanley Norman **Gill**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 18 December 1989.

Colonel Ronald Aubrey **Gillespie**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2000.

Colonel David Victor **Hampson**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 16 June 1980.

Major Patrick Shawn Cosgrave **Heebner**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 17 October 2012.

Captain Beatty Peaver **Hill**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS 13 December 1972.

Colonel Peter James **Holt**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 3 Oct 2001. Canada Gazette Part 1 p2138 13 July 2002.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Alphonse Gilles **Langlois**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 18 December 1989.

Lieutenant Colonel John Graham **Lindsay**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 6 September 1995.

Major Thomas Stephen **Martin**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 13 December 1972.

Colonel Alexander Colin **Patch**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 2 October 2007.

Colonel Ian Charles **Poulter**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 3 October 2001. Canada Gazette Part 1 p2138 13 July 2002.

Lieutenant-Colonel Albert William **Price**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 22 September 1997.

Major Karen **Ritchie**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 26 October 1999.

Colonel Gerard Albert **Walsh**, OMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 28 October 1998.

## Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)



With WWI lasting longer than expected and no suitable way to reward services to the war effort by civilians at home and servicemen in support positions, King George V created another order with five levels. The lower three levels - Commander, Officer, and Member - were available to Canadian citizens. The order could be given generously for services to the Empire at home, in India, and in the Dominions and colonies. The order was created mainly to reward non-combatant services to the war, and was to include women, whom most existing orders excluded. The order had only one division when it was created in June 1917 it, but it was divided into civil and military divisions in 1918. The order could be awarded for gallantry as well as for service. In 1937, the insignia and the colour of the ribbon were changed. There have been 1,671 OBE's awarded to Canadians: 599 civil and 1,072 military.

### OBE Summary

The following RCEME members have been awarded the OBE.

#### First World War

Major Harry Robert Northover, OBE, MC

#### Second World War

Lieutenant Colonel Harold Milton Bailey, OBE  
 Major Ronald James Birss, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel (A/Colonel) Joseph William Bishop, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel John Kenneth Bradford, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Robert Alexander Campbell, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Gordon Conn, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Alexander DeMaio, OBE  
 Major (A/Lieutenant Colonel) James Russell Dunlop, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel John Holloway Fox, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel (A/Colonel) Robert Lawrence Franklin, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Roger French Jobson, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Frederick John Lyle, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel William McKinlay, OBE  
 Colonel Maxwell Charles Gordon Meighen, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Barstow Harding Miller, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Russell Hamilton Noble, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel John George Pope, OBE  
 Colonel Gordon Andrew Secord, OBE  
 Colonel Norman Clarence Sherman, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Egerton Millar Shields, OBE  
 Major James Alexander Stewart, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel William Lennox Thompson, OBE  
 Lieutenant Colonel Arnauld Leonard Wright, OBE

## OBE Awards

The following RCEME members have been awarded the OBE.

### Lieutenant Colonel Harold Milton **Bailey**, OBE, VD, RCOC (E)

No. 1 Canadian Ordnance Reinforcement Unit

**Citation:** This officer's service with the RCOC with the Canadian Army (Overseas) has been outstanding and of the highest order. His employment with the township of Yorkton was such that he might well have remained in Canada. However, he enlisted and came overseas at the beginning of the war in command of a field park. This he ably mobilized and got into operating order. From this, he was given the task of starting the MT depot at Borden. It was on the foundations that he laid, and the organization that he put in, that enabled this depot to handle the tremendous number of vehicles and parts that it is handling today. A few months after he got the preliminary organization of this depot done, he was switched to mobilise and organize the No. 1 Canadian Ordnance Reinforcement Unit. According to the extrRCEME shortage of personnel, he was asked to start this unit with seven officers and a handful of men. In addition to the ordinary functions of a holding unit, he has organized a comprehensive training establishment for technical and non-technical tradesmen. It is indeed a surprising achievement that in spite of a lack of personnel and specifically trained instructors, he has turned out of his training establishment in less than 15 months, no less than 4,052 qualified tradesmen, many of which are highly skilled technical tradesmen. In addition to this, he has carried out the trade testing of 662 technical tradesmen and sent into the field after preliminary regimental training and re-equipping where necessary, some 4,500 reinforcements.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Extra Issue No. 1, Volume 77, dated 1 January 1943.

### Major Ronald James **Birss**, OBE, RCEME

Headquarters, RCEME, 5 Canadian Armoured Division

**Citation:** Major Birss has been second-in-command of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers of 5 Canadian Armoured Division since 11 March 1944. During this time, he has shown outstanding initiative, enthusiasm, and interest in his work. For two periods of four and five weeks respectively, he has carried out the duties of the Commander, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in an exemplary fashion. In the first period, a divisional refit it was carried out and all equipment adequately checked and serviced in preparation for the battle of the Hitler Line. In the second period, under the direction of Major Birss, a number of tanks equivalent to the divisional tank strength were repaired by the formation workshops and returned to the fighting regiments. The outstanding work carried out by the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers of 5 Canadian Armoured Division reflects on the qualities of this officer which are worthy of higher recognition.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 31 May 1945, No. 37101, page 2741, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5625, both dated 28 April 1945.

### Lieutenant Colonel (A/Colonel) Joseph William **Bishop**, OBE, RCEME

DDME, 1 Canadian Corps

**Citation:** The battle of the Gothic line, crossing the river Foglia, the capture of Rimini, and the forcing of the Marecchia imposed a heavy strain on the tanks, guns, lorries, and other mechanical equipment within the Corps. The heavy fighting and strongly developed defences inflicted many casualties. Colonel Joseph William Bishop, Deputy Director Electrical Engineers, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Corps had made sound plans for the recovery and repair of this vast quantity of materiel and its early return to operational use. The clever sighting and skilful employment of the RCEME and RRCEME resources at his disposal resulted in his

careful plans being implemented, and the mobility and striking force of the Corps was maintained at a high standard. The rapid output of repaired vehicles and equipment reflected the thoughtful study and clear perception with which Colonel Bishop posted his highly skilled artisans and craftsmen. During the battle of the Liri Valley, Colonel Bishop had successfully directed the operations of his service and had intelligently applied valuable lessons from those operations in the development of the repair and recovery organization to its present height of efficiency. Colonel Bishop has exemplified the spirit of service and professional pride that has contributed greatly to the high regard in which his service is held by the remainder of the Corps.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 31 May 1945, No. 37101, page 2741, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5625, both dated 28 April 1945.

### Lieutenant Colonel John Kenneth **Bradford**, OBE, RCOC (E)

**Citation:** This officer was responsible for the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineer planning for Operation *Husky* and for the exhaustive task of inspecting, repairing modifying and waterproofing the equipment of Force "X". This work, which involved a measure of pioneering, was efficiently completed within the limited time available mainly owing to the efforts of Lieutenant Colonel Bradford in organizing and supervising his workshops, at the same time preparing them for the assault. The planning of Lieutenant Colonel Bradford proved entirely sound, with the result that during the Sicilian campaign, the limited Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineer resources that shipping permitted were so organized as to meet the divisional requirements, the routes of supply being clear at all times, and assisting the remainder of the Corps as well. Vehicle and equipment casualties thus recovered by the aggressive direction of Lieutenant Colonel Bradford were repaired in an exceptionally short time. The fitters, trained under his direction, contributed greatly to the mobility of the division by the initiative and improvisation they used in returning our own and enemy equipment to the battle. The tireless energy, ceaseless devotion to duty, determination and skill with which Lieutenant Colonel Bradford directed the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineer services of 1 Canadian Infantry Division was an inspiring example to all ranks under his command, resulting in the high standard they achieved.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 2 May 1944, No. 36497, page 2043, and Canada Gazette dated 29 April 1944 and CARO/4430 dated 3 May 1944, "for gallant and distinguished services in Sicily."

### Lieutenant Colonel Robert Alexander **Campbell**, OBE, RCEME

Deputy Director Mechanical Engineering, Canadian Military Headquarters

**Citation:** Lieutenant Colonel Campbell proceeded overseas with No.1 Army Field Workshop in 1940, since when, due to his ability, energy, and unflinching devotion to his duty, he has been posted to several staff appointments of ever-increasing responsibility. His loyalty, cheerfulness and untiring application to the work in hand have set an example, which always produced the best efforts from those subordinate to him. As Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering at Canadian Military Headquarters from May 1943 until January 1945, he rendered invaluable service in the administration of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in the United Kingdom, and in the supervision of 1 Canadian Base Workshop during those months of intensive activity in which the First Canadian Army prepared for and carried out the invasion of Europe. Lieutenant Colonel Campbell assumed the duties of Deputy Director Mechanical Engineering, Canadian Military Headquarters in early September 1945 during the difficult period of closing down the base workshop and all Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer facilities in the United Kingdom, and carried out his duties in his characteristically efficient manner.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 4 June 1946, No. 37599, page 2824, and Canada Gazette dated 15 June 1946 and CARO/6632 dated 17 June 1946.

## Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Gordon **Conn**, OBE, RCEME

Headquarters, RCEME, 1 Canadian Corps Troops

**Citation:** During the period from 1 September 1944 to 31 December 1944, Lieutenant Colonel HG Conn, as CREME, 1 Canadian Corps Troops, by his outstanding administrative ability and persistent efforts, directed the RCEME units of Corps Troops so that a maximum number of equipment casualties were repaired and made available for operational purposes. During this same period, Lieutenant Colonel Conn, in addition to his normal commitments, had up to four British third echelon workshops under command, and the coordination of their work was successfully carried out and demanded efforts far beyond the usual requirements. In addition, Lieutenant Colonel Conn, during this period organized and directed several special technical programs, the most important being the emergency conversion of tanks for bridge laying purposes. The completion of the latter program ahead of schedule undoubtedly hastened the advance of armoured vehicles across the many water obstacles on this front.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 September 1945, No. 37262, page 4557, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5849, both dated 7 July 1945.

## Lieutenant Colonel Alexander **DeMaio**, OBE, RCEME

CREME, 1 Canadian Infantry Division

**Citation:** Lieutenant Colonel Alexander DeMaio has been Commander, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, 1 Canadian Division, since the end of November 1943. During the period of his command, the morale and standard of service rendered by his organization have been of the highest order. In the battle of the Gothic line, a tremendous strain was imposed on the transport of the division by the dusty, narrow, steep roads over which operations were conducted. Lieutenant Colonel DeMaio personally supervised the organization and siting of forward recovery posts. It is a credit to the standard of maintenance and the efficiency of recovery services achieved under this officer's direction that operations were never held up by mechanical breakdowns. The same standard was maintained during subsequent battles, leading to the fall of Rimini and the crossing of the Savio River. In spite of the great distances involved and the difficulties of maintenance, Lieutenant Colonel DeMaio, by careful planning and leapfrogging of the advanced detachments of the gun and workshops, ensure that no gun or vehicle became lost to the division through lack of repair facilities. He was on the road day and night supervising the work of his RCEME road patrols and by his unflinching good humour kept morale at the highest pitch. His men repaired and returned equipment to the field in times well under the average. In the advanced to the Senio River, wrote facilities were so poor that workshops had to be left as far as 80 miles in the rear. Yet so successful was Lieutenant Colonel DeMaio's planning, and particularly the rotational system of overhaul he had introduced in the case of the guns, that once again his services kept the division's equipment in fighting condition throughout. The most important contribution of RCEME services, however, was the production of the "Olafson" light infantry assault bridge. This bridge, produced by RCEME from within the divisional resources, was a vital factor in the crossings of the Lamone River and the Canale Naviglio. Throughout the period covered by this citation, the organization headed by Lieutenant Colonel DeMaio gave a service that was second to none. By the standard he set for maintenance, this officer was largely responsible for ensuring that the division was ready for action. By his energy and drive in action, he ensured that the rules were kept clear and vehicles kept rolling, thereby maintaining the impetus of the attack. His engineering skill and his ability as a commander had been of inestimable value to the division.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 September 1945, No. 37262, page 4557, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5849, both dated 7 July 1945.

## Major (A/Lieutenant Colonel) James Russell **Dunlop**, OBE, RCEME

Headquarters Command RCEME, 2 Canadian Corps Troops

**Citation:** During the past three months, Lieutenant Colonel Dunlop has shown outstanding ability in the efficient and aggressive manner in which he has carried out his duties as CREME, 2 Canadian Corps Troops. In February, when spare parts for “A” and “B” vehicles were not readily obtainable, this officer collected and organized from 100 to 200 German civilians to dismantle and strip unserviceable vehicles to make available the necessary parts to maintain serviceable equipments. Over a period of two weeks, he was able to provide spares to permit the repair of over 400 vehicles vitally required by the divisions in their operations. Following the crossing of the Rhine in the advance through Northwest Holland and Northeast Germany, he worked night and day to maintain personal liaison with all divisions, and carry out reconnaissance to ensure that second and third line workshops and recovery facilities were well forward in support of all formations. By a clear appreciation of the problems involved, sound forward planning, and skilful control of his units, he ensured that all divisions and corps troops had available, at maximum effectiveness, the complete facilities of the Corps Troops RCEME. Throughout the campaign in Northwest Europe, this officer has amply demonstrated his exceptional ability to organize and maintain a high level of efficiency any RCEME unit he has commanded. By his aggressiveness, initiative, high sense of responsibility, and cheerfulness, he has set an example to all ranks and has ensured the maintenance of maximum efficiency in his units when working under continual pressure, and he has thereby made a marked contribution to the successful operation of the RCEME services in this Corps.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4996, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

## Lieutenant Colonel John Holloway **Fox**, OBE, RCEME

2 Canadian Advanced Base Workshop

**Citation:** During the period that 2 Canadian Advanced Base Workshop has been established in Antwerp, continuous disruption and interference have been experienced due to enemy action. This notwithstanding, the production has been continually increased in all departments, due almost entirely to the splendid leadership and example of Lieutenant Colonel Fox. Many operationally vital commitments have been discharged during the past three months, including the designing and putting into production at short notice of the pole carrying trailers for the recent Rhine bridging operations. The trailers in question have been giving complete satisfaction, and the design, workmanship, and speed of manufacture have received the highest praise. A priority task was the repair of amphibious tanks and personnel carriers for Walcheren and the recent Rhine crossings. This has been carried out, always working against time, in an exemplary manner. Over 100 transporters were converted to load carriers to a design formulated by 2 Canadian Advanced Base Workshop under the personal direction of Lieutenant Colonel Fox. These proved satisfactory and the design has been universally adopted in the theatre. The splendid devotion to duty and example given at all times by Lieutenant Colonel Fox was instrumental in the workshop maintaining production during the most difficult times.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4997, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

## Lieutenant Colonel (A/Colonel) Robert Lawrence **Franklin**, OBE, RCEME

Director of Mechanical Engineering, Branch of the Master-General of Ordnance

**Citation:** This officer's services have been outstanding. In the early part of the war, he made a notable contribution to the development of Canadian military training. Later, he was returned to duty with his Corps (Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) and was given his present appointment of

Director of Mechanical Engineering, Branch of the Master-General of Ordnance. His initiative and hard work have contributed in large measure to the satisfactory development and organization of his Corps. He is a very capable, efficient and conscientious technical officer, and it is considered that his services are worthy of special recognition.

**Notes:** Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 135, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

### Lieutenant Colonel Roger French **Jobson**, OBE, RCEME

**Citation:** This officer was taken on strength of the Canadian Army in July 1940. He first served with the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps as Officer Commanding the Central Mechanized Depot. The new development of the Canadian Armoured Corps necessitated considerable experimental work on the armoured fighting vehicles. Lieutenant Colonel Jobson's direction in these matters was outstanding. As his work became known, it was plain that his services were required by the Canadian Army as a whole, and he therefore transferred to the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. Here again his initiative and technical ability earned him [an] enviable reputation. In order that he might see service overseas, he volunteered to accept command of 4 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop. Both in Canada and overseas he established a standard for vehicle maintenance which was rarely equalled. From 4 Canadian Armoured Brigade he was transferred to the appointment of Deputy Assistant Director Mechanical Engineers 2 Canadian Armoured Brigade. Lieutenant Colonel Jobson's work with this formation necessitated recovery of vehicles in the fighting zone, and it was through his daring and resourcefulness that many tanks were recovered and repaired in a very brief time. Undoubtedly, his efforts contributed a great deal towards the fighting efficiency of 2 Canadian Armoured Brigade. This officer served with this formation throughout the hostilities. Upon the formation of the Canadian Army Occupational Forces, Lieutenant Colonel Jobson was appointed Commander Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and charged with the organization of divisional Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Realizing that the Canadian force would have to be independent in many matters, he organized the workshops on such a basis that they were able to carry out repairs far beyond normal commitments. In addition, he obtained certain highly specialized equipments, the skilful use of which considerably decreased the number of vehicles off the road for repairs. This officer has been most conscientious and energetic in the carrying out of all duties assigned to him. His reliability has established the fact that no task is too difficult for his branch of the service. All the officers and men under his command have been imbued with this spirit. His lengthy meritorious service and performance beyond the line of duty are certainly deserving of special consideration.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 4 June 1946, No. 37599, page 2824, and Canada Gazette dated 15 June 1946 and CARO/6632 dated 17 June 1946.

### Lieutenant Colonel Frederick John **Lyle**, OBE, RCEME

CREME, First Canadian Army Troops

**Citation:** This officer has been CREME, First Canadian Army Troops, for the past two years. He has made an outstanding contribution in the formation and training of all RCEME units in First Canadian Army Troops. Since the arrival of the First Canadian Army in the Northwest Europe theater, his untiring efforts and outstanding administrative ability have been largely responsible for the Canadian Army Troops third line RCEME units producing a vast amount of repaired equipments, with particular emphasis on tank production during the period from 1 August to 1 October 1944, when it was vitally important to have the maximum amount of armour available at all times.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 17 April 1945, No. 37038, page 2063, and Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

## Lieutenant Colonel William **McKinlay**, OBE, RCEME

DDME Branch, Administrative Headquarters, First Canadian Army

**Citation:** This officer, during the campaign in Northwest Europe, has successively been officer commanding of a Armoured Troops Workshop, Commander, RCEME of First Canadian Army Troops, and Assistant Director Mechanical Engineering at Headquarters, First Canadian Army. In all these appointments, he has demonstrated outstanding qualities of judgment and organizational ability. During the past three months, many emergency commitments developed, and were all met by workshops under his direct supervision. In the period from 1 February to 30 April 1945, the speedy overhaul of armoured personnel carriers and servicing of armoured fighting vehicle equipment had very high priority. It was largely due to this officer's intelligent planning, energetic supervision, and ability to keep all personnel working at a high pitch that enabled this vital work to be completed within the time limits set by operations. At all times, he has demonstrated qualities and performances beyond the normal requirement of the appointments that he held.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4997, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945. .

## Colonel Maxwell Charles Gordon **Meighen**, OBE, RCEME

Headquarters 2 Canadian Corps

**Citation:** This officer has been responsible for the organization, training, and development of the RCEME service within 2 Canadian Corps since its inception. His enthusiasm and initiative have been largely responsible for the efficiency of the service. He has been untiring in his efforts during the planning stage for the move to France, and after the Corps assumed an operational role. In this latter period, an additional load was thrown upon his service in providing instructors and facilities for waterproofing vehicles, and largely as a result of this organization and close supervision, very few vehicles of this Corps were lost by drowning. Since the landing, this officer has spared no pains to ensure the continuance of a very high standard of maintenance throughout the Corps.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 30 January 1945, No. 36917, page 675, and Canada Gazette dated 23 December 1944 and CARO/5235 dated 3 January 1945.

## Lieutenant Colonel Barstow Harding **Miller**, OBE, RCEME

4 Canadian Armoured Troops Workshop

**Citation:** Lieutenant Colonel Miller was in command of an armoured troops workshop from 24 October 1944 until the end of December 1944. During all of this time, his unit was located in an area in Antwerp, which was subjected to heavy and continuous enemy attack from the air. The buildings occupied by the unit received one direct hit, resulting in casualties, and many near misses. This officer by his resourcefulness and energy in overcoming all the material setbacks caused by enemy action, and by the manner in which, by personal example and intelligent handling, he maintained the morale of his unit at a high level, was directly responsible for the vitally important repair work upon which his unit was engaged going through to schedule.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 10 July 1945, No. 37172, page 3589, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5826, both dated 30 June 1945.

## Lieutenant Colonel Russell Hamilton **Noble**, OBE, RCOC (E)

**Citation:** Major Noble was responsible for the mechanical fitness and waterproofing of all vehicles of 1 Canadian Army Tank Brigade for Operation HUSKY as well as carrying out the detailed Royal Electrical

Mechanical Engineer planning. The waterproofing of all vehicles proved a tremendous task, particularly the electric welding and fitting of special adaptations to the Sherman M4A4 tank, this being the first time this tank had been so treated. Major Noble displayed outstanding drive, initiative and organizing ability in having the task completed in the limited time available; the skilfulness of the work is evidenced by the fact that all vehicles performed satisfactorily on landing. During the Sicilian campaign the workshops continued to function most effectively under Major Noble's capable supervision.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 2 May 1944, No. 36497, page 2043, and Canada Gazette dated 29 April 1944 and CARO/4430 dated 3 May 1944, "for gallant and distinguished services in Sicily." Governor General's Records (RG.7 Group 26 Volume 57, file I-190, dossier 4) has citation. He had been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel before the award was approved.

### Armourer Sergeant Major (later T/Major) Harry Robert **Northover**, OBE, MC, COC

**Citation:** No citations have been found.

**Notes (OBE):** Seventh Supplement to the London Gazette dated 31 December 1918, No. 31098, page 93.

**Notes (MC):** Fourth Supplement to the London Gazette dated 11 January 1916, No. 29438, page 591 and Canada Gazette 29 July 1916 p361. He is noted as being a Lieutenant in the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion. No citation in the Gazette. Extracts from his personnel file (Library and Archives of Canada, RG 150, Acc 1992-93/166, Box 7376): He was born on 31 December 1882. He enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion as Armourer Sergeant Major on 22 September 1914. His trade on enlistment in the CEF was Small Arms Armourer (Gunsmith). He was promoted T/Lieutenant in the Canadian Ordnance Corps on 18 September 1915, and was appointed an Armourer Officer on 20 March 1916. He was promoted T/Captain on 24 June 1916, and appointed Inspector of Machine Guns on 21 November 1916, and finally T/Major on 29 January 1918. He was recommended for gallant and distinguished service in the field by the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief, resulting in a Mention in Despatches (Supplement to the London Gazette of 1 January 1916, No. 29422). He died on 18 February 1952.

### Lieutenant Colonel John George **Pope**, OBE, RCEME

Q (AE) Sub-branch, Canadian Military Headquarters

**Citation:** This officer, who is 47 years of age, was commissioned as a lieutenant (Ordinance Mechanical Engineer, fourth class) on 5 January 1940, and arrived overseas on 9 February 1940. After fulfilling in a most satisfactory manner, the responsibilities of various field workshop posts, he was appointed DADOS (E) , Headquarters 2 Canadian Division, I 16 August 1941, where he rendered excellent service. He has been employed in the Q (AE) Sub-Branch in Canadian Military Headquarters since 28 August 1942 as DADOS (E) , DDME, and ADME respectively. In his present post, he is responsible for the main base repair and maintenance of equipment held by the Canadian Army Overseas, as well as the departmental operation of the RCEME section at Canadian Military Headquarters under his command. In both these capacities, he has displayed an outstanding degree of initiative and forethought, particularly in 1944 when the Canadian Force was being mobilized for the invasion of Northwest Europe. Even under especially trying circumstances, his cool judgment has always been of the highest order. He is one of the most competent and dependable officers in the RCEME and has made an invaluable contribution to the smooth functioning of the Royal Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. At all times he has shown enterprise, resourcefulness, and ingenuity far beyond that normally expected of his appointment.

**Notes:** Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 135, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946. Col Pope was twice recommended for the OBE. This is the earlier recommendation: Colonel Pope, who served overseas in the war 1914-1919, was commissioned in this war as Lieutenant on 5 January 1940, arriving overseas on 9

February 1940. The skill and administrative ability which distinguished him as an outstanding workshop officer resulted in his appointment as Deputy Assistant Director Ordnance Services (Equipment) at Headquarters 2 Canadian Division in August 1941 where his outstanding work and ability made him the logical officer to be employed as Deputy Assistant Director Ordnance Services (Equipment), Assistant Director Mechanical Engineers and Deputy Director Mechanical Engineers respectively in the Quartermaster General's Branch (Army Equipment) Sub Branch at Canadian Military Headquarters. All his duties, not only those associated with his staff appointments, but all his relationships and tasks have been carried out with the greatest of diligence, thoughtfulness, enthusiasm and technical skill. Colonel Pope, while holding the appointments of Assistant Director Mechanical Engineers and Deputy Director Mechanical Engineers, has been responsible during the difficult period of operations for the main base repair and maintenance of the equipment held by the Canadian Army overseas and has shouldered a considerable portion of the responsibility for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line repairs for the War Office in furtherance of the joint war effort. He has also been responsible for the departmental operation of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Section at Canadian Military Headquarters. He has made an invaluable contribution to the Canadian Army in operations by establishing and maintaining a high state of efficiency in the Canadian Base Workshops, and by his foresight, capable planning and sound analytical judgement on the many technical and production problems with which throughout that period the workshops were faced. In addition to his other duties, Colonel Pope has been Senior Advisor to the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers overseas with a strength of approximately five hundred and twenty officers and 16,000 other ranks, and by his efficient supervision of training, organization and administration, as well as sympathetic consideration of all personnel problems, he has rendered outstanding service to the Canadian Army overseas, and it is strongly recommended that his services be recognised.

## Colonel Gordon Andrew **Secord**, OBE, RCEME

### 1 Canadian Base Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** At the request of the Master General of the Ordnance, Colonel GA Secord joined the Canadian Army on 17 October 1941. He was appointed the officer commanding of the newly formed Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop. As a result of his careful planning and diligent labour, the unit was brought up to strength and moved overseas in March 1942. It was the largest single Canadian unit ever to be formed in Canada, and the best and most completely equipped workshop ever to arrive in the United Kingdom. Under his direction it has grown in size from its original establishment of 1,704 all ranks to its present authorized establishment of 3,104 all ranks. The unit repairs all army equipment, ranging from watches, delicate fire control apparatus and radar, to heavy guns and tanks. It has been developed as an invaluable and integral part of the Canadian Army Overseas. Due to the quality and quantity of its production, it has earned a reputation of being one of the most efficient base workshops in England, and senior British army officers, who have visited the unit state that they have no workshop that can compare with it, particularly in regard to output per man hour. In preparing the Canadian Army to invade France, 1 Canadian Base Workshop waterproofed approximately 1,000 "A" and "B" vehicles as part of the assault force. The result of their work is indicated by a report received from DDME, First Canadian Army, dated 17 June 1944, which stated in part, "Brigadier Howard, DDME (Br) War Office states that a checker has reported that on his particular beach that the most satisfactory wading was done by Canadian units", and it has been reported that "in marshalling areas, British drivers are being told to see Canadian vehicles as examples of technique of waterproofing". The excellent quality of the waterproofing carried out in the base workshop reflects the greatest possible credit on Colonel Secord and contributed in no small measure to the success of the landing operations. An indication of the size of the unit and of the contribution it has made in keeping the Canadian Army mechanically fit is revealed by the fact that, during the past 12 months, it has repaired no less than 310,976 separate pieces of equipment, and its output is constantly increasing. During this period, Colonel Secord has exhibited the greatest qualities of leadership and enthusiasm among his

officers and men, and the outstanding successes of the unit has been largely due to his qualities of industry, persistence, and foresight.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 1 January 1945, No. 36867, page 110, and Canada Gazette dated 1 January 1945 and CARO/5244 dated 5 January 1945.

### Colonel Norman Clarence **Sherman**, OBE, RCEME

**Citation:** This officer served over 35 years in the Canadian Army. He is a mechanical engineer of outstanding ability. During these years, he has made many contributions to mechanical development within the Canadian Army, especially in the automotive field. He kept fully abreast of scientific development and prepared to meet the emergencies as they arose. In the Pacific Command, he was Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering, and was largely responsible for the development, organization and efficiency of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers services.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 15 June 1946 and CARO/6632 dated 17 June 1946.

### Lieutenant Colonel Egerton Millar **Shields**, OBE, RCEME

HQ RCEME, 3 Canadian Infantry Division

**Citation:** Lieutenant Colonel Egerton Millar Shields has been CRRCEME of this division during the period of training, preparation for combined operations, and the Battle of Normandy. The vast and new problem of waterproofing thousands of vehicles for salt water landings on several full-scale divisional exercises and for the operations was solved by the extraordinary persistence and ingenuity of Lieutenant Colonel Egerton Millar Shields, who infused into his officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men, an enthusiasm to do a craftsman's job of work. The result was that less than one quarter of one percent of all the divisional vehicles landing on D-Day were drowned due to lack of correct waterproofing. Since that time, the mechanical efficiency of transport and equipment of this division has been maintained at a very high standard. This greatly assisted the division in obtaining its objectives, and was due in large measure to his untiring efforts.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 30 January 1945, No. 36917, page 675, and Canada Gazette dated 23 December 1944 and CARO/5235 dated 3 January 1945.

### Major James Alexander **Stewart**, OBE, RCEME

1 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop

**Citation:** This officer has commanded 1 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop during operations from 11 May to 15 December 1944. He is now DADME of the brigade. During that period, the brigade was almost continually in action. At the Gari River, Trasimero, and the Hilde Line, quick recovery, repair, and return of tanks to units was essential to maintain the momentum of the attack. Long lines of communication made supply of sufficient new tanks impossible. In spite of constant moves and great difficulties in the obtaining of necessary parts and materials, this officer so organized his command that recovery, repair, and return of tanks to units were carried out with the greatest possible efficiency and speed. During the battle for Florence and the breakthrough in the Gothic line, the formation was in support of as many as three divisions at one time, thus forcing the maximum strain on workshop facilities. Despite this, coupled with extrRCEME weather conditions, poor communications, and dangerous roads, no unit of this brigade was at any time committed to battle under strength, due in large measure to the skill, persistence and devotion to duty of this officer. He has materially assisted in the successes of the brigade units in battle.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 31 May 1945, No. 37101, page 2742, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5625, both dated 28 April 1945. The history of 12 Canadian Armoured Regiment [Three

Rivers Regiment] identifies him as being a decorated member of that unit, probably from earlier service attached to them.

### Lieutenant Colonel William Lennox **Thompson**, OBE, RCEME

1 Canadian Advanced Base Workshop

**Citation:** Since arrival in this theatre, Lieutenant Colonel Thompson has given unremitting attention to the task in hand, and in the early stages of the campaign, organized to repair facilities within a few hours of the arrival of the workshop, which proved invaluable. The assistance given to preparation of “Kangaroos” prior to the breakthrough at Caen was operationally vital, and the commanding officer’s inspiration at this time was instrumental in keeping the men to such a high standard of performance over a long period. Latterly, the workshop, in addition to its normal role, has been acting as third line repair for Second British Army AGRA, 30 (British) Corps, and 12 (British) Corps. Certain artillery and tank repair programs have been completed in record time due to his energy and initiative. In many cases, the time limit for the job approached the impossible, but the commitments have been completed to schedule without exception. The splendid cooperation exhibited by 1 Canadian Advanced Base Workshop is entirely due to the policy of “the maximum effort to serve the cause” laid down and insisted upon by Lieutenant Colonel Thompson.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 630, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Lieutenant Colonel Arnauld Leonard **Wright**, OBE, RCEME

**Citation:** Lieutenant Colonel Wright is 38 years of age. He was commissioned in the Non-Permanent Militia in April 1938 and in the Active Army in January 1940. From November 1940 to September 1942 he was Superintendent of the Small Arms Experimental and Proof Establishment at Valcartier Arsenal. He attended the Military College of Science, since when he has been in the Equipment Development Section at Canadian Military Headquarters, and with the Director General of Artillery, Ministry of Supply. Recently he has been employed in the exploitation of enemy science and technology. During the difficult early periods of the war, this officer’s work was most valuable in expediting production, proof and delivery of badly needed arms from Canadian production. His fund of versatile suggestions has been an inspiration to weapon designers, and he has fostered and maintained the closest liaison between British and Canadian designers of weapons and equipment. Moreover, he has established similar close and beneficial relations with American designers. He has also contributed much to the technical knowledge by collating, editing and issuing probably the most concise and comprehensive series of technical reference books available today for use by designers in each of the arms of the service.

**Notes:** Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 136, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

## Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)



The Order of Military Merit was established on 1 July 1972 to provide a worthy means of recognizing conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members of the Canadian Forces (CF), both regular and reserve. The Order comprises three levels: Commander (CMM), Officer (OMM), and Member (MMM). Only members of the Canadian Forces (regular or reserve) are eligible for appointment to the order. Names are gazetted in the Canada Gazette. The order is not awarded posthumously.

**Member (MMM):** Appointments are made for exceptional service or performance of duty. This has been interpreted to mean Non-Commissioned Members (NCMs), Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, and Commissioned Officers up to the rank of army or air force Captain or navy Lieutenant. Members may use the post-nominal letters MMM. Members may be elevated to Officer and Officers to Commanders. When this occurs, the individual hold only the higher appointment but may wear both miniature insignia on the ribbon in undress.

### MMM Awards

For this award, a successful search on the Governor General of Canada's Honours Search site is considered confirmation (GGCHS).

The following RCEME members have been awarded the MMM.

Captain Dwayne William **Atkinson**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 144, No. 21, May 22, 2010. GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2009.

Chief Warrant Officer Richard **Aubuchon**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 December 1979.

Master Warrant Officer N. J. **Audet**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2004.

Master Warrant Officer DA **Badgerow**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 143, No. 24, June 13, 2009.

Chief Warrant Officer Wayne John **Bantock**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 22 September 2016

Sergeant Nicole Lynn **Barrett**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 October 2014.

Master Warrant Officer DF **Bates**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 143, No. 24, June 13, 2009.

Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Bernard Alain **Bergeron**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 27 October 2010.

Chief Warrant Officer Haley Joseph **Bransfield**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 23 September 2011.

Master Warrant Officer Brian Richard **Brown**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 8 June 1990.

Chief Warrant Officer Gary Bradley **Biggar**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 144, No. 21, May 22, 2010. GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2009.

Master Warrant Officer S. D. J. **Boutilier**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2004.

Chief Warrant Officer Jean Serge **Boutet**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 6 September 1995.

Chief Warrant Officer S.D. **Bradley**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2005.

Chief Warrant Officer Gary Michael **Clough**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 26 October 1999.

Master Warrant Officer Dale William **Coble**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2009. Canada Gazette Vol. 144, No. 21, May 22, 2010.

Sergeant Russell Wayne **Coughlin**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 27 October 2010.

Chief Warrant Officer Marc Joseph **Corbin**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 21 September 2006. Best match – other lists state JM Corbin.

Master Warrant Officer Joseph Claude **Couture**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2003.

Master Warrant Officer Gary Edward **Crocker**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2000.

Sergeant Steven Dunley **Dacey**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 October 2014.

Chief Warrant Officer André Claude Joseph **Dalcourt**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 October 2002.

Master Warrant Officer Joseph Olivier Richard **Descheneaux**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 4 October 2018.

Chief Warrant Officer William **Devlin**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 December 1994.

Chief Warrant Officer J. Jean-Bernard **Dionne**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 December 1994.

Chief Warrant Officer Carrol Lewis **Dow**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 23 December 1983.

Warrant Officer Joseph Claude Éric **Drouin**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 26 September 2013.

Master Warrant Officer MWO Dany Joseph Joël **Dubuc**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 144, No. 21, May 22, 2010. GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2009.

Master Warrant Officer Derk Wilhelmus J **Duermeyer**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 December 1981.

Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Patrick **Duffy**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 October 2002.

Chief Warrant Officer Ellory Morton **Faulkner**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 30 June 1985. He was awarded the Mention-in-Despatches in Korea (no post-nominal).

Master Warrant Officer J.J.G. Serge **Froment**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 28 October 1998.

Warrant Officer Frédéric Joseph André **Gagnon**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 4 October 2018.

Chief Warrant Officer G.K. **Gagawchuk**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 2 October 2007.

Major George Charles **Garrard**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 October 2014.

Chief Warrant Officer Laurier James **George**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 19 June 1978.

Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Gerard René **Gilbert**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 October 2014.

Chief Warrant Officer Douglas Joseph **Gillies**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 14 June 1976.

Warrant Officer Anthony Stephen **Gilmore**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 4 October 2018.

Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Ernest **Godbout**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 27 October 2010.

Adjutant-chef Joseph Jules Normand **Grenier**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 22 September 1997.

Warrant Officer JML **Guillemette**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 143, No. 24, June 13, 2009.

Sergeant Thomas William **Hale**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 144, No. 21, May 22, 2010. GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2009.

Sergeant Christopher Gerard **Hanrahan**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 17 October 2012.

Captain Joseph Robson **Hardy**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 11 December 1978.

Master Warrant Officer Melvin Stuart **Henriksen**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 October 2002.

Captain J. D. Hill, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 27 October 2010.

Chief Warrant Officer George A **Hughes**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 28 November 2008, and Canada Gazette Vol. 143, No. 24, June 13, 2009. The medal was presented by the Lt-Governor of Saskatchewan because he was too ill to travel to Ottawa.

Chief Warrant Officer John Bernard **Hynes**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 18 June 1979.

Adjudant-maître J.A.R. André **Jutras**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 26 October 1999.

Master Warrant Officer Christopher Percy **Kane**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded September 26 2013.

Chief Warrant Officer Garry Wayne **Kerr**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2003.

Chief Warrant Officer JJM **Landry**, MMM, MSM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 143, No. 24, June 13, 2009.

Chief Warrant Officer B. J. G. M. **Lauson**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2003.

Adjudant-maître Joseph Roméo Robert **Leblanc**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 6 September 1995.

Adjudant-maître André Laurent **Levesque**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 20 June 1977.

Captain Joseph Ghislan **Levesque**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 October 2014.

Captain Patrick **Lee**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2009.

Adjudant-maître Joseph Louis Jacques **Lindsay**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 August 1996.

Sergeant Kevin Dale **MacWilliams**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 August 1996.

Captain Barry Edward **Maddin**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 2 October 2007.

Chief Warrant Officer James Nelson **McCarney**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 07 December 1981.

Warrant Officer Krista Lea **Mckeough**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 4 October 2018.

Warrant Officer R. D. **McLeod**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2003.

Chief Warrant Officer Charles Gladstone **Meade**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 18 June 1979.

Master Warrant Officer WL **Mooney**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 143, No. 24, June 13, 2009.

Adjudant-maître Telesphore Emmanuel **Mousseau**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 14 June 1976.

MWO William Michael Ross **Mulholland**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 October 2002. Canada Gazette Volume 138, No.13, 27 March 2004.

Chief Warrant Officer Reginald P **Murphy**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 October 2002.

Chief Warrant Officer Raymond Everett **Nichol**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 14 December 1987.

Captain Arthur **Noseworthy**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 3 October 2001. Canada Gazette Part 1 p2138 13 July 2002

Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth George **Noland**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 13 June 1983.

Chief Warrant Officer MJY **Ouellet**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 143, No. 24, June 13, 2009.

Warrant Officer Guillaume **Page**, MMM, CD

**Notes :** GGCHS Awarded 22 September 2016.

Warrant Officer Alessandro Pacifico **Pellizzari**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 23 October 2015.

Master Warrant Officer Robert Francis **Perrone**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 August 1996.

Warrant Officer Jean-Marc **Poirier**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 26 October 1999.

Chief Warrant Officer Valdin Roy Clare **Pomeroy**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 12 December 1977.

Master Warrant Officer Leonard Andrew **Power**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 12 October 2017.

Master Warrant Officer Joseph Lionel **Prodaniuk**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 July 1989.

Warrant Officer Joseph Raoul A. **Proteau**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 July 1989.

Master Warrant Officer Rodney Wade **Purchase**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 4 October 2018.

Master Warrant Officer Juy Kong **Quan**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 19 June 1978.

Chief Warrant Officer Arthur **Rest**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 19 May 1994.

Master Warrant Officer J. L. Stéphane **Richard**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 28 October 1998.

Chief Warrant Officer J. P. Vincent **Rioux**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2000.

Master Warrant Officer T.G. **Roberts**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 2 October 2007.

Master Warrant Officer JAR **Rodrigue**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 143, No. 24, June 13, 2009.

Chief Warrant Officer Ross Joseph **Roenspiess**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 15 June 1981.

Chief Warrant Officer Guy Bernard **Roy**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2000.

Chief Warrant Officer J.E.Y. Ronald **Roy**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded November 18 1991.

Chief Warrant Officer Stedman Wayne **Rumbolt**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 October 2002.

Master Warrant Officer Yvon Roger **St-Aubin**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 13 December 1982.

Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey Harold **Saunders**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 23 October 2015.

Chief Warrant Officer J.P. **Savoie**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 27 October 2010.

Chief Warrant Officer William Donald **Schussler**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 20 June 1977.

Chief Warrant Officer Ralph William R. **Steele**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 20 June 1988.

Master Warrant Officer Michael Dennis **Stein**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 17 October 2012.

Chief Warrant Officer Hugh Michael **Stevens**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 December 1984

Adjudant-maître Joseph Serge Reno **St-Germain**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2000.

Captain Robert George **Taylor**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 10 December 1979

Master Warrant Officer Matthew Michael Taylor, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGHS Awarded 26 September 2013.

Major Angus Keith **Thurrot**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 15 December 1986.

Adjum MWO Pierre Joseph Richard Pierre **Tremblay**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 144, No. 21, May 22, 2010. GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2009.

Adjutant J. Raoul Bruno **Turcotte**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 7 October 2002.

Capitaine Joseph Georges **Vachon**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 14 December 1987

Adjutant-maître J. D. Luc **Vaive**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 29 September 2000.

Warrant Officer Michael Bernard **Vandepol**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 144, No. 21, May 22, 2010. GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2009.

Chief Warrant Officer John Donald Albert **Vass**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 22 September 1997.

Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Andre Martin **Walhin**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 22 September 2016.

Warrant Officer Joseph Emilien Francois **Yargeau**, MMM, CD

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 23 September 2011.

## Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)



With WWI lasting longer than expected and no suitable way to reward services to the war effort by civilians at home and servicemen in support positions, in June 1917, King George V created another order with five levels. The first two levels confer knighthood (since 1935, these have not been available to anyone retaining Canadian citizenship). The three levels - Commander, Officer and Member - have been available to Canadian citizens. The order could be given generously for services to the Empire at home, in India, and in the Dominions and colonies. The order was created mainly to reward non-combatant services to the war and was to include women, whom most existing orders excluded. When the order was created in 1917, it had only one division, but the order was divided into civil and military divisions in 1918. The order at any level can be awarded for gallantry as well as for service. In 1937, the insignia and the colour of the ribbon were changed. After

01 January 1958, gallantry awards were recognized with silver oak leaves. There have been 2,726 MBEs issued to Canadians: 859 civil and 1,867 military.

### MBE Summary

The following RCEME members have been awarded the MBE.

#### Second World War

Captain Frank Adamson, MBE  
 Major James Bruce Annand, MBE  
 Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Leslie Wilkins Armstrong, MBE  
 Captain Herbert Leslie Beanlands, MBE  
 Major Charles Rice Boehm, MBE  
 Lieutenant William Vernon Cann, MBE  
 Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Alexander Joseph Christensen, MBE  
 Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Paul Philippe Comeau, MBE  
 Major Donald Frederick Cornish, MBE  
 Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) William Bruce Croxville, MBE  
 Major William McIntyre Dalrymple, MBE  
 Captain William Todd Erskine Duncan, MBE  
 Captain Andrew Edward Emery, MBE  
 Captain Duncan Hunter Forster, MBE  
 Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Frederick George Fox, MBE  
 Captain Hodgson Goodfellow, MBE  
 Captain John Abraham Gordon, MBE  
 Major Theodore Corbett Graham, MBE  
 Major William Gerald Hamilton, MBE  
 Captain Herbert Thomas Hargrave, MBE  
 Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Robert Wilfred Hauser, MBE  
 Major Bernard James Highfield, MBE  
 Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Charles Couch Houghtaling, MBE  
 Captain John Thomas Kerfoot, MBE

Major Charles William King, MBE  
Major Cecil Gordon Kirby, MBE  
Captain (A/Major) Gordon Thomas Kirk, MBE  
Captain John Stanley Kitto, MBE  
Captain Stephen John Lea, MBE  
Major Allister Sutherland MacRae, MBE  
Captain Leonard Martin, MBE  
Major Harvey Libby King Mason, MBE  
Major (A/Lieutenant Colonel) Harold Bruce McAdam, MBE  
Major Duncan Robert Baly McArthur, MBE  
Major Leonard Davidson McGee, MBE  
Major John Alexander McTavish, MBE  
Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Horace James Millen, MBE  
Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) David Stephen Milne, MBE  
Captain (A/Major) Harry George Filmer Morgan, MBE  
Captain William Andrew Nelson, MBE  
Lieutenant (A/Captain) Leonard Matheson Norris, MBE  
Lieutenant (A/Captain) Ellaf Arni Olafson, MBE  
Major Gilbert Walter Painter, MBE  
Major Ernest Gilmore Pallister, MBE  
Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Harry Davidson Portingale, MBE  
Major Thomas Stanley Gordon Quance, MBE  
Major John Dewitte Relyea, MBE  
Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Harold Sloan, MBE  
Captain Max Kenneth Strang, MBE  
Captain Francis George Twist, MBE  
Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) John Vanderheiden, MBE  
William Raymond Varcoe, MBE  
Captain Sidney Johnstone Wallace, MBE  
Captain Leslie Wardman, MBE  
Major George Alfred Wiggan, MBE  
Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) (A/Armament Sergeant Major (WO1)) Eric Albert Wood,  
MBE

## Korean War

Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) John Melvin Fernets, MBE  
Lieutenant Albert Clark Leonard, MBE  
Major John Robert McLarnon, MBE  
Captain Harold Edgar McLaughlin, MBE  
Major Ivan Murray McLaughlin, MBE

## MBE Awards

The following RCEME members have been awarded the MBE.

### Captain Frank **Adamson**, MBE, RCEME

**Citation:** Captain Adamson, a reinforcement officer to 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop in Italy, soon won the respect and confidence of his men and brother officers by his strong and cheerful personality during the difficult time before and during the many battles of that long campaign. His sound technical knowledge and experience in mechanical transport were determining factors in improving the repair procedure not only in his workshop but throughout Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer elements of the division. By his ingenuity and aggressive determination he made very highly successful improvisations at a time when spare parts and replacement vehicles were not available. He was responsible for obtaining and conducting a divisional mechanical transport school at which some 250 officers were instructed in vehicle maintenance. This project proved its worth by the excellent mechanical conditions of the divisional vehicles during the Gothic Line battle. Captain Adamson was selected as a commander of a Light Aid Detachment in Northwest Europe where he again demonstrated his capabilities with a driving initiative and perseverance coupled with expert technical ability. The services that he has rendered have always been of an exceptionally high standard.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 630, and the Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Major James Bruce **Annand**, MBE, RCEME

12 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop

**Citation:** Major Annand has commanded an Infantry Troops Workshop, RCEME, throughout the whole campaign in Northwest Europe and has led his unit from Normandy to Oldenburg in Germany. During all this period his unit has been marked for the enthusiasm and efficiency with which every task has been undertaken, for the high morale and consistently good behaviour and appearance of the personnel, and for the manner in which all hardships and difficulties have been met and overcome without complaint or comment. The outstanding good work of his unit has been due entirely to the untiring devotion to duty displayed by this officer. He has been at all times an example and inspiration to the officers and men under his command. The efficiency with which he has handled the resources at his disposal has been unsurpassed.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 630, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Leslie Wilkins **Armstrong**, MBE, RCEME

4 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Armament Quartermaster Sergeant Armstrong (P35209) is the senior warrant officer in the wheeled vehicle section of 4 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop. This warrant officer has trained and supervised the RCEME personnel in his department in such a manner that his section has reached an exceedingly high state of efficiency. He has shown exceptional qualities of leadership and has been largely responsible for encouraging and bringing out latent talent in the junior tradesmen under his command. During operations north of the Rhine, this formation struck very heavy going and, at times, the terrain over which vehicles were used was well nigh impassable. Wheeled vehicles and carriers were continually failing due to enemy action, heavy loads, as well as conditions of mud and difficult ground.

This resulted in a heavy load being placed on the wheeled vehicle section of the workshop, but Armament QMS Armstrong by his cheerfulness, devotion to duty and initiative kept his section going at top speed for the entire period of operations. By his leadership and outstanding example, he was able to keep his men working until the job in hand was completed despite extrRCEME fatigue. He never flagged and it is considered that this warrant officer contributed in large measure in keeping the flamethrowers, carriers and wheeled vehicles of this division in the battle during that period. He has never spared himself in tackling the many difficult problems that faced him and his cheerfulness, ability and initiative have been an outstanding contribution to the operations of this division.

**Notes:** (P35209) Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4997, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945. Recommendation originated 20 May 1945.

### Captain Herbert Leslie **Beanlands**, MBE, RCEME

4 Canadian Armoured Troops Workshop

**Citation:** This officer has exhibited commendable degree of devotion to duty as second-in-command of 4 Canadian Armoured Troops Workshop. He has been responsible for the co-ordination of the work of all sections of this large workshop, playing a most important part in technical as well as administrative supervision. In addition to his already onerous duty as 2i/c of the workshop, he has performed a very heavy additional duty as president of the RCEME trade testing board of the First Canadian Army Troops Area. His efforts and guidance in this capacity have been in a great degree responsible for the success of this board and in ensuring that high standard of trades testing was maintained throughout. He has carried out this duty with dispatch and efficiency at all times, even when other normal operational commitments made the task extremely difficult and in complete disregard of any personal strain caused by so doing. In all his endeavours he has displayed the utmost in energy and efficiency.

**Notes:** (ZP1348) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 630, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Major Charles Rice **Boehm**, MBE, RCOC (E)

Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division



**Citation:** For his outstanding contribution to the development of procedure toward the improved maintenance and operation of armoured division equipment.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Extra Issue No. 1 Volume 77 dated 1 January 1943 and CARO/2983 dated 4 January 1943, confirmed in CARO/3580 dated 2 September 1943.

### Lieutenant William Vernon **Cann**, MBE, RCOC (E)

**Citation:** This officer commanded the advance workshop detachment, 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, during the Sicilian campaign, July and August 1943. The unit, inspired by the character of this officer's leadership and his outstanding devotion to duty, completed a large number of repairs in forward areas and kept the Brigade route clear of derelict equipment. Lieutenant Cann gave no thought to his own physical exhaustion, tirelessly but efficiently performed his duties to an extent beyond that which might be reasonably expected.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 2 May 1944, No. 36497, page 2043, and Canada Gazette dated 29 April 1944 and CARO/4430 dated 3 May 1944, "for gallant and distinguished services in Sicily".

## Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Alexander Joseph **Christensen**, MBE, RCOC (E)

Vehicle Company, 1 CCOD



**Citation:** This warrant officer came overseas in February 1940 and is at present employed in the vehicle company of 1 CCOD. He has always done consistently good work and has carried out his duties with zeal and in a most efficient manner. His work has been outstanding, however, in that he has always shown exceptional diligence in seeking ways and means whereby the work he was carrying out could be done still more efficiently. In this regard, he has put forward many suggestions for improvement in procedures and equipment that have been adopted. The ingenuity and enterprise shown by this WO is outstanding and deserving of special recognition.

**Notes:** (P35225) Canada Gazette dated 8 June 1944 and CARO/4568 dated 9 June 1944. At an unspecified date, while on staff of 4 Sub-Depot, 1 CBOD, he was recommended for a Canada Medal, which was apparently not approved. The text on that occasion was much more detailed and bears recording: This Warrant Officer came overseas in February 1940. He has always done consistently good work and has carried out his duties with zeal and in a most efficient manner. His work has been outstanding, however, in that he has always shown exceptional diligence in seeking ways and means whereby the work he was carrying out could be done still more efficiently. In this regard, he has put forward many suggestions for improvements in procedure and equipment, which have been adopted. He recently designed a device for tightening tank tracks, which will result in tracks being replaced by two men in 20 minutes instead of a requirement of two men for 50 minutes, as with existing equipment. Report from Sicily showed that on one occasion nine of our tanks got into a minefield and blew their tracks, the replacement of which under enemy fire represents a considerable hazard. This device designed by Christensen will certainly reduce the time that armour will be out of action due to broken tracks and should result in the saving of lives during action. The ingenuity and enterprise shown by this Warrant Officer is outstanding and deserving of special recognition.

## Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Paul Philippe **Comeau**, MBE, RCOC (E)

1 Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop

**Citation:** Armament Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class 1) Comeau enlisted with the Canadian Army Active Force on 9 November 1939 and arrived in the United Kingdom in August 1940. While in the UK, he has been employed with 1 Army Ordnance workshop and 1 Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop. This warrant officer has rendered particularly valuable service and has displayed a great deal of mechanical ingenuity in the performance of his duties, and in particular during the early stages of the organization of 1 Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop.

**Notes:** (A29112) Canada Gazette Extra Issue No. 31, Volume 78, dated 2 June 1943

## Major Donald Frederick **Cornish**, MBE, RCEME

2 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop

**Citation:** This officer has given most outstanding service as Officer Commanding 2 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop. During the preparation and organization for the assault, this officer directed the efforts of his unit in such a manner that, in a very limited time, all new equipments were modified and thoroughly checked, and were in excellent condition before leaving the United Kingdom. The workshop commanded by this officer was the sole workshop in the beachhead for several days after the landing. During that time, Major Cornish led and encouraged his men to exceptional efforts and a very high

percentage of tank casualties were repaired and put back into battle. In subsequent operations, this officer has shown a high degree of organizational and administrative ability, zeal and devotion to duty.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 30 January 1945, No. 36917, page 676, and Canada Gazette dated 23 December 1944 and CARO/5235 dated 3 January 1945.

### Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) William Bruce **Croxville**, MBE, RCEME

7 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO II) Croxville, by his conscientious devotion to duty, his technical knowledge and ingenuity and his leadership was to a great degree responsible for the effective maintenance of wireless communication within 7 Canadian Infantry Brigade throughout the whole of the Western European campaign. The short period prior to the crossing of the Rhine River by this formation in March 1945 is typical of the many in which his unceasing efforts assisted materially the success of an operation. His almost continuous work for several days in order to inspect and repair every item of wireless equipment displayed his very keen desire to assist to the extrRCEME limit of his endurance. The very few days in which this highly skilled task had to be completed imposed considerable strain on this NCO and his staff. Credit must go the exemplary leadership of QMS Croxville for the successful completion of this difficult technical work.

**Notes:** (H58523) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 630, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945. Recommendation originated 17 June 1945; cleared 7 Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters on 20 June 1945; cleared Headquarters, 3 Canadian Infantry Division, 22 June 1945; cleared Headquarters, 2 Canadian Corps, 8 July 1945; cleared Headquarters, First Canadian Army, 30 July 1945.

### Major William McIntyre **Dalrymple**, MBE, RCEME

3 Canadian Recovery Company, RCEME

**Citation:** During the period July 1943 to June 1944, he organized and commanded 1 Canadian Recovery Company and took them to Italy, where he served the distinction. In June 1944, he was called back from Italy to take over the newly formed 3 Canadian Recovery Company and ready it for active service. In the short period from June 1944 to August 1944 with great ability and zeal, he was successful in bringing this unit to a state of efficiency whereby it has been able to take up its role in active operations with commendable ability and zeal.

**Notes:** (ZP1470) Supplement to the London Gazette of 30 January 1945, No. 36917, page 676, and Canada Gazette dated 23 December 1944 and CARO/5235 dated 3 January 1945.

### Captain William Todd Erskine Duncan, MBE, RCEME

No. 123 LAD attached to 1 Canadian Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron

**Citation:** Capt William Todd Erskine Duncan was the officer in charge of the RCEME detachment formed to service the modified M7 Armoured Personnel Carriers (Kangaroos). This detachment subsequently became known as the Light Aid Detachment attached to 1 Canadian Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron. Capt Duncan, by displaying resourcefulness and perseverance, was fully responsible for the high standard of battleworthiness of the “Kangaroos”. The efficient functioning of this LAD, under extremely adverse administrative and operational conditions was entirely due to his wealth of initiative and technical ability. The success of the employment of this new type of armoured fighting vehicle, which were old equipments at time of their conversion, in operations from Falaise to Calais was in no small measure attributable to the untiring efforts and outstanding initiative of this officer.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 17 April 1945, No. 37038, page 2063, and Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

### Captain Andrew Edward **Emery**, MBE, RCEME

1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Captain Andrew Edward Emery was the Ordnance Officer in command of the Stores Section of 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop during the various campaigns in Italy. As a result of this knowledge of the repair and recovery of vehicles, he had his stores section organized in such a way that it was able at all times to supply the workshops with adequate spare parts and also to assist other units who were in urgent need of assistance. During the Italian campaign, the supply of spare parts became a major problem, but by his ingenuity and determination, Captain Emery was always able to produce the necessary materials. In September 1944, Captain Emery was transferred from the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps to the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and was posted to 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop. In Russi, Italy, where the workshop was working under adverse weather conditions and heavy enemy shelling, he was able by determination and driving leadership to maintain a commendable repair production figure. In Northwest Europe his enthusiasm and constant desire to make vehicles battleworthy won for him the respect of his brother officers and his men.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 630, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) John Melvin **Fernets**, MBE, RCEME

**Citation:** This warrant officer of 191 Canadian Infantry Workshop has carried out his duties in an exceptionally competent and satisfactory manner. He has shown himself to be a good disciplinarian and administrator and, in addition, a highly skilled tradesman. He is an expert in his own field of vehicle artifice and has a good knowledge of all the other trades embraced by the Corps. Besides carrying out the duties expected of a man of his rank and technical ability in an exemplary manner, he has gone beyond his required scope **and** expended much of his free time to the comfort and welfare of the man. A large share of the present high morale and good esprit-de-corps of the unit is due entirely to him

**Notes:** (SK29179) The London Gazette dated 11 November 1952, Volume 39693, page 5945.

### Captain Duncan Hunter **Forster**, MBE, RCOC (E)

51 LAD attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Corps Field Park Company

**Citation:** Capt Forster was appointed to command 51 LAD just before the unit embarked for the Mediterranean theatre. Largely due to the efforts of this officer, the standard of NCOs and tradesmen has been raised to a very high level and outstanding results have been obtained from this detachment. On arrival in this theatre, Capt Forster quickly established contact and amicable relations with supply personnel, and his ability in obtaining parts quickly and turning out repair work promptly has resulted in a new interest in MT maintenance within the 1 Canadian Corps Troops, RCE. Through this officer's untiring efforts and ingenuity, the formation has been kept completely mobile, although on arrival many of the vehicles were not operating efficiently. In numerous cases apart from carrying out his normal duties in a most competent manner, Capt Forrester has been a great assistance to the Engineers in fulfilling their role.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 30 January 1945, No. 36917, page 677. He was RCEME at the time of the award, but the award was earned in Italy before the formation of RCEME.

## Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Frederick George **Fox**, MBE, RCOC (E)

1 Canadian Ordnance Reinforcement Unit

**Citation:** Armt Sgt-Major Frederick George Fox enlisted in 2 Army Field Workshop on 7 September 1939. He arrived overseas on 9 February 1940. S/M Fox is an excellent type of warrant officer, keen, energetic, and of great ability. During a bombing raid on his barracks in Aldershot in the spring of 1940, he displayed courage and initiative during and after the raid, and was commended on parade by his CO and also by the brigadier for his courage and behavior. He is now RSM of 1 CORU and is efficient and tireless in energy and sets a wonderful example by his tact and energy to all ranks in his unit.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 31 December 1943, No. 36310, page 51.

## Captain Hodgson **Goodfellow**, MBE, RCEME

1 Canadian Engineer Equipment Workshop

**Citation:** This officer, as the sole officer on strength and commanding officer of 1 Canadian Engineer Equipment Workshop has exercised devotion to duty, initiative and drive of a degree and nature greatly exceeding that which might be normally expected. He has maintained a most efficient organization and instilled in those under his command an esprit-de-corps which is outstanding. His efforts in support of the operations of the Royal Canadian Engineers have undoubtedly been responsible for getting back into their service, at crucial stages in the campaign, much valuable equipment which might otherwise have been unavailable to them.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Captain John Abraham **Gordon**, MBE, RCEME

RCEME Staff Officer, Headquarters, RCA, 4 Canadian Armoured Division

**Citation:** Capt Gordon has served the RCA of 4 Canadian Armoured Division throughout the whole of its period in action in NW Europe. Until the end of 1944, he was officer commanding 104 LAD supporting 23 Canadian Field Regiment (SP), RCA, and from that time until the cessation of hostilities he served as RCEME staff officer with HQ RCA, 4 Canadian Armoured Division. In both capacities, he has shown unremitting energy in the heavy and vital responsibilities of ensuring that the SP and towed guns, tanks and vehicles of this highly mechanized formation have been kept in action wherever possible. While with the SP [self-propelled] regiment, particularly during the phase of the pursuit across France and Belgium into Holland in 1944, these duties were particularly arduous and were always discharged with great perseverance beyond the normal call of duty and with first class technical skill. The most difficult of recovery jobs were all in the day's work. While with HQ RCA, he displayed these same qualities in the wider field and his advice and leadership were of great assistance to the regiment's RCEME officers. Capt Gordon has made an important contribution towards keeping the Artillery "fighting fit", by his untiring devotion to duty.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Major Theodore Corbett **Graham**, MBE, RCEME

1 Canadian Recovery Company, RCEME

**Citation:** During the period 1 September 1944 to 31 December 1944, while 1 Canadian Corps was in action on the Adriatic Coast, Major Graham directed the activities of his recovery unit with such energy and skill that the recovery plan for 1 Canadian Corps not only produced the intended results, but created a situation so favourable that the otherwise normal delays in forward maintenance on the main traffic routes were entirely absent. To produce such results required Major Graham's personal and continual attention, particularly in the forward areas, both night and day, in order that situations might be accurately assessed and acted upon. This continual devotion to duty when much easier alternatives were open is considered to be far beyond the normal requirements of his work.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 September 1945, No. 37262, page 4557, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5849, both dated 7 July 1945. Recommendation at Headquarters, 1 Canadian Corps, 25-31 January 1945.

## Major William Gerald **Hamilton**, MBE, RCEME

Headquarters RCEME, 3 Canadian Infantry Division

**Citation:** Major William Gerald Hamilton as second-in-Command of Headquarters, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Third Canadian Infantry Division, has rendered distinguished service to this formation. At all times, the vehicles and guns of this division have been maintained in a battleworthy condition, even under the most trying conditions. This has been due, in large measure, to the initiative, foresight, outstanding technical knowledge and ability of Major Hamilton to get things done. Difficulties of time, space and adverse working conditions have been overcome and sorely needed damaged vehicles have been repaired and made available for battle by reason of the diligence and resourcefulness of Major Hamilton.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 10 July 1945, No. 37172, page 3590, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5826, both dated 30 June 1945. An earlier submission for the MBE (date uncertain) may be relevant to his Mention in Despatches and certainly provides more biographical data. It was drafted by Lieutenant Colonel E.M. Shields: The a/m officer served in the Non-Permanent Active Militia from 1933 until 1938, both in the ranks and as a commissioned officer. From 1938 until February 1941 he was on the Reserve of Officers, after which period he came into the Active Force. Since arriving in the United Kingdom in October 1941, he has had the following appointments: OC Group 1 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division Ordnance Workshops, RCOC, 2 i/c 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division Ordnance Workshops RCOC, 2 i/c 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshops RCOC, Adjutant, Headquarters, RCEME (RCOC) 1 Canadian Infantry Division, Adjutant, Headquarters, RCEME (RCOC) 3 Canadian Infantry Division, Officer Commanding 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop RCOC, and 2 i/c Headquarters RCEME (RCOC) 3 Canadian Infantry Division. During his appointment as 2 i/c Headquarters RCEME (RCOC) 3 Canadian Infantry Division, he has shown marked ability, tireless energy and soldierly conduct of the highest order. During this appointment, he has for several periods of considerable length, administered the RCEME Corps in its' most trying phases, due to the absence of the CRRCEME on special missions. The efficient operation of the RCEME in this Division is in no small way the result of the a/m officer's efforts.

## Captain Herbert Thomas **Hargrave**, MBE, RCEME

2 Canadian Tank Troops Workshop

**Citation:** This officer has performed outstanding work in connection with the repair of tanks during the period of operations in France. This was particularly the case during the period 17 June 1944 to 10 July 1944 when his workshop was stationed at Taileville. During this time, a very considerable number of seriously damaged tanks, many of which were beyond the normal scope of repairs of a workshop of this type, were successfully repaired by his workshop and promptly returned to the forward units as fighting vehicles. The presence of these additional vehicles during the battle of CAEN and the crossing of the River Orne undoubtedly contributed in no small measure to the success of these operations. The fact that such an achievement was possible was due to the leadership and unremitting efforts of Captain Hargrave, who by the example of his own energy and persistence inspired his men to exceptional endeavours.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 30 January 1945, No. 36917, page 676, and Canada Gazette dated 23 December 1944 and CARO/5235 dated 3 January 1945.

## Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Robert Wilfred **Hauser**, MBE, RCEME

2 Canadian Engineer Equipment Workshop

**Citation:** Since the formation of this workshop, which is responsible for the repair of heavy RCE equipment, this WO has performed the dual role of RSM and senior technical WO. Because of his powers of leadership and initiative, he has not only gained and held the respect of all personnel working under him, but he has in addition been personally responsible for getting back into service a great amount of highly special and vitally important RCE equipment which would have otherwise been lost to the army at most crucial stages in the campaign. His initiative, devotion to duty, and unquenchable high spirit have contributed largely to the successful operation of his unit.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Major Bernard James **Highfield**, MBE, RCEME

2 Canadian Engineer Equipment Workshop

**Citation:** Major Highfield's work over the past two years has been outstanding in that his forethought, initiative and application to the job in hand have always been considerably in excess of what is normally expected of an officer. In October 1943, when 1 Canadian Equipment Assembly Unit was mobilised for the purpose of assembling vehicles urgently required by First Canadian Army to complete the equipment required for the invasion of Northwest Europe and operations in a new theatre of war, Major Highfield was appointed second-in-command. This unit was an extremely difficult one to operate and administer, being formed as it was from personnel of a reconnaissance regiment, an Army Service Corps company, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers tradesmen, and pioneers. The percentage of tradesmen was very low being actually about one-third of the requirements. The officer commanding the unit was admitted to hospital whilst the unit was still being mobilised and, from the start, Major Highfield carried the responsibility over the difficult days of organization and training. The Canadian Equipment Assembly Unit performed its task with considerable credit and this was very largely due to the excellent administration of Major Highfield. In November 1944, he took command of 1 Canadian Sub-Workshop. The unit had been mobilised for some time but its rate of production left much to be desired, and owing to its importance as the only second line workshop to do repairs for the equipment required by Canadian reinforcement units for training purposes, it was considered necessary to have it commanded by the most efficient officer available. Major Highfield took over towards the end of November 1944 from which time the rate of production immediately began to increase, with the result that it was possible for the first time

to keep the equipment at Canadian reinforcement units in a state of proper repair. Here again the improvement was entirely due to the initiative and energy of Major Highfield.

**Notes:** Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 136, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

### Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Charles Couch **Houghtaling**, MBE, RCEME

3 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters

**Citation:** About the middle of November, 1944, it was decided to produce some form of light assault bridging for the future operations of 1 Canadian Division in the country south and west of Ravenha. As this country is by a multitude of rivers and dykes, all forming water obstacles, and as the operations were to commence in early December, it was essential that production proceed as rapidly as possible. The bridge was designed by Lt (A/Capt) Olafsen, Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers, the officer in charge of 3 Light Aid Detachment. K-93436 Armament Quarter Master Sergeant Charles Couch Houghtaling, Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers, worked closely with Capt Olafson from the first steps of design until the last bridge was delivered. He developed the design in a practical manner to produce an excellent assault bridge of comparatively light construction. He assisted by suggesting practical points in its design, in obtaining materials, in organizing the day and night shifts, and personally inspecting each detail of the work, thus eliminating many errors, and seeing that the men were so cared for that the detachment worked at maximum efficiency. By his skill, drive and perseverance, AQMS Houghtaling contributed in a large measure to the speedy production of a light assault bridge which was directly responsible for the successful of the Lamone and Naviglic water obstacles and will no doubt prove of tremendous value in future operations. This “Olafson” bridge is now standard equipment for infantry battalions of the division.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 September 1945, No. 37262, page 4557, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5849, both dated 7 July 1945.

### Captain John Thomas **Kerfoot**, MBE, RCEME

40 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME,  
attached to 18<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (XII Manitoba Dragoons)

**Citation:** During the period that the XII Manitoba Dragoons were engaged in operations against the retreating Germans through France and Belgium, Capt Kerfoot, in his capacity as unit LAD officer, was continually travelling by day and by night around the area of operations by himself, assessing damage done to vehicles and arranging for their recovery and repair. He often went into areas in which our own troops had not been, and many times he was exposed to enemy mortar, shell, small arms fire, and mines. Due to Capt Kerfoot's untiring efforts, working over and above the normal line of duty, at no time during this period was the regiment hampered in its operations through a shortage of armoured cars and scout cars. Capt Kerfoot by his coolness, courage and complete disregard for personal safety under all conditions, and his devotion to duty in arranging for the repair and recovery of the fighting vehicles of the unit contributed in a large degree to the success of the regiment in these operations.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 17 April 1945, No. 37038, page 2064, and Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

### Major Charles William **King**, MBE, RCOC (E)

**Citation:** Major King, who is 40 years of age, joined the Permanent Force in Canada in 1925, and was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals in June 1940. He subsequently transferred to the

Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps in August 1942. He was seconded to 1 Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop when it was organized in Canada in the fall of 1941 and placed in charge of the instrument and telecommunications shops of the unit. He arrived overseas with the unit in March 1942 and since that time has been continuously in charge of what is the most highly technical portion of the workshop. Since that time, the shops under his control have grown from a strength of 90 personnel with an average output of 620 repair jobs per month, to a strength of 160 personnel with an average output of 4,655 jobs per month. Due to this large increase in production, it became necessary to double in size the instrument and telecommunications sections of the workshop, and the shop as it has been enlarged and operating today is regarded as one of the most efficient of its kind in the United Kingdom. Its efficient layout from both a production and engineering standpoint is due largely to Major King's outstanding technical knowledge and ability. In organizing and planning the work of his section, he has been directly responsible for the design of numerous special devices and test equipments, which have contributed, in a large measure to the increase both in quality and quantity of work produced. These developments have included a greatly improved device for giving visual and audible conditions of watch movements, and improved set for testing rotary convertors and a special antenna for calibrating No.19 Wireless Sets. Faced with a serious shortage of suitably trained Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer wireless mechanics in the early part of 1944, Major King on his own initiative prepared a training course of a high standard and personally instructed sufficient wireless mechanics in his off-duty hours to alleviate the shortage. As a result of this foresight, sufficient thoroughly trained mechanics were made available for employment in field units during the critical period prior to "D" Day. Major King commands the respect of all ranks in the base workshop, he is unswerving in his loyalty and devotion to duty and has rendered outstanding meritorious service at all times.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette and CARO/5786, both dated 16 June 1945.

### Major Cecil Gordon **Kirby**, MBE, RCEME

3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop

**Citation:** Major (then Captain) Cecil Gordon Kerby commanded No. 2 Advance Workshop Detachment throughout the Italian campaign, and at all times displayed great ingenuity and ability to improvise with limited resources. During this period, Major Kirby's detachment played a major part in ensuring that the vehicles of the forward fighting elements were always at the highest mechanical efficiency. From the experience gained by Major Kirby during the Italian campaign, the procedure of effecting repairs in the forward area was established as divisional policy. In July 1944, he was promoted to acting-major and placed in command of a workshop. In Northwest Europe, his ability to organize men and their tasks was reflected in the continuous high production figures for his workshop. He gained the admiration of his brother officers and his men by his efficient manner. Under the most difficult conditions, he was able to instill confidence and esprit de corps, which contributed in no small degree to the effectiveness of RCEME services of 1 Canadian Infantry Division in the Italian and Northwest European campaigns.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Captain (A/Major) Gordon Thomas **Kirk**, MBE, RCEME

2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Infantry Troops Workshop

**Citation:** Since assuming the command of 2 Canadian Infantry Troops Workshop three months ago, this officer by his buoyant personality, untiring efforts and devotion to duty, has performed a most remarkable reformation in its organization from the viewpoint of welfare of the personnel, esprit de corps as well as the operational function of the unit. He has carried out this work under particularly difficult circumstance in view of numerous losses of key personnel from within the establishment. The exceptional results

obtained short a time by this officer as commander of this unit far exceeded normal expectations. During this officers service in the Italian campaign, he performed his duties with outstanding ability and success.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945. Recommendation gives name as Gordon Thomas Kirk..

### Captain John Stanley **Kitto**, MBE, RCEME

Headquarters RCEME, 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division

**Citation:** Captain Kitto, whilst Adjutant of Headquarters, Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers, 5 Canadian Armoured Division was, due to regimental staff changes, directed on two occasions during operational periods to perform, in addition to his normal duties, the duties of second-in-command. This heavy additional detail met, in each case, excepted and discharged with great faithfulness in duty, conscientious ability and concerted effort. Instructions issued by the Commander, Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers, were implemented in such a manner as to greatly accelerate the completion of the many tasks of the Division Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers. During the pursuance of his normal duties, he has displayed at all times, tireless energy, a keen sense of responsibility, sound initiative and a sincere disregard for personal inconveniences in furthering the interest of his Corps. By these qualities and personal sacrifices, he has in no small manner faithfully contributed to affecting improvements to the efficiency of the formation Royal Canadian Mechanical Engineers during operational and non-operational periods, not during operations in Holland.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Captain Stephen John **Lea**, MBE, RCEME

1 Canadian Servicing Unit

**Citation:** As Commanding Officer of 1 Canadian Servicing Unit, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, this officer has exhibited greater than average organizing ability. His inexhaustible energy, devotion to duty and initiative have been instrumental in the welding of this newly devised unit into a highly efficient machine which has proven of inestimable value to the First Canadian Army Troops. This unit has provided Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer services for the repair and maintenance of vehicles belonging to hundreds of units within the area who had no normal provision made for this purpose. In directing the original organization of this unit and its subsequent operation in this theatre, this officer has discharged his duty in a manner that cannot be too highly praised. Throughout the Northwest European campaign, this unit has been most heavily committed with sections distributed throughout the entire army troops area, which tended to make the administrative and technical guidance a most difficult task. Nevertheless, by his persistence and efficiency this officer has enabled it to operate at maximum capacity.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Lieutenant Albert Clark **Leonard**, MBE, RCEME

Attached to the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)

**Citation:** Lieutenant Leonard has served as Electrical and Mechanical Engineer officer with "B" squadron, Lord Strathcona's horse, since March 1952, and during the whole of his service with this unit in operations, he has displayed outstanding qualities of personal courage, organizing ability, and technical skill. His personal efforts have contributed largely to enabling the squadron to maintain its full fighting

efficiency in tanks at all times. During the extremely heavy shelling in the fall of 1952, he personally conducted the recovery of damaged tanks from the most forward positions, in a great many cases under enemy fire. These positions were always under enemy observation and recovery from them was extremely hazardous. His cool supervision of the recovery crews and his refusal to allow even the most difficult problem to defeat him were an inspiration to the men under him. In one particular instance, a tank had to be winched up a near perpendicular slope into position within 400 yards of the enemy's forward and localities. This was accomplished despite the fact that the enemy-held positions overlooked this position and the slightest movement drew enemy artillery fire. Again, while recovering a damaged tank from the feature known as Point 159 at night, he and his recovery crew continued to extricate a bogged tank, although by doing it meant working on into the following day, which enabled the enemy to shell the tank in its exposed position and to observe their fire. Mechanical fitness of the tanks has never been better than at present, due to his untiring efforts to ensure that the tank crews would not run the added risk of mechanical failure. He and his repair and recovery men have suggested and developed new modifications, which have increased the fighting efficiency of the tanks. The continued efficiency of the squadron under the most difficult circumstances and conditions has been due in large measure to this officer's energetic performance, his foresight and planning for any contingency, and his high sense of duty at all times.

**Notes:** (ZL3558) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 9 June 1953, Volume 39885, page 3271.

### Major Allister Sutherland **MacRae**, MBE, RCEME

DDME Branch, Administrative Headquarters, First Canadian Army

**Citation:** As the senior officer at DDME Branch, First Canadian Army, responsible for the control of the repair and maintenance of wireless and radar equipment, the duties of Major MacRae have been onerous and exacting. During the entire campaign in Europe, and for that period while he was in Italy, this officer has devoted himself to his task with never flagging energy and enthusiasm. By his own personal efforts, and by the example he has shown his junior officers, he has been directly responsible for ensuring the maintenance of the wireless and radar equipment of First Canadian Army at a high standard of efficiency. Apart from his normal duties, he has traced down many faults and offered many suggestions that have contributed in no small measure to the effecting of valuable improvements for which he is responsible.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 631, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Captain Leonard **Martin**, MBE, RCEME

Headquarters RCEME, 1 Canadian Infantry Division



**Citation:** Captain Leonard Martin, presently Adjutant at Headquarters, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, 1 Canadian Infantry Division, has been entrusted during the past 17 months, with a very important aspect of his particular branch of the service. He was early found to possess a natural capacity for organization and a special ability to administer and inspire men to greater efforts. On 10 March 1945, Captain Martin, as a specially selected officer, was dispatched by air from Italy to Marseille to observe and report on the move of 1 Canadian Infantry Division to Belgium after its disembarkation. It was on his advice that 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop was held back in the staging camp at Marseille for the repair of vehicles. As a result of this appreciation, over 220 non-operational vehicles were made battleworthy between 11 March 1945 and 25 March 1945. Captain Martin's report and action made possible the successful arrival of 1 Canadian Infantry Division and other operation units into the concentration area in Belgium prepared to take part in an operational role, the date of which was unknown at the time. On 27 March 1945, Captain Martin was called upon to perform the duties of the second in

command who was absent on duty. At this time, 1 Canadian Infantry Division had just arrived in the concentration area in Belgium and was soon to be given an operational role. Much of the technical and mechanical equipment held by the division was in need immediate repair as a result of continuous hard wear in Italy. In a thoroughly competent manner, Captain Martin organized the supply and repair of mechanical and technical equipments. In addition he initiated a system whereby all such equipment held by the division were given an immediate inspection by teams made up of trained personnel from the divisional workshops. Finally, he implemented a system whereby the light aid detachments could obtain reinforcements by trade as required directly from the divisional workshops. By this officer's ability and determination to see a job done well and expeditiously, RCEME rendered a service which was in no small part responsible for the division being in a satisfactory state of mechanical efficiency prior to going into operations which led to the successful crossing of the Jessel River on 11 April 1945, and later the capturing of Apeldorn, Holland. Captain Martin has, by his example of willingness and untiring energy, earned the admiration and respect of all with whom he has come in contact and has proven himself to be a most valuable officer.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 9 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4997, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

### Major Harvey Libby King **Mason**, MBE, RCEME

5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** During operations *Veritable* and *Blockbuster* in months February and March 1945, the tactical situation permitted, in the preliminary phases, only one infantry brigade workshop per division being brought forward. 5 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCEME, commanded by Major Mason, was selected to move forward and take up a location in Cleve, Germany. All vehicle, gun, and other equipment casualties from the division were recovered or sent to this forward workshop in the initial phases. Due to bad ground conditions, poor weather and hard fighting, a large amount of equipment became unserviceable. By the outstanding energy and drive of the commanding officer of 5 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, by his example untiring effort and everlasting patience, by his calm courage and devotion to duty, and by his superb direction despite the fact that his workshop was under enemy shell fire to such a degree that two other workshop operations in the immediate vicinity withdrew, he succeeded in repairing and returning to battle during a period of fifteen days from 26 February to 2 March inclusive and 13 March to 22 March 1945 inclusive, 161 vehicles and guns requiring major repairs, in addition to a large number of smaller equipments needing lesser repairs. His actions contributed in no small measure to the success of operations *Veritable* and *Blockbuster*. The above feat climaxes a career of faithful service, outstanding merit, and distinction as officer commanding an infantry brigade workshop of this formation.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 9 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4997, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945. Recommendation with Headquarters, 2 Canadian Infantry Division, 1-16 May 1945; with Headquarters, 2 Canadian Corps, 18-26 May 1945; with Headquarters, First Canadian Army, 27 May to 1 June 1945.

### Major Harold Bruce **McAdam**, MBE, RCOC (E)

1 Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop

**Citation:** This officer arrived in the U.K. in January 1942 with the advance party of No. 1 Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop, which is responsible for all 4<sup>th</sup> Echelon repair and maintenance of mechanical and technical equipments for the Canadian Army Overseas. He was largely responsible for formulating original organization and training plans for this important unit, and worked with outstanding zeal in developing plans for the layout and installation of the machinery. Major McAdam has probably

contributed more than any other officer to the successful organization and functioning of the Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop. He is at present in charge of all workshop operations in the unit other than A and B vehicle repair shop operations and is graded for accelerated promotion on the RCOC Gradation List. He has at all times shown enterprises and resourcefulness far beyond that normally expected of his appointment.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 8 June 1944 and CARO/4568 dated 9 June 1944.

### Major Duncan Robert Baly **McArthur**, MBE, RCOC (E)

DDME Branch, Administrative Headquarters, First Canadian Army

**Citation:** Major Duncan Robert Baly McArthur has been Deputy Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering at Headquarters, First Canadian Army, since August 1945. He possesses an exceeding high degree of both technical and administrative ability. During his term of duty, he was responsible for the large amount of detailed organization work that followed the formation of RCEME Corps within First Canadian Army. Throughout the campaign in Belgium and Holland, this officer has been responsible for the organization necessary to keep the service constantly aware of the lessons of the campaign through the medium of administrative instructions. It was also his responsibility to supervise the technical work of the small arms and anti-aircraft and armament specialists of this branch. The extra work involved due to the mixed composition of the army has not required an increased staff due to this officer's efficient handling of his duties. By his energy and determination, he has been an outstanding example to his junior officers and the entire staff of his branch.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 10 July 1945, No. 37172, page 3590, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5826, both dated 30 June 1945.

### Major Leonard Davidson **McGee**, MBE, RCOC (E)

DADME, Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Armoured Brigade

**Citation:** This officer has invariably rendered service well beyond the average. He reorganized the RRCEME installations of this formation in the fall of 1943 on his own initiative, increasing their overall efficiency at least fifty percent. In December 1943, during severe tank fighting before Ortona, he so organized and controlled recovery and repair that tanks were returned to service in a much shorter time than could have been expected. As a result, regiments were kept well up to strength and enabled to maintain constant pressure on the enemy, which contributed materially in the capture of Ortona. In May 1944, certain special work of operational importance that had to be completed in a very limited time and with inadequate resources was completed due to the organizing ability and untiring energy of this officer. The standard of his work has contributed towards the defeat of the enemy in this theatre.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 30 January 1945, No. 36917, page 677. Gazette places him in the RCOC.

### Major John Robert **McLarnon**, MBE, RCEME

2ic CREME, 1 Commonwealth Division, Korea

**Citation:** Since his appointment as second-in-command to the Commander, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in December 1951, Major McLarnon has devoted his entire effort to furthering the work and services of the several Electrical and Mechanical Engineering contingents within 1 Commonwealth Division. Always happy and willing to accept new responsibility, he has, without thought of self, cheerfully worked long hours and regularly exceeded his normal duties in order to foster and to assist in every possible way the work of all Commonwealth Electrical and Mechanical Engineer formations within the division. The success of this effort and the excellent relationship that now exists

between all ranks, and all contingents, is in no small way the direct result of his hard work and untiring effort. Always he has been a tower of strength; his opinions are sought and respected by all who know him. His shrewd assessment of the many problems associated with his work, his readiness to help, without thought of self or personal inconvenience, have done much to cement our present excellent Commonwealth relationship.

**Notes:** (ZA143) London Gazette dated 11 November 1952, Volume 39693, page 5945.

### **Captain Harold Edgar McLaughlin, MBE, RCEME**

193 Light Aid Detachment, Korea

**Citation:** Captain McLaughlin has carried out his duties as workshop second-in-command in an exceptionally competent and satisfactory manner. Previously he commanded a Light Aid Detachment and held the appointment of Brigade Electrical and Mechanical Engineer in Korea. On these occasions, his work also merited the highest praise. He is a well-trained and highly skilled officer, and has always applied these attributes vigorously in the carrying out of his duties. In dealing with his subordinates, he always led them rather than drive them and was thus able to achieve unusually high production and at the same time maintain morale and goodwill. Captain McLaughlin never spared himself and he cheerfully worked long hours for the good unit. He was adept at anticipating and preventing trouble, thus increasing unit efficiency and contributing substantially to Commonwealth operations in Korea. He was the type of second-in-command that all commanding officers wish for, but seldom find.

**Notes:** (ZB2050) London Gazette dated 11 November 1952, Volume 39693, page 5945.

See Craftsmen p147

### **Major Ivan Murray McLaughlin, MBE, RCEME**

191 Canadian Infantry Workshop, Korea

**Citation:** Major McLaughlin served in Korea as Officer Commanding 191 Canadian Infantry Workshop from April until December 1952, when he was appointed second-in-command to Commander, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, 1 Commonwealth Division. In each of these appointments, he has shown technical and organizing ability of a high order and has contributed in large measure to the efficiency of Electrical and Mechanical Engineer services in the division. His duties as second-in-command encompass not only the general supervision of his own service for the Canadian brigade, but in addition, a far larger volume of work concerned with the operation of the service for other Commonwealth countries are presented in the division. In this capacity, he quickly mastered the intricacies of unfamiliar methods and equipment problems, to such a degree that in a very short time, his assistance and advice were sought by all members of the various Electrical and Mechanical Engineer contingents in the division. Early in his tour, shortage of important materials and major assemblies for the repair of vehicles necessitated a change in the system of supply. The organizing of this control system fell to him, and due to his energy and excellent organizing ability, a smooth working system was evolved in a very short time and thereby the service to the division was improved considerably. The cold weather posed many unfamiliar technical problems that it was his duty to investigate and to seek a solution. These he willingly tackled with efficiency, in addition to his numerous other commitments, and he was always on call with assistance and advice at any hour. The unusual circumstances of this theatre and in this division, threw a far greater load on him than is normal, but he was equal to any task. The smooth running of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineer services in the division, during a period when the services were severely overloaded, was to a large extent due to the sterling work done by this officer and his outstanding efforts are highly deserving of permanent recognition.

**Notes:** (ZD2016) Second supplement to the London Gazette of 9 June 1953, Volume 39885, page 3271.

## Major John Alexander **McTavish**, MBE, RCEME

Headquarters, RCEME, 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division

**Citation:** Major McTavish has served with the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers, 5 Canadian Armoured Division, since 20 July 1944. During this time he has shown outstanding initiative, enthusiasm and interest in his work. He was selected to organize and train an infantry brigade workshop, on the formation of another brigade in the division. This assignment was skilfully carried out in the spite of many supply problems and shortage of equipment. By perseverance and organizing ability, this officer, in a remarkable short period, brought this new unit to such a high standard of efficiency that it was able to assume full role of a brigade workshop when the brigade was committed to action. Major McTavish is an energetic and tireless worker. He faced each problem whether large or small, with the same unbounded enthusiasm, and only when the task is completed in detail to his satisfaction, does he permit himself to relax.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 September 1945, No. 37262, page 4558, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5849, both dated 7 July 1945.

## Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Horace James **Millen**, MBE, RCEME (P35420)

2 Canadian Corps Troops Workshop, RCEME.

**Citation:** This warrant officer has been with the Armament Advanced Workshop Detachment since it was formed in Caen. He has performed his duties in a most outstanding manner, and it has been largely due to his untiring efforts that the AWD has obtained the high degree of efficiency it has shown throughout the campaign to date. He is, without doubt, the most outstanding soldier in the unit, and by his exceptional technical and administrative ability he has contributed considerably to the maintenance of 2 Canadian AGRA at or near full gun strength and effectiveness.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 10 July 1945, No. 37172, page 3590, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5826, both dated 30 June 1945. The recommendation for the award of a BEM is signed by Lt-General GG Simmonds and General HDG Crerar and dated 9 February 1945 in DHH records. The award of the MBE is confirmed above, so it must have been changed at some point.

## Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) David Stephen **Milne**, MBE, RCOC (E)

Sinking of the MV *Davis*

**Citation:** On the occasion of the sinking, by torpedo of the M.V. *Devis* on 5 July 1943, this WO, at the risk of his own life, remained aboard the ship until the last man had been removed. With coolness and efficiency he assisted in clearing the ship. When the torpedo struck amidships, the cargo in the hold, which included ammunition, caught fire. Despite the exploding ammunition, he methodically assisted in the clearance of life rafts and ensured that the passengers were taking to the water.

Three men became panic-stricken and, although the ship was by this time sinking rapidly they threw themselves on the deck, grasping the stanchions and screaming that they could not swim and would not leave. Armament Quartermaster Sergeant Milne managed to disengage the grip of one man and forced him into the water. At the risk of his own life, despite the fact that the stern had by this time sunk to the point that waves were washing over the deck and the fire in the hold increased in intensity, he remained to struggle with these men along with the OC Troop Operations of the ship, and after an appreciable time had elapsed disengaged the grip of one man and threw him overboard. He then found that the first had managed to climb aboard over the side which was at water level and although twenty minutes had now elapsed since the torpedoing, he resumed his efforts to save the two men. After another prolonged

struggle, he was successful and the men were forced into the water where they picked up by rafts. It is certain that his cool action saved lives of all three. It was only now that he was persuaded to enter the water himself and permit a float to pick him up. Within three minutes or less, the ship sank. He showed a constant devotion to duty in organizing the ship's routine prior to the sinking and he was timeless in his efforts to make the other men comfortable after they had been rescued. He with many other were finally taken on board a destroyer where on his initiative he at once proceeded to organize the stowage of the men and their arrangement for refitting in dry clothes before considering his own personal comfort.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette No. 10 volume 78 dated 4 March 1944

### Capt (A/Major) Harry George Filmer **Morgan**, MBE, RCOC (E)

1 Canadian Infantry Troops Workshop



**Citation:** Capt (A/Major) Harry George Filmer Morgan was appointed Armt Sergeant major of 2 Army Field Workshop in December 1939 and proceeded overseas with the unit in January 1940. He rendered very great assistance to the commanding officer in selecting, and training of tradesmen personnel. Later, he assisted in starting up this workshop in the field as an operating unit. He was commissioned as lieutenant and assistant ordnance mechanical engineer in October 1940 and promoted to captain in March 1941. In the summer of 1941, he assisted in the reorganization of No. 2 AFW to form 1 Canadian Division Ordnance Workshop, and 9 Canadian Non-Divisional Ordnance Workshop. He was transferred to First Canadian Army Ordnance Workshop in August 1941 and organized the armament shop of that unit, which he directed until appointed to command 1 Canadian Infantry Troops Workshop in the latest reorganization. Capt Morgan has worked most faithfully and has carried a heavy load of responsibility at all times.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 5 June 1943; confirmed by CARO/3580 dated 2 September 1943.

### Captain William Andrew **Nelson**, MBE, RCEME

Headquarters, RCA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Infantry Division

**Citation:** Capt Nelson has been RCEME at HQ RCA 2 Canadian Infantry Division throughout operations in this theatre, and as has been responsible for the maintenance of the guns and mechanical and technical equipment of the Divisional Artillery. He has been invaluable also as technical liaison officer. In particular, Capt Nelson acted a technical advisor on the several occasions when captured guns and rocket projectors, manned by Canadians, were turned against the enemy. He has displayed outstanding interest and initiative in the anticipation and execution of modifications to artillery equipments and in provision for future needs. This officer has shown a high standard of ability and industry throughout, to which the continuing excellent condition of the guns and artillery equipment of the division, is in no small part due.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 17 April 1945, No. 37038, page 2064, and Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

### Lieutenant (A/Captain) Leonard Matheson **Norris**, MBE, RCOC (E)

**Citation:** During the early months of 1943 it was decided to publish a technical magazine for the purpose of stimulating interest in and raising the standard of user maintenance throughout the Canadian Army, both Active and Reserve. This was made a responsibility of the Directorate of Mechanical Maintenance whose task it then became to organize a special publication section for this purpose. In view of his civilian experience, as a writer and illustrator in the publishing business, this officer was specially selected to undertake this onerous task, notwithstanding the fact that his original appointment was as a technical officer appointed for the specific purpose of dealing with motorcycle maintenance and repair, a

knowledge and skill which he procured through his hobby of motorcycle racing. This appointment was accompanied by disappointment, as his main reason in joining the Active Force was thwarted when the value of his services as the publisher and editor of the popular and constructive army magazine *Cam* necessitated his retention in Canada. The work entailed before publishing the first issue of *Cam* in October of 1943 was a combination of organization and creation for it was required to assemble the necessary talented writers and skilled artists in addition to accommodation, facilities and equipment and also to formulate the policy of the publication in all of its ramifications. Without benefit of direction and entirely on his own initiative these problems were met and mastered with the result that the unique style of magazine *Cam* had received wide acclaim as both a morale builder and constructive aid to raising the standard of user maintenance of army equipment in Canada and abroad. The circulation of this magazine reached 11,000 copies and enjoyed requested distribution of 1,000 copies to India and varying numbers of copies to the British, Australian and United States armies.

**Notes:** Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 136, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

### Lieutenant (A/Captain) Ellaf Arni **Olafson**, MBE, RCEME

3 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters

**Citation:** When it became known that 1 Canadian Infantry Division would be operating in the country South West of Ravenha, it was felt to be essential to produce some form of light assault bridging for the crossing of the numerous water obstacles in that region. Lieutenant (Acting Captain) Ellaf Arni Olafson, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the Light Aid Detachment Officer at 3 Canadian Infantry Brigade, was consulted, and immediately undertook this task. It was then the middle of November, and action was to commence in early December. Captain Olafson originally had only the resources of his light aid detachment and very limited scrap materials with which to experiment and construct the original sections. He first produced a design for a bridge consisting of 15-foot sections weighing less than 200 pounds each. The sections could be joined to provide a 60-foot span for a foot bridge, or a 45-foot span over which 6-pounder anti-tank guns would be man-handled. By furious work, he had three sections ready for trial within four days. So successful were those tests that one complete bridge of six sections was ordered for each infantry battalion of the division, to be delivered as soon as possible. Captain Olafson immediately tabulated a list of materials required and had a set of drawings made to put this job on a production basis. He then organized a detachment of 45 all ranks, representing 15 different units, and including welding and other equipment from three different services of the division. He next made jigs and set up a production line to manufacture this bridge on a 24-hour per day basis. He had also to undertake and supervise the tremendous administrative problems involved. So great was his drive and organizing ability that after three days his shop was producing at the rate of one completed bridge with accessories every day and a half. No difficulty seemed too great for him to overcome. On one occasion, transport did not arrive on time to pick up a completed bridge. Captain Olafson obtained a vehicle from a nearby unit and personally delivered the bridge to the brigade, which was going into action that night. On another occasion, delivery of piping was delayed owing to a washout on the railway, so he immediately changed his production to making all the accessories for the nine bridges. When the piping arrived, he was accordingly able to produce one bridge per day. Due to Captain Olafson's ingenuity, skill and initiative, an assault bridge was designed and produced in time to be used when the action continued, and in sufficient quantities to be available for all the water obstacles in the recent advances to the River. This bridge was vital factor in the successful assault over the river. As a result of its contribution to the success of these operations, the "Olafson Bridge" has now been adopted as standard equipment for the infantry battalions of 1 Canadian Infantry Division.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 September 1945, No. 37262, page 4558, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5849, both dated 7 July 1945. Note: See also MBE award to WO2 C.C. Houghtaling.

## Major Gilbert Walter **Painter**, MBE, RCEME

**Citation:** During the campaign in France and more particularly during the months of November, December and January in Belgium and Holland, Major Painter has done exceptionally good work. Entirely through his own unrelenting efforts, and by displaying initiative and drive of an unusual nature, he has succeeded in making his unit, an Army Troops Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, one of the outstanding workshops in First Canadian Army. The production of this unit has been far beyond what is normally expected of a workshop of this type, and this officer has undoubtedly been personally responsible for getting back into service much valuable equipment, and many vehicles, which would otherwise have been unavailable to the army at a time when they were most urgently needed.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 10 July 1945, No. 37172, page 3590, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5826, both dated 30 June 1945.

## Major Ernest Gilmore **Pallister**, MBE, RCEME

**Citation:** During the period that Headquarters 2 Canadian Armoured Brigade was being equipped for the assault on France, this officer worked unceasingly in his endeavour to ensure that all equipments were in the most efficient possible condition. The work entailed included a large number of tank modifications and it was only because of his efforts that the brigade was launched into battle in such excellent battleworthy condition. He accomplished this in a very short space of time and was working under considerable difficulties, which required among other things the manufacture of many essential articles. Since landing on D plus 1 he has organized the repair and recovery within the brigade which has produced the most satisfactory results. It was due to his efforts that such a large number of tanks have been recovered and thus able to be again put into battle. In order to perform this work he has time and again ventured into No Man's Land and has many times been exposed to enemy fire. His devotion to duty and resourcefulness have been a large contribution to maintaining the brigade at its maximum possible operational capacity.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 30 January 1945, No. 36917, page 676, and Canada Gazette dated 23 December 1944 and CARO/5235 dated 3 January 1945.

## Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Harry Davidson **Portingale**, MBE, RCEME

2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Infantry Troops Workshop

**Citation:** Armament Quartermaster Sergeant Portingale was in charge of the vehicle repair section of an infantry troops workshop throughout the Northwest European campaign. During this time he has displayed powers of leadership of an exceptional degree. His drive and initiative, combined with an ability to instill confidence in the men under his command, have resulted his particular section being singled out on several occasions for the excellence of the work it has carried out. The unflagging zeal of this warrant officer has undoubtedly been a large factor in obtaining for his unit a name for competency of craftsmanship and general all round efficiency which has been bettered by no other workshop in the Corps.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 632, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Major Thomas Stanley Gordon **Quance**, MBE, RCOC (E)

Headquarters, First Canadian Army

**Citation:** This officer arrived overseas in 1940 and has shown exemplary devotion to duty at all times. In particular he has carried a very heavy load at this Headquarters since his appointment here. The proper DDME staff including CRRCEME Army Troops, was only authorized a very short time ago and the work has had to be done for months by a handful of officers. In the absence of any ADME for a large portion of the time, the principal burden of responsibility was carried by Major Quance, and it is recommended that his services in this connection should be recognized.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 31 December 1943, No. 36310, page 51.

### Major John Dewitte **Relyea**, MBE, RCOC (E)

DDOS (E) Canadian Military Headquarters

**Citation:** Major Relyea arrived in the United Kingdom with 5<sup>th</sup> Divisional Section Armoured Corps Ordnance Workshop on 18 November 1941 and was immediately posted to CMHQ for employment under DDOS (e) in the Workshop Sub-Section of Ordnance Services Sub-Branch. He has made an outstanding contribution to the planning and organization of 1 Canadian Base Ordnance Workshop and has displayed unusual skill and ability in the design and development of special ordnance field equipment.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Extra Issue No. 31, Volume 78, dated 2 June 1943

### Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Harold **Sloan**, MBE, RCEME

4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Troops Workshop

**Citation:** Armt SM Sloan is the senior warrant officer of an armoured troops workshop, and as such, his duties are onerous and exacting. So well has he performed these duties, and so cheerfully and willingly has he accepted additional responsibility, that he has been asked to do much more than is normally expected of a senior NCO. Throughout the campaign in Europe he has been responsible for the administration of the trade testing of RCEME personnel in the formation to which his unit belongs. In addition, during the greater part of February, March and April, it became necessary to give him command of the "B" Vehicle section of the workshop – an appointment normally filled by an officer – and so well did he direct his section that the production of repaired "B" vehicles reached record figures for the unit during this period. The conduct and efficiency of this NCO have been an example and inspiration to all ranks of his unit.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4997, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

### Captain Max Kenneth **Strang**, MBE, RCEME

Headquarters, RCEME, 2 Canadian Corps

**Citation:** This officer has been employed at RCEME Telecommunications at HQ 2 Canadian Corps since the commencement of operations in Northwest Europe. During the period immediately following the arrival of 2 Canadian Corps in this theatre, he displayed great initiative and organizational ability, ensuring that the repair facilities for telecommunications equipments were adequate. By his industriousness, constant vigilance, keen foresight and long hours of labour, he made certain that no formation or unit lacked proper attention or was deprived of adequate repair facilities. From November 1944 until the cessation of hostilities, he undertook the extra duties of EME, DDME Branch, understudying the DADME and often acting in that capacity. These additional obligations were a heavy strain upon his time and necessitated long hours of intense work. He met all demands made upon him cheerfully and willingly carried out any task allotted to him. By his aggressiveness, high sense of responsibility and efficiency, he has earned the respect and admiration of all ranks.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 632, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Captain Francis George **Twist**, MBE, RCEME

11 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop

**Citation:** Captain Twist has been in charge of the vehicle section of 11 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop and has at all times conducted his work with enterprise and thoroughness. During the operations of 11 Canadian Infantry Brigade group on the Adriatic sector, Captain Twist was responsible for the repair, and bringing up to a high standard of fighting fitness, the vehicles of this group, a notable achievement in itself. He has commanded 11 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop Advance Workshop Detachment during operations of the division from the Gothic Line until the cessation of hostilities in Holland, and has given, through his personal enthusiasm for his job, the highest of service to all units dependent on him, especially at times when replacement vehicles were scarce. Captain Twist has shown that he is capable, determined and energetic, and has discharged his duties in an exemplary manner.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 632, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) John **Vanderheiden**, MBE, RCEME

2 Canadian Advanced Base Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** This Warrant Officer has at all times during the campaign in Northwest Europe has proven himself to be a leader of men under his command. During periods of difficulty, he has inspired junior ranks to give of their best. He has never shirked in his responsibility, and he has been outstanding in overcoming difficulties. Cooperation with, and consideration of all with whom he comes in contact, combined with sound technical abilities, make him an outstanding member of his corps.

**Notes:** (A29231) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 632, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) William Raymond **Varcoe**, MBE, RCEME

3 AFV Servicing Unit, RCEME

**Citation:** This Warrant Officer of No.3 Armoured Fighting Vehicle Servicing Unit has been a constant example and inspiration to his men throughout the entire campaign in Northwest Europe. He has been untiring in his efforts to improve the operating efficiency of the workshop of which he is Sgt Major. He has been at all times a considerate overseer of those employed under him, a careful instructor of the lesser experienced, and a steadying influence to all his subordinates. He is held in great respect by all officers and men; his genuine interest in all the problems of his men and the persistent and aggressive manner in which he has always worked for the welfare of the unit have been a marked contribution to the maintenance of a high state of morale and efficiency.

**Notes:** (M28066) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 632, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Captain Sidney Johnstone **Wallace**, MBE, RCEME

2 Canadian Corps Troops Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** During the period of 17 July to 27 October this officer was in command of No. 1 AWD [Advance Workshop Detachment] of 2 Canadian Corps Troops Workshop, RCEME, servicing artillery equipments of 1 Canadian AGRA [Artillery Group, Royal Artillery]. While stationed in Caen, as a result

of bombing and shelling by the enemy, the AWD suffered casualties to personnel and vehicles; one technician lorry and one GS [general service] lorry were destroyed. In spite of this handicap, by his initiative and drive, Capt Wallace kept his unit working at maximum efficiency with result that the guns of 2 Canadian AGRA were available at full strength for the next phase of the operation. During the sieges of Boulogne and Calais, the detachment, under this officer's able direction, worked tirelessly to repair and maintain the guns in serviceable condition. The CCRA and brigadier highly commended the work performed by this officer and his detachment. Capt Wallace by his own example of cheerfulness, determination, and devotion to duty has sustained the morale of his detachment at which standard, thereby ensuring that the quality and quantity of its work was maintained irrespective of condition.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 17 April 1945, No. 37038, page 2064, and Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

### Captain Leslie **Wardman**, MBE, RCEME

1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Captain Wardman has been with 1 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop from 6 June 1944 in Italy to "VE" Day in Holland. During this period he was officer in charge of AWDs. In January 1945 Captain Wardman successfully supervised the withdrawal of the tanks of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> CARs from their positions deep in the Appenines. This involved the design and production within three days of special grousers and instructing the units in their use. This move was of the highest operational importance. From 14 April to 5 May 1945 Capt Wardman was officer in charge No. 2 AWD, supporting the 12 CAR. From Emmerich across the Ijssel, through Apeldoorn to the outskirts of Amersfoort, Captain Wardman by his skill and leadership in the repair and recovery of 12 CAR tanks, contributed largely to the success of this operation.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 632, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Major George Alfred **Wiggan**, MBE, RCEME

2 Canadian Corps (Tank?) Troops Workshop

**Citation:** During the period from 2 August 1944 to 6 August 1944 at Aunay, France, this officer was in command of a special workshop detachment made up from fourteen Canadian and British units for the purpose of overhauling and converting into Armoured Personnel Carriers "Kangaroos", 78 M7 self propelled armoured vehicles. His enthusiasm, initiative and driving force contributed vary materially to completing in three and one half days what appeared to be an impossible task in the time available. On occasion subsequent to the above he has demonstrated resourcefulness that has increased tank production in his shop beyond what was considered possible.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 17 April 1945, No. 37038, page 2064, and Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

### Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) (A/ Armament Sergeant Major (WO1)) Eric Albert **Wood**, MBE, RCEME

Armament Workshop, Signal Hill, Esquimalt, British Columbia

**Citation:** Sergeant Major Wood enlisted in Canada in September 1939. He has been Warrant Officer Class I, in charge of the Armament Workshop, Signal Hill, Esquimalt, British Columbia since 1941. This includes armament, electrical, carpenter, blacksmith, machine, tinsmith, paint and diesel shops. Frequently this workshop is required and modification to equipment, including preparations for the installation of new and modified coast defence guns and mountings. This often necessitated continuous

24-hour duty involving several of the departments of the workshop. An example was in connection with the construction of special range gear to adapt the United States pattern of eight-inch railway guns to the British method of ranging. His skill in the manufacture of special gearing in this instance was outstanding. More recently, a specially arduous job was taken in hand at Esquimalt Workshops in production of equipment for No.1 Special Wireless Group. All of the work required in setting up wireless and listening equipment in the vehicles for this unit was supervised by this Warrant Officer. Much of this equipment had never been produced before and the actual designs and production of pilot models is due to his efforts. He is loyal and conscientious and is untiring in his efforts to improve the morale of the men in the workshops by encouragement and supervision of their training. In all his work he has rendered most meritorious service under very trying conditions.

**Notes:** (K90003) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 138, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) William Thomas Clifford Woods,  
MBE, RCOC (E)**

**Citation:** Armourer Quartermaster Sergeant Woods in charge of the small arms section of 1 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop during the Italian campaign was responsible for the efficient repair and maintenance of all such weapons in the Brigade. His efficient, exceptional talent and skill in this most responsible position has been reflected time and again in the reliable performance of these weapons in operations against the enemy. His dependability, craftsmanship, and conscientious manner in which he performed his duty proved to be a constant asset to the formation. As a leader of men, he won the respect and wholehearted co-operation of those who served under him. At all times he maintained the highest of standards and his services on many occasions were far in excess of the normal limits of duty.

**Notes:** (A99447) Canada Gazette dated 12 August 1944 and CARO/4799 of that date, “for distinguished services in Italy”.

# The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (OStJ)



This Honour is administered by the Order of St. John. It is awarded to Canadians who have performed or are prepared to perform good services for the Order, mainly through its two foundations, the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem and the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade, may be admitted to the Order. There are five main levels to the Order and usually a person is admitted at the lowest grade and is later promoted through the grades after some standard period of time. The grades are Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross, Knight or Dame of Justice or of Grace, Commander, Officer, and Serving Member (formerly known as Serving Brother or Sister).

## OStJ Awards

The following RCEME members have been awarded The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

### Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Richard H **Felstead**, OStJ, CD

**Notes:** Promoted to Commander of the Order of St. John effective 21 December 2005. Published in the Canada Gazette, Vol 140, No. 17, dated 29 April 2006.

Master Warrant Officer Michael **Hayes**, OStJ, CD

**Notes:** Promoted to Commander of the Order of St. John in 2003. He received Serving Brother in 1987 and Officer in 1994. At the time of his promotion to Commander and Deputy Provincial Commissioner within St John Ambulance. Published in the Canada Gazette Vol 137, No. 21, dated 24 May 2003.

### Officer

Colonel Andrew **Nellestyn**, OStJ, CD

**Notes:** No details – confirmed by email.

## Military Cross (MC)



The Military Cross was established on 28 December 1915. The Military Cross can be awarded to commissioned officers of the substantive rank of Captain or below (therefore acting and temporary Majors are eligible) or Warrant Officers for distinguished and meritorious services in battle. In 1920, the terms were altered to clearly state the award was for gallant and distinguished services in action and that naval and air force officers could be awarded the cross for gallant and distinguished services on the ground. A total of 3,727 military crosses have been awarded to Canadians, with 324 first bars and 18 second bars.

### MC Summary

The following RCEME members have been awarded the Military Cross

#### First World War

Captain Horace Durling, MC

Lieutenant Colonel A G Edward, MC, DFC (RFC, later RCOC(E))

Armament Sergeant Major (later T/Major) Harry Robert Northover, OBE, MC

#### Second World War

Captain John Campbell Armstrong, MC

Captain Hugh Anthony Gault Kingsmill, MC

Captain Proctor Clifford Neil, MC

Captain George Lloyd Patton, MC

Captain Lloyd George Rupert, MC

Captain John Graham Wilkin, MC

## MC Awards

The following Rceme members have been awarded the Military Cross.

### Captain John Campbell **Armstrong**, MC, RCOC (E)

No. 60 Light Aid Detachment, RCOC attached to 12 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Three Rivers Regiment)



**Citation:** On 23 December 1943, when six tanks of 12 Canadian Armoured Regiment bogged down into heavy mud south of Ortona during the battle for this key position, it became operationally essential that these tanks become extricated to rejoin their squadron for the combined tank-infantry assault on the town the following morning. Realizing the vital necessity of having these tanks ready to move by the next day, Capt. Armstrong, the LAD officer, under continual shellfire and sniping, without regard for his own safety, personally directed the recovery of all the bogged tanks with dogged determination, skill, and a high degree of bravery. As a result of his gallant efforts, all six tanks were freed from the mud enabling them to rejoin their squadron during the night and to play a vital part in the subsequent capture of Ortona.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 18 April, 1944, No. 36477, page 1815. His sergeant, Frank James Fontaine was awarded the MM in the same action. Postwar, he was President of the Serviceman's Automobile Club. RCEME Technical Bulletin, October 1962.

### Captain Horace **Durling**, MC, COC

**Citation:** For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked with great presence of mind and determination in removing the petrol and workshop store lorry to a place of safety when they were in danger of catching fire from the burning store tent and ammunition dump that were set alight by bombs from enemy aircraft. He was in full view from the glare of the conflagration, and was bombed by the enemy aeroplanes the whole time, as well as being in great danger from bursting shells of the ammunition dump. Through his efforts, valuable property was rescued, and it was possible to carry on repairs to guns the next morning. He set a splendid example.

**Notes:** Awarded 7 November 1918. Fifth Supplement to the London Gazette of 5 November 1918, No. 30997, page 13174. Canada Gazette, 21 December 1918, p2032.

### (Later) Lieutenant Colonel A G **Edward**, MC, DFC



**Citation:** not found.

**Notes:** From RCEME Quarterly, July 1951. Lt-Col Edward served from 1917 to 1919 in the Royal Flying Corps, where he was awarded the MC and DFC. He graduated from McGill University in 1924 in Civil Engineering. In World War II, he joined 4 Army Field Workshop, RCOC, later transferring to RCEME in May 1944, serving in the UK and NWE. Post war, he commanded 27 Medium Workshop, RCEME (RF) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Technical Regiment, RCEME.

## Captain Hugh Anthony Gault **Kingsmill**, MC, RCOC (E)

No. 61 Light Aid Detachment, RCOC, attached to 14 Canadian Armoured Regiment (The Calgary Regiment)



**Citation:** From an original idea that a Bailey Bridge could be launched across a river from the backs of tanks, Captain Kingsmill was instrumental in the development and construction of such a bridge used during the 12 May 1944 attack across the Gari River on the Gustav Line (Map ref 863145). As a result of many rehearsals and careful preparation, the bridge framework was assembled in daylight under heavy enemy concentrations. Then, at one, under direct observation and subject to intense mortar and machine gun fire Captain Kingsmill, with no thought for his own safety, coolly walked backwards over open ground a distance of 500 yards in front of the tank-borne bridge. He directed it successfully into place at the first attempt. Wounded by an exploding shell, he dauntlessly remained at the river crossing during the final securing of the span. When an enemy counterattack developed from the opposite side of the river in an effort to dislodge the bridge, he climbed inside one of the two supporting tanks, methodically proceeding to machine gun the German fire positions. Determined to stem the attack he called for and received artillery support. Not until the counterattack was beaten off and the bridge was firmly in place did Captain Kingsmill consider leaving to have his wounds attended. His courage and determination were at all times beyond praise. His most gallant action contributed directly in the smashing of the Gustav Line.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 3 October, 1944, No. 36730, page 4572, and Canada Gazette dated 23 September 1944 and CARO/4986 dated 14 October 1944. Recommended for immediate award by Lieutenant Colonel C.H. Nroutsos, Commanding Officer, 14 Canadian Armoured Regiment; document at Headquarters, 1 Canadian Armoured Brigade, dates not specified (supported by Brigadier W.C. Murphy); with Headquarters, 8 Indian Division, 25 May to 1 June 1944 (supported by Major-General D. Russell); at Headquarters, 13 Corps, 2-19 June 1944 (supported by Lieutenant-General S.C. Kirkham); at Headquarters, Eighth Army, 24-28 June 1944 (supported by Lieutenant-General O.W.H. Leese); at Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, 1 July 1944 (approved by General H.R. Alexander). Awarded "in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy". Graduate Engineer. Postwar, he was manager of the district sales offices in Canada of the Aluminum Company of Canada. RCEME Technical Bulletin, January 1962.

## Captain Proctor Clifford **Neill**, MC, RCEME

No. 54 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME attached to 6 Canadian Armoured Regiment (1<sup>st</sup> Hussars)

**Citation:** On 26 February 1945, at the beginning of operation *Blockbuster*, the 6 Canadian Armoured Regiment (1H) had one squadron in support of 5 Canadian Infantry Brigade of 2 Canadian Infantry Division and 2 squadrons in support of 8 Canadian Infantry Brigade of 3 Canadian Infantry Division. The fighting on the 8 Canadian Infantry Brigade front was particularly heavy and during the course of the day some 22 tanks were lost through enemy action, mines and bogged down. Realizing the seriousness of the situation early in the day Captain P.C. Neil, 54 LAD att to 6 Canadian Armd Regiment (1H) , took his recovery tanks forward behind the two squadrons and acting entirely on his own initiative began recovery work on the bogged down and mined tanks in an area subjected to heavy enemy artillery, machine gun and sniper fire. This work was done without covering fire or the assistance of mine detectors in a heavily minded area. In the late afternoon "A" Squadron who had been in support of 5 Canadian Infantry Brigade were released, having accomplished their task in the CALCAR area, MR E9948, and were ordered to rejoin the regiment to support 9 Canadian Infantry Brigade in their attack on UDEM. The \squadron at this time had lost only three tracks on mines but on the move to the regimental area lost eight bogged down. The considerable distance between the two areas necessitated the splitting of the recovery section and recovery of "A" Squadron was under command of the Regiment Tech Adj. Unfortunately, this officer was killed during his work by the explosion of a mine. Captain P.C. Neil immediately took over

both tasks and complete contempt for danger, set an example which was immediately responded to by his crews and by noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> all recoverable tanks which were still battle worthy were back with the regiment. The 6 Canadian Armored Regiment (1H) was committed to Phase II of the operation on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> March and from this point on, due to the enemy's indiscriminate use of both anti-tank and schu mines and treacherous going, recovery became the most important feature of maintaining tank support for the infantry. The situation seemed hopeless at times and at last light of 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the regimental strength was some 23 effective tanks. From these one squadron was to be kept in reserve to support the 7 Canadian Infantry Brigade attack on Sonsbeek. The remaining tanks were to support 9 Canadian Infantry Brigade who were passed through 8 Canadian Infantry Brigade. The recovery section had worked from first light to dark on the day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and at 2200 hrs Captain Neil was ordered to make every effort to continue recovery at all costs. Despite exhausted condition of his men this work was continued until 1800hrs 4 March. From this point on squadron strengths were maintained at from 8-10 tanks. From the 26 Feb 45 to 4 March Captain Neil and his crew recovered fifty-one tanks. This was an outstanding record as this was not recovery in the ordinary sense but recovery across a boggy, mined battlefield, where the battle was still raging and which was at all times subjected to extremely heavy artillery, machine gun and mortar fire. There is no doubt that his courage and contempt for danger, his will power and personality set such a high example to his crews that by their efforts all squadrons were kept at the highest possible strength. Due to this Regiment was able to give the maximum support when called upon and maintain the momentum of the attack and bring the clearing of the west bank of the Rhine to successful conclusion.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 29 May, 1945, No. 37101, page 2744, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5677, both dated 12 May 1945. Recommended for immediate award on 10 March 1945; document with Headquarters, 2 Canadian Armoured Brigade, 13-22 March 1945; passed directly to Headquarters, 2 Canadian Corps which held it 22-27 March 1945. Graduate Engineer. Postwar, he was Senior Industrial Engineer in the Welland Plant of Cyanamid of Canada, Limited. RCEME Technical Bulletin, July 1962.

### Armourer Sergeant Major (later T/Major) Harry Robert **Northover**, OBE, MC, COC

See details in the entry for his OBE.

### Captain George Lloyd **Patton**, MC, RCOC (E)

No. 59 Light Aid Detachment, RCOC, attached to 11 Canadian Armoured Regiment (the Ontario Regiment)



**Citation:** On 12 May 44 when the tanks of the 11 Canadian Armored Regiment crossed the GARI River South of S. Angelo (MR 862153) many tanks became bogged in the soft river flat, Captain Patton, the regimental LAD officer, proceeded to the crossing with his recovery tank, and working under heavy mortar fire, machine gun and rifle fire succeeded in recovering twenty-three of the bogged tanks while in full view of the enemy. His coolness and determination under while directing recovery operations from outside the tanks was an inspiration to his recovery crews and spurred them on to greater efforts. His success in recovering twenty-three tanks was a vital factor in the support given the Infantry during the crossing and the subsequent securing of a firmly held bridgehead.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 3 October, 1944, No. 36730, page 4572, and Canada Gazette dated 23 September 1944 and CARO/4986 dated 14 October 1944. Recommended for immediate award by Lieutenant Colonel R.L. Purves, Commanding Officer, 11 Canadian Armoured Regiment; document at Headquarters, 1 Canadian Armoured Brigade, 22-25 May 1944 (supported by Brigadier W.C. Murphy); with Headquarters, 8 Indian Division, 17-28 May 1944 (supported by Major-

General D. Russell); at Headquarters, 13 Corps, 30 May to 19 June 1944 (supported by Lieutenant-General S.C. Kirkham); at Headquarters, Eighth Army, 24-28 June 1944 (supported by Lieutenant-General O.W.H. Leese); at Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, 1 July 1944 (approved by General H.R. Alexander). Awarded "in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy". Graduate Engineer. Postwar, he was a partner in Patton and Cooke, Ltd., in Vancouver. RCEME Technical Bulletin, July 1962.

### Captain Lloyd George **Rupert**, MC, RCEME

No. 84 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 22 Canadian Armoured Regiment (The Canadian Grenadier Guards)



**Citation:** Captain Rupert landed in Normandy with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment on 27 July 1944, and has given outstanding service to date. He has on several occasions, through his ceaseless untiring efforts and with boldness in the face of enemy fire, recovered many vehicles, both tanks and wheeled vehicles, which, had the regiment been forced to operate without, it would have been greatly handicapped. In the operation at Hill 195 in France, one mile south of St Helaire, on 9 August 1944, the regiment had suffered several tank casualties and, when ordered to pull out, there were three tanks still serviceable if recovery could be brought forward. The hill was still under enemy mortar and shell fire with 88-mm guns covering the area. Captain Rupert personally reconnoitred a way in, and directed his recovery equipment to the tanks concerned. He supervised the complete operation and the tanks were successfully recovered. Again, in Belgium at Wouwsche Plantage near Steenberg in October 1944, Captain Rupert was again called on to effect recovery of several tanks that were temporarily out of action due to mines. The woods north of the railway track contained machine gun positions and mortars. Captain Rupert, without considering his own safety, personally directed and supervised the successful recovery of these tanks. Again, in Germany near Wennenthal, the regiment suffered tank casualties due to panzerfaust fire. Two tanks were recoverable, but the area was still under heavy enemy shellfire and intense small arms fire. Captain Rupert, without thought of his own welfare, personally supervised, directed, and successfully effected recovery of the tanks. The service which 84 Light Aid Detachment has given this regiment has been of the highest and most satisfactory standards in all phases of its work. The Light Aid Detachment's excellent record, due to the leadership and executive ability of Captain Rupert in effecting repairs, recovering equipment, making modifications, improving equipment, and maintaining guns, has kept this regiment in a state of fighting efficiency by virtue of its being able to maintain in the field a maximum number of fighting vehicles for all operations.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 22 January 1946, No. 37442, page 647, and Canada Gazette dated 10 November 1945 and CARO/6193 dated 12 November 1945. Captain Rupert was awarded the Military Cross on 10 April 1945. Graduate Engineer. Postwar, he was President and General Manager of the Brackman-Kor Milling Company Ltd., New Westminster, BC. RCEME Technical Bulletin, April 1962.

### Captain John Graham **Wilkin**, MC, P Eng, RCEME

No. 53 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Armoured Regiment (Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians))



**Citation:** On 20 December 1944, two recovery tanks of 53 Light Aid Detachment, attached to 2 Canadian Armoured Regiment, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) were detailed to provide recovery resources at the Fosso Munio crossing. An assault bridge was to be launched and the recovery tanks were to be the first across. The bridge was launched, but before taking the tanks across, Captain Wilkins, commander of 53 Light Aid Detachment, went forward on foot and examined the bridge and found that it had been

launched at such an angle that it was impossible for tanks to use it. He immediately informed the engineers who completed a fill with an armoured bulldozer. Throughout the bridging and filling operations, the crossing was subjected to an extremely heavy concentration of enemy shell, mortar, and machine gun fire to such an extent that two M-10 self-propelled guns, one D-6 bulldozer and one tank were destroyed within a radius of two hundred yards of the bridge site. Owing to the heavy concentration of the fire that was brought to bear on the crossing and beyond, it was decided to put fighting tanks across first to assist the Perth Regiment. A troop of tanks was ordered to cross. The first two succeeded, but the third tank bogged down in the fill, completely blocking the route and preventing any further crossings. Captain Wilkins, taking stock of the situation, realized the derelict tank could not be moved by his recovery tanks and arranged for the use of a nearby armoured bulldozer. He then dismounted from his recovery tank in company with two of his men and went forward on foot under the extremely heavy fire carrying the recovery cables, secured them to the stranded tank and returned to the armoured bulldozer and directed the winching of the derelict vehicle clear of the crossing. In the face of the intense enemy shell and mortar fire for some thirty minutes, Captain Wilkins acted with gallantry and without thought for his own safety, and by his efforts was directly responsible for clearing the crossing and ensuring the passage of the supporting arms, which were essential for the holding of the Perth Regiment bridgehead.

**Notes:** Captain Wilkins was awarded an Immediate Military Cross on 5 January 1945. Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 22 May 1945, No. 37091, page 2650, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5376, both dated 17 February 1945. Recommended for immediate award; document with Headquarters, 5 Canadian Armoured Division, 27-28 December 1944; with Headquarters, 1 Canadian Corps, 28-29 December 1944; with Headquarters, Eighth Army, 30-31 December 1944; with Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, 3-5 January 1945. Graduate Engineer. Postwar, he was Manager of Salary Administrative Services of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission. RCEME Technical Bulletin, ??

## Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)



The DCM was awarded to Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, serving in any of the sovereign's military forces, for distinguished conduct in the field. It was thus the second highest award for gallantry in action (after the Victoria Cross) for all army ranks below commissioned officers and was available to navy and air force personnel for distinguished conduct in the field.

### DCM Awards

The following RCEME members have been awarded the DCM.

#### Staff Sergeant A. E. Davis, DCM, Canadian Ordnance Corps

**Citation:** For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was heavily shelled and five guns were put out of action, after some hours work under fire, he succeeded in getting four of these guns into action. During this time, the officer and four men were wounded and two men killed.

**Notes:** The action probably took place on 28 March 1918. One reference quotes 05/11/18, p3919, which may be a gazette reference, but I have not been able to confirm this. He is listed in both *The Gunners of Canada* and *To the Thunderer, His Arms*.

## Military Medal (MM)



The medal is awarded to Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers and men for individual or associated acts of bravery on the recommendation of a Commander-in-Chief in the field. The silver, laurelled bar is awarded for a subsequent act or acts of bravery and devotion under fire. The medal was instituted on 25 March 1916. Canadians have received 13, 654 medals, plus 848 first bars and 38 second bars.

### MM Summary

The following RCEME members have been awarded the Military Medal.

#### First World War

A/Armourer Staff Sergeant F Holcroft, MM  
Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) AH Phillips, MM

#### Second World War

Sergeant Frederick Lyle Carson, MM  
Sergeant Charles Fielding, MM  
Sergeant Frank James Fontaine, MM  
Corporal Gordon Arthur Gill, MM  
Sergeant Robert Louis Hurry, MM  
Sergeant Raymond Lloyd Kelly, MM  
Sergeant Kenneth Foster Larochelle, MM  
Staff Sergeant Thomas McLean Monteith, MM  
Armament Staff Sergeant (WO1) James Alexander McCoig, MM  
Craftsman William Olechowski, MM  
Sergeant Morris Collins Roulston, MM  
Sergeant Lawrence Albert Slumkofske, MM  
Sergeant Eugene Frederick Sodeman, MM

#### Korean War

A/Sergeant Trevor Allen, MM

## MM Awards

The following RCEME members have been awarded the Military Medal.

### A/Sergeant Trevor **Allen**, MM, RCEME

**Citation:** In Korea, on 21 May 1952, the tank dozer of C Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) became stuck while preparing a road in the forward company area of 1 PPCLI. The situation was precarious since the immobilized dozer was in full view of the enemy positions, a scant half-mile across a river valley. The armoured recovery vehicle commanded by Sgt "Trapper" Allen was called forward. On arrival at the site, enemy artillery began to range in on the vehicles. The link-up of two cables and preparing the dozer for the recovery was slow and tedious. Several times the vehicles were hit and the crews ordered to take cover. Sgt. Allen refused to take cover and continued working. The dozer was recovered intact that night.

**Notes:** The London Gazette of Tuesday, 16 September 1952, No. 39646 page 4920. The London Gazette notes him as being in the Lord Strathcona's Horse.

### Sergeant Frederick Lyle **Carson**, MM, RCOC (E)

No. 59 Light Aid Detachment, RCOC, attached to 11 Canadian Armoured Regiment

**Citation:** During the crossing of the Gari River, 12 May 1944, by tanks of the 11 Canadian Armoured Regiment near San Angelo (Map Reference 8515), many tanks bogged down in the soft river flat. Working under fierce enemy shell and mortar fire, threatened by snipers concealed along the river bank, Sergeant Carson supervised the recovery and evacuation of our tanks under the worst possible conditions. When one tank was hit and one caught on fire, and all attempts to extinguish the blaze failed, Sergeant Carson personally placed a cable on the burning tank, then pulled it into the river, thereby preventing its total destruction. During the remainder of the day, his cool direction of recovery operations was a steadying influence on the men working under him. His courage, determination under fire and tenacity of purpose were largely instrumental in the recovery of 23 bogged tanks, enabling them to rejoin the regiment at a time when they were urgently needed.

**Notes:** (K52889) Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 3 October, 1944, No. 36730, page 4572, and Canada Gazette dated 23 September 1944 and CARO/4986 dated 14 October 1944. Recommended for immediate award by Lieutenant Colonel R.L. Purves, Commanding Officer, 11 Canadian Armoured Regiment; document with Headquarters, 1 Canadian Armoured Brigade, 23-29 May 1944 (supported by Brigadier W.C. Murphy); at Headquarters, 8 Indian Division, 30 May to 8 June 1944 (supported by Major-General D. Russell); at Headquarters, 13 Corps, 11-19 June 1944 (supported by Lieutenant-General S.C. Kirkman); at Headquarters, Eighth Army, 24-28 June 1944 (supported by Lieutenant-General O.W.H. Leese); passed to Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy and approved by General H.R. Alexander. Awarded "in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy"

### Sergeant Charles **Fielding**, MM, RCEME

21 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 21 Canadian Armoured Regiment

**Citation:** Sergeant Fielding, M62367, has been in command of an armoured recovery vehicle section of 21 Canadian Armoured Regiment since its arrival in Normandy. On 9 August 1944, the regiment was ordered to concentrate at Gaumesnil, MR078551, and assigned the task of pushing through at all costs to Point 195, MR 0846. The attack went in at 1430 hrs. By 1000 hrs, 10 August, fighting through most intense 88-mm, mortar, and self-propelled anti-tank gun fire, two squadrons were on the objective. Attempts to reach them by echelon vehicles carrying urgently needed petrol, ammunition, and water were

fruitless due to intense, accurate, enemy mortar, artillery, and automatic fire. Sergeant Fielding volunteered to run the supplies forward, and by skilful use of ground, led his three vehicles through to the squadrons in the face of intense enemy fire. Three times he successfully completed this hazardous trip. The squadrons, completely topped up, were able to hold the regimental objective and establish a deep salient in the enemy anti-tank defences. In the Moerbrugge bridgehead, MR8794, on 12 September 1944, the regiment was ordered to cut the main Bruge-Eegloo road. This was done at MR9878 and armoured patrols pushed north and east to the Leopold Canal. Nearing the canal at MR9702, two tanks were knocked out by anti-tank guns and a third hit in the sprocket, breaking the track and causing it to run off the road into a deep ditch. So acute was the angle that the tank's guns were useless for protection. Attempting to evacuate, the first member was wounded by automatic fire, and the crew elected to remain in the tank. The crew commander came up on the air for help and Sergeant Fielding was sent forward with his armoured recovery vehicle and crew. After making a quick reconnaissance through his binoculars, he notified the crew commander by wireless of his plan. Under increased mortaring, automatic, and small arms fire, he ordered his vehicle forward, dismounted, and made the necessary hook-up to tow the disabled tank. Climbing back into his recovery vehicle he then directed the towing of the tank to a sheltered position where the crew could safely be evacuated and the wounded man given first aid. The recovery of this tank and its crew was instrumental in the commanding officer receiving vital and valuable information as to enemy gun positions from the crew commander. Through the entire campaign in Northwest Europe, this NCO has played his part in every action the regiment has fought. His exceptional nerve, cool thinking, uncanny judgment, and absolute disregard for his personal safety while under the most severe enemy fire, has time after time resulted in the saving of valuable lives and equipment, and has been an inspiration to all who worked with him. His devotion to duty and untiring efforts have contributed greatly to the fighting efficiency of the regiment primarily and of the division as a whole.

**Notes:** (M62367) Sergeant Fielding was awarded a Military Medal on 30 July 1945. Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 22 January 1946, No. 37442, page 650, and Canada Gazette dated 10 November 1945 and CARO/6193 dated 12 November 1945.

### Sergeant Frank James **Fontaine**, MM, RCOC (E)

12 Canadian Armoured Regiment (TRR)



**Citation:** On 23 December 1943, South of Ortona, Sergeant Fontaine was NCO in charge of a recovery tank crew engaged in the recovering of six tanks of "B" Squadron, 12 Canadian Armoured Regiment which had become badly bogged down in soft mud. During fierce fighting for this position, when these tanks were urgently needed to continue the attack this NCO with his recovery crew took charge of this most difficult and hazardous undertaking under heavy mortar and machine gun fire. As a result of this gallant and determined action all six tanks were set free from the mud and played an important part in the subsequent capture of the key enemy-held town of Ortona.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 18 April 1944, No. 36477 page 1816, and Canada Gazette No. 12 Vol 78 dated 18 March 1944 and CARO 4395 dated 21 March 1944. The London Gazette records him as Canadian Armoured Corps.

### Corporal Gorden Arthur **Gill**, MM, RCEME

28 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 7 Canadian Medium Regiment, RCA

**Citation:** On 6 August 1944 at Cormelle, Normandy, Corporal Gill, whilst acting as a fitter with the 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian LAD attached to 7 Canadian Medium Regiment, was called to the gun position to carry out repairs to guns that had been temporarily disabled by heavy enemy shelling. Despite the continued

shelling, this NCO, with utter disregard for his own safety, successfully repaired the guns enabling them to be put into action at a time when they were most needed. Again, at St Aignan de Cramensnils on 12 August 1944, Corporal Gill was called upon to repair disabled guns under a heavy bombing attack. This NCO showed great determination and courage, and helped maintain the morale of the men at the gun position by his coolness and determination. During the campaigns that followed in Belgium, Holland, and Germany, Corporal Gill, by his bravery, cheerfulness, perseverance, and great devotion to duty, was an inspiration to all the men who worked with him.

**Notes:** (D128754) Corporal Gill was awarded a Military Medal on 30 July 1945. Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 22 January 1946, No. 37442, page 650, and Canada Gazette dated 10 November 1945 and CARO/6193 dated 12 November 1945.

### A/Armourer Staff Sergeant F **Holcroft**, MM

**Notes:** No details.



### Sergeant Robert Louis **Hurry**, MM, RCOC (E)

11 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCOC

**Citation:** On the morning of 8 February 1944, while Sergeant Hurry was in charge of a recovery post at Hongi Bridge on the Orsogna front, he was informed that a White Scout Car, belonging to the Perth Regiment and used for communication to the forward troops, was bogged down in a mined field about two miles northwest of Arielli and about five hundred yards north of the Orsogna lateral road. Although warned by an officer of the Perth Regiment that any attempted recovery of this vehicle was highly dangerous, owing to the area being under heavy mortar fire as well under enemy observation, Sergeant Hurry, without hesitation, set out with a crew of two men in order to recover the vehicle. In spite of intense mortaring and many narrow escapes from injury, the crew were successful in recovering the vehicle. Two days later, Sergeant Hurry set out again with same crew to recover three vehicles of the Perth Regiment in the vicinity of Poggiopirito. It was essential that the unit received these vehicles immediately, although the roads were completely washed out by rain and the resultant mud was almost impassable. After more than six hours of unceasing labour, the crew recovered the vehicles by means of building a road on which the recovery vehicle could work. During this time there was imminent danger of enemy mortar fire since that particular area had been mortared heavily during the preceding days. This non-commissioned officer showed great initiative, coolness and resourcefulness in the face of danger. His inspired leadership and determination infused those with him with an indomitable spirit that would not accept defeat. His high conception of duty was responsible for getting forward to the Perth Regiment certain essential vehicles at a critical time.

**Notes:** (C12037) Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 30 January 1945, No. 36917 page 680, and Canada Gazette dated 30 December 1944 and CARO/5235 dated 3 January 1945.

### Sergeant Raymond Lloyd **Kelly**, MM, RCEME

67 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 7 Canadian Anti-tank Regiment, RCA

**Citation:** When, in August 1944, 1 Canadian Corps with 8<sup>th</sup> Army crossed the River Metauro to attack the formidable Gothic Line, 117 Battery, 7 Canadian Anti-tank Regiment was placed under command of 1 Canadian Infantry Division and, as a result, saw much action. The self-propelled guns of this battery were constantly in the foremost battle positions. On 16 September 1944, K70513 Sergeant Raymond Lloyd Kelly, NCO i/c of the LAD section attached to 111 Battery, went forward to Polerelli area (MR873906) to effect repairs on a knocked out self-propelled gun. This job entailed several hours work in total darkness. Despite heavy shelling and mortar fire, the task was completed by dawn. Only the skill and courage displayed by Sergeant Kelly made this possible. On 18 September 1944, in area Ghetto? (MR

848922) Sergeant Kelly effected repairs to a self-propelled gun under similar conditions. Again, without rest or consideration for his personal safety, he had the equipment in running order in the shortest possible time. He knew that it was essential that the gun be back in action as the enemy had Tiger tanks in the area.

On 21 September 1944, in front of the San Fortunato feature (MR836944) , Sergeant Kelly went out on foot to search for a gun that was reported disabled and out of communication. The enemy shell and mortar fire in this area was particularly heavy, but this did not disturb him and he gave up only when he was certain that the report was not true. On many other occasions, Sergeant Kelly has effected repairs to guns and vehicles in the most forward areas. His personal courage, technical skill and devotion to duty were of the highest order and an example to the others with whom he has come in contact.

**Notes:** (K70513) Sergeant Kelley was awarded a Military Medal on 21 September 1944. Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, 29 May 1945, No. 37101 page 2745, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5625, both dated 28 April 1945. Recommendation mentions Map Reference Italy, 1:50,000, Sheets 109/4 and 101/3.

### Sergeant Kenneth Foster **Larochelle**, MM, RCEME

84 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 22 Canadian Armoured Regiment

**Citation:** Sergeant Larochelle, crew commander of the armoured recovery vehicle of No. 1 Squadron, 22 Canadian Armoured Regiment, landed with the unit in Normandy on 26 July 1944. Apart from normal recovery tasks entailing work under heavy shellfire, he took forward vital supplies to the tanks when enemy fire prohibited the use of trucks. His cheerfulness under fire, qualities of leadership and technical skill were of inestimable value in furthering the efforts of 22 Canadian Armoured Regiment. At Cintheau, (MR0853) on 8 August 1944, the regiment had harboured after losing seventeen tanks by mines and anti-tank fire. Although all other armoured recovery vehicles were pinned down by a hellish concentration of high explosive and 88-mm fire, Sergeant Larochelle pressed on and by skilful manoeuvring reached his squadron tanks, which he serviced and then devoted the remainder of the night to recovering a knocked-out tank, rendering it fit to fight the next day. Given the task of recovering two disabled tanks behind the enemy's forward positions at Wousche Plant Age, (MR 602260?) on 23 October 1944, and realizing the anxiety of the crews marooned in the midst of the enemy, Sergeant Larochelle moved forward with his recovery vehicle immediately. Reaching the disabled tanks he jumped down from his vehicle and adjusted the towing hitch, and was about to mount his own vehicle when a veritable hail of shellfire descended on their position, cutting the towing hitch to ribbons. When the shelling slackened off, Sergeant Larochelle rallied his crew, improvised a new towing hitch, and recovered both tanks in the face of a terrific crossfire. On 1 March 1945, in the Hochwald Gap (MR033408) , this NCO snatched two slightly-damaged tanks back from a forward slope under direct observation of enemy anti-tank guns. Only the boldness of the move, and the skill in hitching and getting away, made possible the success of the venture. On his return, plans having been made to serve a hot meal to the forward infantry and tank crews who had been fighting steadily under appalling conditions of weather, terrain and enemy fire, Sergeant Larochelle volunteered to take it forward. Although it required several sorties over observed ground, he did not rest until every man in the area had been fed. The successful stand of the next day was in no small part attributable to the obvious rise in morale of all ranks following the hot meal. He has consistently displayed the highest qualities of leadership. His fighting spirit has continually driven him to tasks beyond the normal call of duty, setting an example to every man in 22 Canadian Armoured Regiment.

**Notes:** (A102884) Sergeant Larochelle was awarded a Military Medal on 30 July 1945. Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 22 January 1946, No. 37442, page 650, and Canada Gazette dated 10 November 1945 and CARO/6193 dated 12 November 1945.

## Staff Sergeant Thomas McLean **Monteith**, MM, RCOC (E)

3 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCOC

**Citation:** At about 1600 hrs on 11 December 1943, the enemy laid a heavy concentration of artillery fire on the town of San Vito (MR 3611). The first shell landed in the main square of the town where the Advanced workshop Detachment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop was located and caused a number of casualties. Refusing to take cover, B94589 Staff/Sergeant Monteith promptly went to the assistance of the wounded and, in spite of the fact that the shelling continued and another shell landed in the square, coolly and courageously took control of the situation, organized rescue parties, and evacuated the wounded to the main dressing station. The promptness with which Staff/Sergeant Monteith handled the situation, his coolness and efficiency under fire, and his courage and indifference to danger ensured the rapid evacuation of casualties and helped materially to maintain the morale of all troops in the vicinity.

**Notes:** Staff/Sergeant Monteith was awarded a Military Medal on 11 December 1943. Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, 9 May 1944, No. 36508 page 2170.

## Armament Staff Sergeant James Alexander **McCoig**, MM, RCOC (E)

1 Canadian Heavy Recovery Section, RCOC

**Citation:** On the night 28/29 November 1943, A99497 Armament Staff Sergeant JA McCoig was engaged on special recovery work on the Sangro River Crossing. During this period, an ammunition column parked on the lateral road was shelled and two vehicles set on fire, both were loaded with ammunition. Realising the danger involved from spreading flames, he made strenuous efforts to put out the fire by means of foam extinguishers. He was successful in extricating one vehicle, but was forced to leave due to exploding ammunition. When the fire died down, he drove his recovery tractor to the scene of the fire, and cleared the road of all debris. During the entire period, the area was being shelled by the enemy. His determination and utter disregard of personal safety prevented the fire damage from spreading. Furthermore, he cleared the road for urgent traffic to proceed. The manner in which he carried out this work was a splendid example of courage and a rare sense of duty that calls for special praise.

**Notes:** Armament Staff/Sergeant McCoig was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery on on 28 November 1943. Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 18 April 1944, No. 36477 page 1817.

## Craftsman William **Olechowski**, MM, RCEME

6 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop

**Citation:** On 19 December 1944 at approximately 1300 hours, enemy shells commenced falling on the site occupied by 6 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop RCEME at Nijmegen, Holland the first of which instantly set fire to several vehicles and damaged the building. Craftsman Olechowski immediately and unhesitatingly attacked the flames, and, by his exemplary action, encouraged other soldiers in the vicinity temporarily confused by the exploding shell, to quickly follow his lead, despite the fact two other shells exploded in the immediate area. Craftsman Olechowski then entered a blazing 15-cwt vehicle, which was in immediate danger of total destruction by fire and, after much difficulty, due to smoke and heat, he succeeded in driving the vehicle, still blazing, and with small arms ammunition which was in it exploding, out of the workshop and on to a roadway where the vehicle became a total loss. His unhesitating action assisted in saving other vehicles in the shop from total destruction, in localizing the fire, and in preventing further loss of valuable workshop equipment. Throughout the campaign in Western Europe this soldier has displayed a coolness under fire and a devotion to duty which were outstanding and this action is characteristic of his conduct.

**Notes:** (M37070) Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday 22 January 1946, No. 37442, page 650, and Canada Gazette dated 10 November 1945 and CARO/6193 dated 12 November 1945.

### Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) AH **Phillips**, MM, COC

No. 26 Canadian Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light)

**Citation:** Not Found

**Notes:** (34828) Confirmed by letter from file.

### Sergeant Morris Collins **Roulston**, MM, RCEME

2 Canadian Recovery Company, RCEME

**Citation:** 2 Canadian Recovery Company on 11 Feb 45 was order to play a major part in transporting 12 Buffaloes from Nijmegen to the area of Gennep (MR E780465 Holland) having delivered the Buffaloes and having turned around in Gennep the convoy of twelve transporters was halted by traffic congestion just the town at MR E773480. At 1145 hours the enemy began mortaring the road area quite causing the transporter crews to leave their vehicles and seek cover. One crew member was killed and two wounded. As the officer in charge of the convoy had remained to direct the turnaround in Gennep, Sergeant Roulston assumed command at the head of the convoy. Realizing instantly that the convoy was an ideal target and attracting fire he left his vehicle and rallying the 48 drivers and crews and organizing and encouraging them to return to their transporters. By this action, which necessitated considerable exposure to enemy fire, he succeeded in getting the convoy rolling and not only prevented destruction of much valuable transporter equipment but was also instrumental in keeping a vital road to the front clear. He also checked on the condition of the wounded and assured himself that no harm could result from moving them. Throughout his service in NW Europe since August 1944, Sergeant Roulston has set an outstanding example to all ranks of the unit by his complete disregard for personal safety, his leadership and high sense of responsibility. On at least two other occasions his devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire has been a material contribution to the success of operations.

**Notes:** (H64678) Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, 9 October 1945, No. 37302 page 5003, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

### Sergeant Lawrence Albert **Slumkofski**, MM, RCEME

2 Canadian Recovery Company, RCEME

**Citation:** On 18 Apr 45 Sergeant Slumkofske was despatched in charge of a special recovery detachment consisting of 2 transporters, 2 caterpillar D-8's, 1 carrier and 9 men for special operations with 4 Canadian Armoured Division. The detachment was ordered to keep open a narrow and boggy road from the main thoroughfare to the bank of the Rustenkan Canal at MR W140980, over which a shallow bridgehead had been established. Complete responsibility for the successful performance of this vital work fell on Sergeant Slumkofske who had to contend with far more than the usual difficulties. Many of the tanks and other armoured vehicles were bogged a good distance from the road, which necessitated the building of corduroy roads to these vehicles before recovery could be effected. Throughout the operation, which lasted until 25 Apr, the detachment was under sporadic shell fire and part of the time mortar and rocket fire; the work had to be done in the open in unarmoured vehicles and on several occasions tasks had to be carried out within the bridgehead itself. Despite the enemy fire and other adverse conditions this NCO, by borrowing vehicles and constantly encouraging his men, so efficiently organized and supervised the work, including the engineering tasks, that it was possible to recover as many as 6 vehicles, including 4 tanks, from deep bog ground one day. During the week, the thoroughness and tireless efforts of this NCO ensured that the road to the bridgehead was not damaged and the flow of operational traffic at no

time suffered from any serious delay. Throughout the operation, Sergeant Slumkofske, by his complete disregard for personal safety, his initiative, energy and determination set an inspiring example to the men under his command. The outstanding efficiency with which the detachment carried out their task was a material contribution to the success of the operation.

**Notes:** (A57497) Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, 21 August 1945, No. 37235 page 4267, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5953, both dated 11 August 1945. Recommended for immediate award; document with Headquarters, 2 Canadian Corps until 30 May 1945; with Headquarters, First Canadian Army, 2-11 June 1945.

### Sergeant Eugene Frederick **Sodeman**, MM, RCEME

85 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME, attached to 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment

**Citation:** On the 26 February 1945, "B" Squadron, 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment, were in support of the South Saskatchewan Regiment after having made a night push onto the high ground near Calcar. There were a number of enemy pockets left behind which had been by-passed at night. It was impossible for any wheeled vehicles to bring up supplies during the day due to the boggy condition of the ground and the fire brought to bear by the by-passed enemy. In addition, all routes fwd were under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. As the Squadron Leader moved from place to place directing the battle his tank became bogged down and no other tank of his squadron could come to his assistance, as they were busily engaged with the enemy. It was necessary therefore to request recovery. In answer to the call, MI04311 Sergeant Sodeman EF, 85 LAD, arrived and with his recovery tank pulled out the bogged down tank. Learning from the Squadron leader that, it might be necessary to disengage the battle due to lack of ammunition and petrol, Sergeant Sodeman volunteered to bring them forward in his recovery tanks. This was extremely difficult due to the soft ground and the constant fire being brought to bear by the by-passed enemy. As soon as the enemy realized what Sergeant Sodeman was up to they immediately brought down a terrific concentration of artillery and mortar fire. Not only were these trips made extremely dangerous by this fire, but his tanks became bogged twice and he had to direct and recover these tanks in full view of the enemy. However, he never deterred in the face of all these difficulties and managed during the afternoon to make three trips back and forth In spite of every effort the enemy made to prevent him. The determination and bravery of Sergeant Sodeman in the face of enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire across open boggy country, was an inspiration to our forces on the high ground and was the determining factor in the bringing of this operation to a successful conclusion.

**Notes:** (M104311) Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, 29 May 1945, No. 37101 page 2745, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945. Recommended 12 March 1945; document with Headquarters, 2 Canadian Armoured Brigade, 13-17 March 1945; with Headquarters, 2 Canadian Corps, 17 March to 9 April 1945. Dates with Headquarters, First Canadian Army not shown on form.

## British Empire Medal (BEM)



This medal replaced the Medal of the Order of the British Empire (1917-1922) and had a military and a civil division. The medal was awarded for meritorious service, which warranted such a mark of royal appreciation. In the military division, the medal was awarded to subordinate personnel only: non-commissioned officers, petty officers, and men who were eligible for the military division of the various levels of this order. After the Empire Gallantry Medal (EGM) was superseded by the George Cross on 24 September 1940, the BEM continued to be awarded for gallantry (but of a degree less than that required to earn the George Medal). Bars could be awarded for services or acts that would have earned the medal again. No Canadian received a bar. After 6 December 1957, when the medal was awarded for gallantry, a silver oak leaf emblem was worn on the ribbon to signify that the award was for gallantry, and not for service. The medal was created by Royal Warrant on 29 December 1922. The first award of the BEM to a Canadian was on 26 January 1935. A total of 1,368 awards went to Canadians: 120 civil and 1,248 military.

### BEM Summary

The following RCEME members have been awarded the British Empire Medal.

#### Staff Sergeant (A/WO1) Alexander Carnegie Allan, BEM

Armament Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) Robert Stewart Bell, BEM,  
Sergeant Peter Benson, BEM, RCEME  
Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) George Francis Bone, BEM  
Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) Phillip Joseph Burnett, BEM  
Sergeant Knut Henning Carlson, BEM  
Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) Henry Clappison, BEM  
Staff Sergeant Donald Scott Clemmons, BEM  
Sergeant Clarence William Daniels, BEM  
Craftsman Edward William Dawson, BEM  
Sergeant Albert Nicholas Durado, BEM  
Staff Sergeant George William McKay Forgie, BEM  
Staff Sergeant Harry Foster, BEM  
Sergeant Geoffrey Glenn, BEM  
Craftsman (A/Sergeant) Richard Ruttan Harcourt, BEM  
Lance corporal Carl Lewis Holotuk, BEM  
Staff Sergeant (A/WO1 Sub-Conductor) Arthur Gower Humphries, BEM  
Sergeant Sverre Ivan Jacobson, BEM  
Sergeant Uko Lee Koenen, BEM  
Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) William Lawes, BEM  
Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) Harry Leonard Lovelace, BEM  
Corporal Norman McIntosh, BEM  
Staff Sergeant Charles Arthur MacDonald, BEM  
Staff Sergeant Almon Ross Moses, BEM

Lance corporal Redvers Jerry Nelson, BEM  
Staff Sergeant Daniel Neill, BEM  
Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) Harry James Ranger, BEM  
Craftsman Michael Evison Russell Reid, BEM  
Staff Sergeant Eric Rule, BEM  
Staff Sergeant Matthew Charles Stone, BEM  
Staff Sergeant Clarence Francis Taylor, BEM

## **BEM Awards**

The following RCEME members have been awarded the British Empire Medal.

### **Staff Sergeant (A/WO1) Alexander Carnegie Allan, BEM, RCEME**

**Citation:** This acting warrant officer has for the past two years as the chief clerk of the Directorate of Mechanical Maintenance, and latterly of the Directorate of Mechanical Engineering in the branch of the Master General of Ordnance, National Defence Headquarters, shows a high degree of leadership and unselfish devotion to duty. His sound judgment and direction have in many ways contributed greatly to the administrative efficiency of these directorates. On his own initiative, he has organized and conducted classes of instruction for the clerks of the directorate. These classes have been held after the normal working day and have raised immeasurably the standard of proficiency in clerical work, and in addition, have enabled personnel to qualify for higher rates of trades pay. Further, he has for lengthy periods since the formation of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, in May of 1944, carried the full burden of the directorate administration in the absence of the Administrative Officer. This has required many days of long hours, all of which he has contributed in a willing and cheerful spirit. This characteristic has been an excellent example to all those under his direction.

**Notes:** Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 142, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

### **Armament Staff sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) Robert Stewart Bell, BEM, RCEME**

**Citation:** Quartermaster Sergeant Bell designed a cast-cutting machine with a motor attachment for removing heavy casts which due to their construction made previous methods not only extremely difficult but painful to the patient. This machine was presented to Chorley Park Military Hospital for experimental purposes and after a few minor modifications was adopted and put into daily use by that institution. Quartermaster Sergeant Bell has been highly commended by the Officer Commanding Chorley Park Military Hospital for the designing and manufacture of this piece of equipment which has not only saved time and labour but has done much to alleviate undue suffering to the patients when casts were being removed. Several types of manually operated workshop machinery used for exercising patients in physiotherapy wards have also been designed by Quartermaster Sergeant Bell, the basic design of which machinery has been adopted by other military institutes throughout the country. This work on the part of Quartermaster Sergeant Bell was largely carried out at night and during off-duty hours and the success of his achievements is a tribute to his ability and devotion far beyond the call of duty.

**Notes:** (B2143) Canada Gazette dated 15 June 1946 and CARO/6632 dated 17 June 1946.

**Sergeant Peter Benson, BEM, RCEME**

**Citation:** This non-commissioned officer was attached to the Brockville Rifles on 1 September 1942, as a fitter. He had the normal unit transport under his supervision while the battalion was stationed in Canada. During this period his mechanical skill and organizing ability was developed through experience in the unit garage. Changes of station and command brought several complete changes of vehicles. He was able to meet all demands for maintenance and repair without abnormal delay. When the unit was moved to Jamaica, a large garage, well equipped with tools for second line repair was taken on charge. The unit vehicles were in bad condition because parts had not been made available to previous units in sufficient quantities. With a minimum assistance from the Royal Ordnance Corps and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Depots, this non-commissioned officer restored the condition of the vehicles to such satisfactory state of efficiency that vehicles are rarely grounded for repairs other than those demanded on routine check-ups. During the entire period since attachment to the unit, he has been most helpful in training personnel not only to fill the tradesman requirements in the unit establishment, but also to maintain a large reserve of drivers, driver mechanics and motor mechanics. His personal discipline and that which he exercises over his juniors is most commendable for its quiet effective efficiency.

**Notes:** (H99020) Canada Gazette dated 15 June 1946 and CARO/6632 dated 17 June 1946.

**Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) George Francis Bone, BEM, RCEME**

**Citation:** This acting warrant officer has been most outstanding in the performance of his duties as an armament artificer. He has developed (or invented) or improved many pieces of mechanism, mostly on artillery equipments, which have been a very substantial contribution to the success of the war effort. Beyond this, he has been a capable, patient and painstaking instructor for members of both active and reserve army units. He has given freely of his time for such work beyond normal working hours. His services are outstanding and worthy of recognition.

**Notes:** Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 142, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

**Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) Phillip Joseph Burnett, BEM, RCEME**

104 Light Aid Detachment

**Citation:** Acting Warrant Officer Burnett, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, has been with 104 Canadian Light Aid Detachment, throughout the campaign in Northwest Europe. His work has, at all times, been carried out cheerfully and efficiently. As the only qualified gun fitter in the Light Aid Detachment, he has personally carried out or supervised every repair job necessary on guns of the regiment with the result that guns were seldom out of action for any appreciable length of time. Practically all this was carried out on the gun positions, quite often under active enemy shelling. In addition, he has efficiently supervised all recovery of the regiment throughout the campaign. He has also carried out his normal duties of administration in the Light Aid Detachment. Despite the fact that he was in ill health for the final six months and, since cessation of hostilities has been struck off strength to hospital, he was at all times an outstanding example to the non-commissioned officers and men of 104 Canadian Light Aid Detachment.

**Notes:** (C19645) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 633, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Sergeant Knut Henning **Carlson**, BEM, RCEME

**Citation:** Sergeant Carlson has been employed for the past sixteen months by 2 Group Technical Administration Department, Canadian Military Headquarters, on the supervision of the overhaul of radial tank engines. He has worked conscientiously for long hours to produce the layouts and specifications necessary to make this assembly line a success. He has also been untiring in his efforts to investigate defects and troubles encountered in the shop, in order to produce efficient tank engines for field units. Due to his efforts in this regard, rejects were reduced from 20 percent to about four and a half percent, a very notable achievement. In addition to this normal work, he has cheerfully undertaken any other tasks that were assigned to him and by his example has done much to maintain production of these engines at the high peak, which it actually reached.

**Notes:** (M40997) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 144, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

## Staff Sergeant (A/ Armament Quartermaster Sergeant) (WO2) Henry **Clappison**, BEM, RCEME

2 Canadian Tank Troops Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Throughout the campaign in Northwest Europe, this warrant officer was the senior NCO in the tank repair section of an RCEME armoured troops workshop. During all of this period, he has displayed a devotion to duty far beyond that normally expected. His enthusiasm, persistence, and high sense of responsibility presented an outstanding example to all with whom he came in contact and has done much to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the unit. On several occasions, largely through his own personal efforts, his section completed ahead of schedule tasks of vital importance to current operations.

**Notes:** (M50949) Supplement to the London Gazette of 22 January 1946, No. 37442, page 633, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Armament Staff Sergeant Donald Scott **Clemmons**, BEM, RCEME

5 Canadian Armoured Troops Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** During the period from 1 September 1944 to 31 December 1944, Staff Sergeant Clemmons was in charge of an armoured advanced workshop detachment operating in the forward area and engaged in the emergency repair of tanks. During the action, Staff Sergeant Clemmons exhibited great coolness and initiative in handling the detachment, with the result that the work was carried out efficiently and without casualties. The example set by Staff Sergeant Clemmons inspired his men to continue their work around tanks still burning on the battlefield, thus contributing largely to the success of the action.

**Notes:** (M50915) Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 September 1945, No. 37262, page 4558, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5849, both dated 7 July 1945.

## Sergeant Clarence William **Daniels**, BEM, RCEME

1 Canadian Recovery Company, RCEME

**Citation:** During the period from 11 May to 7 June 1944, during the battle for the Hitler Line, Sgt. Daniels was in charge of recovering tanks using D-8 tractors. This work was of a most dangerous nature, being carried out under all conditions in minefields and under shellfire. During the performance of his duty, Sgt. Daniels had a mine destroy the D-8 that he was driving himself. In spite of this, Sgt. Daniels returned to the job immediately. Due to aggressiveness, initiative, and leadership, Sgt. Daniels was responsible for returning many tanks to action which otherwise would have remained inactive until the operation was over.

**Notes:** (B69523) Supplement to the London Gazette of 29 May 1945, No. 37101, page 2742, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5625, both dated 28 April 1945.

## Craftsman Edward William **Dawson**, BEM, RCEME

**Citation:** Craftsman Dawson is employed in the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Instrument Shop, Esquimalt Detachment, as an instrument mechanic. He has displayed great ingenuity in devising new equipment and improving existing equipment. In particular a recordograph was produced by him for No.1 Special Wireless Group. The instrument is now in use in the Pacific sphere of the war. This was an original pilot model equipment. In addition, he has developed a device to improve the performance and accuracy of Magslip Transmitting and Receiving Gears for coast defence artillery. This has been accepted for general application. His ingenuity and skill is most commendable and he well deserves recognition.

**Notes:** (A114481) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 144, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946. Postwar he worked for Westeel-Rosco and Avro Canada. Died in Toronto, 10 August 1997. His obituary erroneously credited him with an OBE.

## Sergeant Albert Nicholas **Durado**, BEM, RCEME

1 Canadian Base Workshop

**Citation:** Sergeant Durado has been employed by “B” Company 1 Canadian Base Workshop at Canadian Military Headquarters on the maintenance of the engine assembly lines and the production of tools and jigs required by these lines. On many occasions, Sergeant Durado worked long intense hours in producing jigs that would enable these departments to meet the high production targets, which have been required from time to time. In this connection, he has been in no small way responsible for the efficient production of engine assemblies and the reduction in the necessary man-hours required for their overhaul. One outstanding piece of work was the design and production of a centrifugal casting machine for Chevrolet connecting rods, which considerably cut down the time, required for this operation and immensely improved the quality. This machine design has now been adopted by the War Office as standard equipment for engine lines under their direction. Sergeant Durado has, at all times, put the greatest effort into his work, and has been an outstanding asset to his company and this unit.

**Notes:** (H95307) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 144, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946..

## Armourer Staff Sergeant George William McKay **Forgie**, BEM, RCEME

LAD attached to 10 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Fort Garry Horse)

**Citation:** Armourer Staff Sergeant George William McKay Forgie has been attached to the Fort Garry Horse since January 1940. He landed in France in June 1944 and served all through the Northwest Europe campaign. All through the campaign, the responsibility for the preparedness for action of the weapons used by the unit rested upon this NCO and the outstanding successes achieved by the unit on so many occasions bear tribute to the high standard of his work. Staff Sergeant Forgie’s devotion to duty under all conditions, at times under enemy fire, his untiring efforts, and fine soldierly qualities cannot be too highly commended and have earned the respect and admiration of all with whom he has been in contact in his work.

**Notes:** (H2510) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 633, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Staff Sergeant Harry **Foster**, BEM, RCEME

No.1 Advanced Base Workshop

**Citation:** During the period 1 August 1944 to 8 September 1944, while in charge of a detachment of No.1 Advanced Base Workshop attached to No.17 Army Ordnance Depot, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, this non-commissioned officer supervised and directed the inspection, modification, repair and servicing of 775 artillery equipments, meeting all issue requirements on time, despite adverse working conditions, shortage of parts and extremely short notice of issue on some equipments.

**Notes:** (B94147) Supplement to the London Gazette of 17 April 1945, No. 37038, page 2064, and Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

## Sergeant Geoffrey **Glenn**, BEM, RCEME

Headquarters, RCEME, 2 Canadian Corps

**Citation:** Sergeant Glenn, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, has been employed as a clerk at DDME Branch, Headquarters, 2 Canadian Corps since shortly after the formation of the Corps. Throughout the past two years, and especially during the campaign in Northwest Europe, he has displayed a great sense of duty combined with cheerfulness, initiative, and the will to do the best job possible. In the early stages of the campaign in Europe, while still a private soldier, and even while the office was understaffed, he carried the major load of clerical work. Regardless of the circumstances, he never complained of the amount of work given to him, the heavy responsibility thrust upon him, nor of the long hours often required to complete the jobs in hand. Through his unofficial leadership, returns were never late, work was completed when required, and the office was prepared for any exigency. His outstanding ability won him the rank of Sergeant, and since his promotion, he has continued to do excellent work. His cheerfulness, leadership, industriousness, and initiative were a source of inspiration for all about him. He continued to work long hours and at all times endeavoured to learn more so that he would be in a better position to produce a finer result.

**Notes:** (B58738) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 633, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Craftsman (A/Sergeant) Richard Ruttan **Harcourt**, BEM, RCEME

No. 6 Company, RCEME

**Citation:** This non-commissioned officer enlisted in Canada in the Royal Canadian Air Force on 17 April 1941 and served as a radar mechanic. He was returned to Canada from service in England in May 1943 and was discharged from the Royal Canadian Air Force to enlist in the army. He was posted to No. 6 Company Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers on 4 June 1943, and has been employed as orderly room clerk receiving promotion to the rank of acting sergeant on 1 September 1944. At all times Sergeant Harcourt carries out his duties efficiently and enthusiastically and is always ready to undertake extra duties or work. During a very severe fire in the lumberyard near New Wellington Barracks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, in September 1944, Sergeant Harcourt manned a hose and commanded a hose detachment for a period of nine hours during the night. In spite of exposure to fire and water, he was ready for normal duties the next morning. On the night of 18 July 1945, Sergeant Harcourt was returning, from detached duty, to his unit and was close to the naval magazine at the time of its explosion. He immediately drove to the scene of the accident and placed himself at the service of the naval officer in charge, and assisted in the evacuation of all civilians from the area at considerable risk.

**Notes:** (F33483) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 144, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

## Lance Corporal Carl Lewis **Holotuk**, BEM, RCEME

2 Canadian Tank (Corps?) Troops Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Since the commencement of operations in Europe, Lance Corporal CL Holotuk has operated a heavy breakdown vehicle in an advanced workshop detachment that was responsible for the repair of the heavy and medium guns of 2 Canadian AGRA (Army Group Royal Artillery). These artillery equipments are very heavy and it is impossible to efficiently strip and reassemble them without the aid of a recovery vehicle. The operation of a recovery vehicle to do this work requires patience, alertness, and extra care, as one false move could damage valuable equipment and endanger the lives of the fitter crews engaged in their repair. Only one recovery vehicle was available for this important task and Lance Corporal Holotuk was completely responsible for its operation. This soldier, realizing the importance of his job and the responsibility that it entailed, by his diligence, efficiency, and carefulness, so dispatched his duties, although it often entailed working for 24 hours at a stretch, that no fitter crew was ever hindered in their work from lack of assistance. His devotion to duty, his constant availability at all times, his cheerfulness that were and untiring efforts, were an inspiration to all ranks and he was largely instrumental in ensuring that guns operationally required were returned to the units without delay.

**Notes:** (B53091) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 633, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Staff Sergeant (A/WO1 Sub-Conductor) Arthur Gower **Humphries**, BEM, RCEME

Directorate of Mechanical Engineering, National Defence Headquarters

**Citation:** This soldier, who is employed in the Armament Group, Directorate of Mechanical Engineering, National Defence Headquarters, has outstandingly performed the duties of Chief Clerk to a technical group. Over and above this, he has organized the present system of life history records for artillery equipment and mortars. He has unstintingly given of his time and energy. He has maintained, at all times, cheerfulness and high personal efficiency and shown an exceptional devotion to duty even to the point of sacrificing his own health. This non-commissioned officer's energy and organizing ability and the cheerful manner in which he has performed his normal duties and many special duties superior to his ordinary work have been a source of inspiration to those working with him.

**Notes:** (C94000) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 8 June 1945, No. 37120, page 3037, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5786, both dated 16 June 1945.

## Sergeant Sverre Ivan **Jacobson**, BEM, RCEME

34 LAD, RCEME, attached to 14 Field Regiment, RCA

**Citation:** During the campaign from Falaise to Holland, H58547 Sergeant Sverre Ivan Jacobson showed great resource, initiative, and untiring devotions to duty and by his efforts, involving many sleepless days and nights, succeeded in keeping the 14<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RCA, on the road. The regiment had just been re-equipped, the gun-towing vehicles were all approaching the end of their third year of life and lacked vital modifications, resulting in an abnormal number of breakdowns daily. H58547 Sergeant Sverre Ivan Jacobson's resourcefulness and ceaseless efforts were of a type well beyond the ordinary call of duty and put the regiment into all of its battles in good condition.

**Notes:** (H58547) Supplement to the London Gazette of 17 April 1945, No. 37038, page 2064, and Canada Gazette dated 17 March 1945 and CARO/5466 dated 19 March 1945.

## Sergeant Uko Lee **Koenen**, BEM, RCEME

11 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop

**Citation:** During the operation of the division in Italy and Northwest Europe, Sergeant Koenen has worked continuously and tirelessly on the repair of the divisional artillery equipment, and his personal supervision of such work has become known to artillery troop officers as perfect. He has 40 complete overhauls, nearly two field regiment's worth, to his credit. His tactful handling of this man has been an outstanding example to the unit, and his loyalty has been exemplary. While his work is often arduous and painstaking nature, he has managed by his patient efforts to thoroughly train many inexperienced men. Sergeant Koenen has shown himself a most capable non-commissioned officer, with the determined will to do his duty and has performed outstanding work over a long period.

**Notes:** (M28061) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 633, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) William **Lawes**, BEM, RCEME

Deputy Director Mechanical Engineering, Canadian Military Headquarters

**Citation:** This non-commissioned officer enlisted in the Canadian Army in the United Kingdom in November 1940. After eighteen months duty as mechanical draughtsman with Headquarters 1 Canadian Corps, he was posted to Canadian Military Headquarters in June 1942, and since that time has been employed in the capacity of Chief Draughtsman on Deputy Director Mechanical Engineer's staff. Much of the draughting work of this section consists of the design of equipment or modifications thereto, and in this work, this NCO has shown remarkable initiative and originality. During the recent developments of the rocket projector for the Staghound armoured car, his services were made available to Staff Duties (Weapons) and Chief Engineer, Armament Design, where he played an important part in the design programme. During this assignment, he was responsible to a considerable degree for the original design and exhibited outstanding qualities of mechanical ingenuity, combined with a practical manufacturing and production knowledge. It is considered that the meritorious service he has rendered in the discharge of these special duties is much superior to the work that is normally expected from one of his rank.

**Notes:** (U1653) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 8 June 1945, No. 37120, page 3037, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5786, both dated 16 June 1945.

## Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) Harry Leonard **Lovelace**, BEM, RCEME

1 Canadian Base Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** This NCO, who came overseas with 1 Canadian Base Workshop, is one of the most valuable men in the unit. He is an inventive genius, who has devised and developed various pieces of equipment, which have been adopted either as standard equipment in the Base Workshop, or in some cases, for general use in the Canadian and British Armies. Among some of the devices designed by this NCO are a hydraulic testing apparatus for the clutch pressure spring, for GMC diesel machines (to be adopted for general use by British and Canadian forces); a holding fixture and hand ranch for a medium tank track support rollers (adopted for general use by these workshops and by several Canadian LADs); and an air wrench for medium tank track support rollers (adopted for general use by these workshops). The foregoing developments represent a substantial saving and manpower in the unit and have been an invaluable contribution in increasing the output of the workshop. He possesses high qualities of character, dependability, and leadership, and has made a contribution to the workshop much in excess of that expected from one in his rank.

**Notes:** (G54341) Supplement to the London Gazette of 29 December 1944, No. 36867, page 113, and Canada Gazette dated 1 January 1945 and CARO/5244 dated 5 January 1945.

### Staff Sergeant Charles Arthur **MacDonald**, BEM, RCEME

LAD, RCEME, attached to 10 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Fort Garry Horse)

**Citation:** M28138 Staff Sergeant MacDonald, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, attached 10 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Fort Garry Horse), landed in Normandy in June 1944 and served throughout the Northwest Europe campaign. During the entire course of the campaign, his work was of an outstanding nature and the excellent record of the recovery and return to action of tanks of the unit during that time can, in many instances, be attributed to the efforts and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant MacDonald under the most trying conditions. An excellent soldier cheerfully and willingly carrying out his duties and prepared at all times to accept responsibility beyond that required of him, Staff Sergeant MacDonald's work cannot be too highly commended.

**Notes:** (M28138) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 633, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Corporal Norman **McIntosh**, BEM, RCEME

90 LAD, RCEME, attached to 3 Canadian Medium Regiment, RCA

**Citation:** H17646 Corporal Norman McIntosh has been employed as a fitter with 90 LAD, RCEME attached to 3 Canadian Medium Regiment. While not required to do so, he acquired exceptional skill in gun maintenance and repair and did outstanding work of a nature not ordinarily required of a fitter. During the period from 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945, he had, on occasions, to work on the actual gun positions, effecting field repairs under heavy enemy fire by day and night. Thoroughly proficient and versatile, he was at all times available for many diversified jobs of the mechanical nature, which promoted the efficiency of the regiment. Throughout the whole campaign, Corporal McIntosh has shown great devotion to duty, and the care and thoroughness of his work has been of invaluable assistance to the regiment.

**Notes:** (H17646) Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4997, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

### Private Thomas Francis **Mitchell**, BEM, RCOC (E)

**Citation:** On 21<sup>st</sup> February 1942, a serious fire broke out in a garage occupied by a section of 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division Ordnance Workshop, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps at Crowborough, Sussex. A Machinery Lorry Type Mechanical Transport (valued at approximately \$ 17,000) was in the building and in danger of total destruction by fire. Two unsuccessful attempts had already been made to remove the lorry, one by driving and one by withdrawing by means of a winch and cable. Members of the local fire service had already given it up as beyond recovery and had advised against further attempts to recover the vehicle. Private Mitchell, on his own initiative, realizing the seriousness of the possible loss of such equipment and appreciating the monetary value of same, went into the burning building, entered the blazing cab of the truck and despite smoke, fumes and heat attempted to back the lorry out of the garage. After one unsuccessful attempt and realizing that the only chance of saving the vehicle was to crash it through the corner of the building, he drove the vehicle forward a few feet and on his second attempt, succeeded in backing the lorry, the front end now in flames, through the corner of the building to safety while the fire services assisted by turning their hose on him. By this outstanding demonstration of leadership, his prompt and commendable action, Private Mitchell not only prevented the total loss of a valuable Machinery Lorry, but made an opening through which further recoveries were made.

**Notes:** (A29464) Canada Gazette dated 1 January 1943 and CARO/2983 dated 4 January 1943; confirmed in CARO/3580 dated 2 September 1943. Previously Commended for Distinguished Conduct.

### Staff Sergeant Almon Ross **Moses**, BEM, RCEME

10 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Staff Sergeant Moses has been employed in 10 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCEME, throughout operations in Northwest Europe. During the period from 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945, who has supervised the ancillary section with distinction and has consistently displayed a conscientious spirit and a persistent energy. At all times, he has exercised a beneficial effect upon morale within the unit. He has succeeded in establishing the highest standard of efficiency within his section, tackling difficult jobs cheerfully and insisting upon accuracy, no matter how difficult the conditions under which he was required to work. This NCO has, in addition, made a notable contribution towards the war effort, namely in the manufacture and standardization of a very successful type of machine-gun mounting for universal carriers. It is felt that Staff Sergeant Moses, in his term of enthusiastic service, has far exceeded the normal call of duty, which has influenced, in no small measure, the work of those who serve under him.

**Notes:** (F20421) Supplement to the London Gazette of 10 July 1945, No. 37172, page 3590, and Canada Gazette and CARO/5826, both dated 30 June 1945.

### Staff Sergeant Daniel **Neill**, BEM, RCEME

Mechanical Transport Workshops of 1 Canadian Central Ordnance Depot

**Citation:** This non-commissioned officer has performed outstanding and conscientious service in the supervision of the Mechanical Transport Workshops of 1 Canadian Central Ordnance Depot, during which time all the vehicles for the Canadian Army Overseas have passed through the hands of the mechanics at this depot. It has been due to his ability to handle men with cheerfulness and tact, his untiring efforts to bring along younger men and teach them their trades that has kept the esprit-de-corps of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers personnel of 1 Canadian Central Ordnance Depot at a high level. As foreman of the "B" Vehicle Shops, he was called on for his technical knowledge, particularly during the preparation for D-Day and the excellent condition of the mechanical transport delivered to the Canadian Army was largely due to the efforts of this non-commissioned officer and the men under his supervision. This non-commissioned officer is a definite credit to his Corps and an asset to his unit.

**Notes:** (A291772) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 28 December 1945, No. 37408, page 143, and Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946. Note: possibly spelled Neil.

### Lance Corporal Redvers Jerry **Nelson**, BEM, RCEME

2 Canadian Corps Troops Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** During operations in Northwest Europe, Lance corporal R.J. Nelson was a machinist in an advanced workshop detachment, which was responsible for the repair of the medium and heavy artillery guns of 2 Canadian AGRA. Many parts for these equipments were temporarily unavailable, and as they were urgently required to keep the guns in service, they had to be manufactured locally.

The majority of this manufacturing of parts fell upon Lance corporal Nelson, who did his duty unflinchingly, working long hours under the most trying conditions. His untiring efforts throughout the campaign from the Normandy beachhead to Germany, made it possible to return repaired equipments to the units with a minimum delay when they were vitally required.

By his initiative, his ability to improvise and fashion the parts required, and his energetic dispatch of duty, he set an example to the rest of his unit, and at the same time made a most praiseworthy contribution to the success of operations.

**Notes:** (B53144) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 634, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) Harry James **Ranger**, BEM, RCEME

5 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop, RCEME

Staff Sergeant Ranger has served with 5 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop for the past year and a half. Throughout this period, his services have been marked by perseverance and loyalty. His work, particularly in connection with the advanced workshop detachment, has been outstanding, and it is entirely due to his unceasing efforts that this detachment has reached a high standard of efficiency. On the night of 13-14 April 1945, during the breakout of the Arnhem bridgehead, the armour suffered heavy casualties in tanks. Realizing that every tank was needed, this non-commissioned officer moved his detachment well forward and carried out essential repairs. Working under heavy mortar and artillery fire, Staff Sergeant Ranger personally searched for and located three knocked-out tanks. As a result of his skilful direction, these tanks were repaired and returned to the units in record time. As the advanced move rapidly forward, the demands on the advanced workshop detachment increased, and by the time Barneveld was reached, Staff Sergeant Ranger and his men were working day and night without relief or rest. Under the guidance of this non-commissioned officer, the detachment performed superhuman tasks. Over a period of three days, seven tanks were made battleworthy, three of which required major assemblies. These assemblies, not readily available to the advanced workshop detachment, were obtained by the initiative of Staff Sergeant Ranger from other casualty tanks in the area. By his resourcefulness and forethought, Staff Sergeant Ranger materially assisted 5 Canadian Armoured Brigade in its successful advance to the Zuider Zee.

**Notes:** (M50277) Supplement to the London Gazette of 11 October 1945, No. 37302, page 4997, and Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

### Craftsman Michael Evison (Evisson?) Russell **Reid**, BEM, RCEME

5 Canadian Armoured Troops Workshop, RCEME

Since his arrival in Northwest Europe and previously throughout the Italian campaign, this soldier has met exceptionally heavy demands upon his ability as a tradesman cheerfully and has never failed to produce excellent work before the time required. By his ability, resourcefulness, perseverance, and untiring efforts, he has made a substantial contribution to the success of operations. During June 1944, this craftsman was attached to the Royal Canadian Dragoons as a welder to complete essential modifications to the Staghound armoured cars, which were to be used in the attack against the Hitler line. Realizing that unless these modifications were carried out before the battle was joined, men's lives would be endangered, Craftsman Reid worked long hours showing outstanding skill and physical endurance to ensure their completion. RCEME resources were strained to the limit and no aid could be given him, so it was largely through this craftsman's thoroughness, tenacity, and devotion to duty that this important task was completed. Later during September 1944, an experimental Bailey Bridge launched from two Sherman tanks was constructed. Again, the responsibility for the successful completion of this important welding work fell upon Craftsman Reid. He worked untiringly against time and, in October 1944, the completed bridge was used in successful operations. He worked night and day during March 1945 with great persistence and ability modifying tanks of 5 Canadian Armoured Division by welding tracks to their armour, to increase their operational efficiency for service in Northwest Europe. By his willingness,

cheerfulness, and ability for sustained work over long periods, irrespective of conditions, he was an incentive to all who worked with him.

**Notes:** (K70354) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 634, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Staff Sergeant Eric **Rule**, BEM, RCEME

LAD (attached to 6 Canadian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment)

**Citation:** During the night of 24 and 25 July 1944, the battery to which Staff Sergeant Rule is attached was deployed in Faubourg St.Vaucelles in defence of the bridges across the River Orne. From approximately 0100 to 0200 hours, the battery headquarters was attacked by enemy bombers, which dropped high explosive and anti-personnel bombs and flares and diving low, violently strafed the area with machine gun fire. The blaze from the flames made an excellent target for the enemy aircraft, but in spite of their attack and the continuous hazard from exploding ammunition and petrol, Staff Sergeant Rule, showing complete disregard for his personal safety, continued to fight the fire. His coolness and leadership served as an inspiration to all ranks at a time when the most strenuous efforts were necessary to prevent the conflagration spreading to the many vehicles of his own and neighbouring units stationed in the immediate vicinity. During the course of the attack, no fewer than seven of those working with Staff Sergeant Rule, including the battery commander, became casualties through enemy action while fighting the blaze, but through their efforts a general conflagration was prevented.

**Notes:** (B57381) Second Supplement to the London Gazette of 7 November 1944, No. 36786, page 5134, and Canada Gazette dated 21 October 1944 and CARO/5028 dated 28 October 1944.

### Artisan Staff Sergeant Matthew Charles **Stone**, BEM, RCEME

6 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Staff Sergeant Stone has served with an advanced workshop detachment throughout the entire campaign in Northwest Europe and at all times has displayed the utmost in coolness, resourcefulness and ability. This NCO worked tirelessly to ensure the maximum output of repaired equipment regardless of the circumstances under which he and his men were required to work. In spite of difficult conditions enemy shelling, bombing and strafing, Staff Sergeant Stone was master of every situation and by his example and outstanding ability succeeded in maintaining the steady flow of work with no reduction in the standard of skilled workmanship essential to the efficient operation of mechanical equipment. Staff Sergeant Stone, by his exceptional devotion to duty, coolness and leadership, coupled with his organizing ability and sound technical knowledge, has contributed materially to the excellent record of the repair services of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

**Notes:** (A29297) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 634, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

### Staff Sergeant Clarence Francis **Taylor**, BEM, RCEME

1 Canadian General Troops Workshop, RCEME

**Citation:** Staff Sergeant Taylor has been in charge of the telecommunications section of a large workshop throughout the whole of the campaign in Northwest Europe. He took over the section shortly after it was first formed, and by displaying a degree of energy, initiative, and resourcefulness quite beyond what would normally be expected of an NCO of his rank, he built up an organization which did much excellent work and contributed in no small measure towards maintaining the wireless equipment of First Canadian Army in first class condition. To achieve these results, Staff Sergeant Taylor, on his own account, undertook the training of the mechanics under his charge, and so instilled them with his own enthusiasm

that they rapidly became most proficient tradesman. He was also solely responsible for designing and installing several pieces of test equipment that proved most valuable in tracing faults.

**Notes:** (K34053) Supplement to the London Gazette of 24 January 1946, No. 37442, page 634, and Canada Gazette dated 15 December 1945 and CARO/6276 dated 18 December 1945.

## Medal of Military Valour (MMV)



The Medal of Military Valour is awarded for an act of valour or devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy. Each subsequent award of the Medal of Military Valour will be indicated by a plain gold bar with a maple leaf in the centre attached to the ribbon from which the medal is suspended.

In the past, as part of the British Empire and later Commonwealth, Canada relied on the British honours system to recognize service members for gallantry in battle. After the Second World War, Canada developed its own honour system, and expanded it considerably in the late 1960s and early 1970s. However, a set of Canadian honours recognizing gallantry by military personnel in the presence of an enemy was not established at that time. The Prime Minister of Canada signed a formal request for the creation of a family of Military Valour Decorations on December 31, 1992, and the Queen approved the Letters Patent on February 2, 1993. The family consists of three Military Valour Decorations: the Victoria Cross (VC), the Star of Military Valour (SMV), and the Medal of Military Valour (MMV). They have been incorporated into the Canadian honours and awards system to enable Canada to recognize members of the Canadian Forces, or members of an allied armed force serving with, or in conjunction with, the CF, for deeds of military valour.

For all three Military Valour Decoration, recipients must be a member of the Canadian Forces or a member of an allied armed force that is serving with or in conjunction with the Canadian Forces, on or after January 1, 1993. Military Valour Decorations can be awarded posthumously.

### MMV Awards

For this award, a successful search on the Governor General of Canada's Honours Search site is considered confirmation (GGCHS).

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the MMV.

#### Corporal Erik **Poelzer**, MMV, CD



**Citation:** On September 24, 2007, during a combat operation in Afghanistan, Corporal Poelzer demonstrated courage and exceptional technical skills by coordinating a vehicle recovery effort through hours of sustained enemy attacks. He continuously exposed himself to great risk while preventing a vital piece of equipment from falling into enemy hands.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 142, No. 29 — July 19, 2008. Cpl Erik Poelzer was awarded the Medal of Military Valour for actions taken on 24 September 2007 while he was serving as crew commander of an armoured recovery vehicle deployed with "C" Squadron Lord Strathconas Horse (Royal Canadians) that was part of the R22R Task Force 3-07 in Afghanistan.

## Medal of Bravery (MB)



The Medal of Bravery is awarded only for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstance. The medal may be awarded posthumously. All Canadian citizens, civilians and members of the Canadian Forces, are eligible for the award. Persons who are not Canadian may receive the award as described for the Cross of Valour. A silver bar with a silver maple leaf in the centre is awarded for subsequent acts of bravery that would earn the award of the medal. The award was established on 01 May 1972 and first awarded on 20 July 1972. To 19 February 1994, there were 1,177 awards (12 posthumously), and 4 bars.

### MB Awards

For this award, a successful search on the Governor General of Canada's Honours Search site is considered confirmation (GGCHS).

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the MB.

#### Captain Andrew James **Collingwood**, MB, CD

**Citation:** On April 19, 1994, Capt. Collingwood, a UN military observer in Croatia, worked his way through an uncleared minefield south of Plastovo to try to rescue a comrade severely injured during a mine clearance operation. He arrived on the scene to find the soldier lying in a pool of blood. Carefully making his way through the minefield, he discovered that the man was already dead. Capt. Collingwood made his way back to safety and guided the medical team in recovering the body.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 8 December 1994.

#### Warrant Officer Gerry **Forward**, MB, CD



**Citation:** On 12 May 1984, Warrant Officer Gerry Forward, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, was contacted by City Police regarding a suicidal servicewoman previously supervised by him. Responding to the call, he went to her apartment where police briefed him that the distraught and apparently drugged woman was armed with a pistol, and very uncooperative. Although untrained for such situations and warned that he would have minimal cover, Warrant Officer Forward volunteered to attempt to save the woman rather than risk her death by waiting. Allowed by the woman to enter, he began to win her confidence, convincing her to place the gun on the floor. As he slowly moved nearer, she sensed his purpose, seized the weapon and threatened him. Calmly, he began again. Eventually, she placed the gun on the floor. This time he moved quickly, pinning her to the couch with the coffee table and grabbing the pistol. The police rushed in to take control. Warrant Officer Forward's judgement was correct: the woman would soon have succumbed to an overdose of drugs and alcohol.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette 20 July 1985, p4323. At the time, WO Forward was an FCS Technician at CFB Gagetown, NB.

**Master Warrant Officer Stanley Dwayne Mercredi, M.B., C.D.**

**Citation:** On January 13, 2013, Warrant Officer Stanley Mercredi disarmed a soldier who was threatening to kill himself, in Kabul, Afghanistan. As the distraught man drew his service pistol from its holster, Warrant Officer Mercredi tackled him to the floor, wrestled the weapon from his hand, and restrained him until help arrived.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 5 February 2015.

**Sergeant Dwayne Rumbolt, MB, CD**

**Citation:** On July 4, 2014, Sergeant Dwayne Rumbolt disarmed a distressed soldier who was threatening to kill himself in Oromocto, New Brunswick. The victim, armed with a pistol, had hidden himself in a small crawl space in his house. Sergeant Rumbolt found the man asleep and carefully tried to remove the gun from his hands. His movements woke the soldier who accidentally fired a round into the wall. A struggle ensued that ended with the pistol's magazine being ejected. Sergeant Rumbolt was then able to calm the victim down until help arrived.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 24 November 2015.

## Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)



The award has a military and civil division. In the military division, the cross may be awarded to a member of the Canadian Forces (or a member of a foreign military force) for performance, on or after 11 June 1984, of a military deed or a military activity in an outstandingly professional manner or of such a rare high standard that it brings considerable benefit or great honour to the Canadian Forces. In the civil division, the Cross may be awarded to any person (Canadian or non-Canadian) for their performance on or after 11 June 1984, of a deed or activity in an outstandingly professional manner or of an uncommonly high standard bringing considerable benefit or great honour to Canada. A silver bar with a maple leaf in the centre is awarded to recipients who hold the medal and perform further activities that would have warranted award of the medal. One bar has been awarded to 01 July 1993. The Meritorious Service Cross (Military) was established on 11 June 1984. The cross was expanded for awarding to civilians by Letters Patent of the Privy Council of Canada 1991 - 1060 on 06 June 1991. Awards for civilians could be retroactive to 11 June 1984. To 29 January 1994, there were 37 awards and one bar in the military division, and seven awards in the civil division.

### MSC Awards

For this award, a successful search on the Governor General of Canada's Honours Search site is considered confirmation (GGCHS).

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the MSC.

#### Colonel Nicolas **Eldaoud**, MSC, CD

**Citation:** Colonel Eldaoud, then a lieutenant-colonel, was deployed as the commanding officer of the National Support Element, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to February 2008. An inspirational leader, he trained a cohesive combat-ready team. Despite persistent enemy attacks throughout the Afghan landscape, his personal example and dedication ensured the continuous and timely logistics support of the task force and was key to the success of the mission.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 26 June 2008. Canada Gazette Vol. 142, No. 48 — November 29, 2008.

## Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)



This Honour is administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall. The nomination process for the military division however, is administered by the Department of National Defence. For more information on the Civil Division of the Meritorious Service Decorations, visit [www.gg.ca](http://www.gg.ca). Military nominations shall be processed through the chain of command in accordance with A-AD-200-000/AG-000 - Honours, Flags and Heritage Structure of the Canadian Forces. The Meritorious Service Medal (military division) recognizes a military deed or activity that has been performed in a highly professional manner or of a very high standard, which brings benefit or honour to the Canadian Forces.

### MSM Awards

For this award, as an alternative to a gazette reference, a successful search on the Governor General of Canada's Honours Search site is considered confirmation (GGCHS).

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the MSM.

#### Major Aly **Alibhai**, MSM

**Citation:** Captain Alibhai deployed to Jordan as a special operations planning and liaison officer. His detailed planning and extensive coordination resulted in the strengthening of whole-of-government relations between Canada and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. His outstanding leadership, technical expertise and unparalleled efforts to establish and maintain relationships with numerous stakeholders brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Notes: GGCHS Awarded 13 July 2016.

#### Colonel Sébastien **Bouchard**, MSM, CD

**Citation:** As commanding officer of the National Support Element of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Bouchard distinguished himself by his leadership and dedication. Through his continued efforts, both at the forefront and behind the scenes, and through his determination, he shrewdly led his team, identified and implemented solutions, and provided ongoing

support to the Canadian Forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Bouchard's performance in a dynamic theatre of operations was key to the Element's operational success.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 22 August 2012.

### Major Michael James **Cole**, MSM, CD



**Citation:** Major Cole displayed professionalism and dedication as officer commanding Maintenance Company in Afghanistan from April to November 2010. Under his leadership, starting with the training period leading up to the deployment, his company provided seamless support to Task Force Kandahar operations. Executing his duties to the highest professional standards, he led by example and willingly shared the same risks as his soldiers on the ground. Major Cole's efforts contributed to the Canadian Forces' operational success during a long and challenging fighting season.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 18 September 2011.

### Corporal Dominic **Couture**, MSM, CD



**Citation:** Corporal Couture was deployed as the weapons technician with Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. Despite limited resources at the Forward Operating Base, his resourcefulness and expertise ensured the effective repair of artillery systems and the manufacturing of parts. In addition to providing ongoing technical support on the battlefield, his dedicated efforts, under adverse and dangerous conditions, enhanced the operational effectiveness of the battle group.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 142, No. 48, 29 November 2008. Corporal Couture was awarded the MSM for outstanding Weapons Technician support to X Battery located at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Sperman Ghar during Operation *Athena* of Roto 4 in Afghanistan. Despite the harsh local conditions Corporal Couture worked tirelessly to ensure that all guns remained operational throughout the mission.

### Chief Warrant Officer Patrick Joseph **Earles**, MSM, CD



**Citation:** Chief Warrant Officer Earles deployed to Afghanistan as regimental sergeant-major of the National Support Element, the logistics unit tasked with supporting the Canadian Forces in theatre, from January to August 2006. A courageous man, his inspired leadership and tireless example bolstered morale and confidence throughout the unit and inspired perseverance during a tour replete with difficult times for all concerned. Whether providing sound advice to his commanding officer or sharing the risk on the ground,

Chief Warrant Officer Earles' leadership and dedication ensured the successful provision of logistical support across Afghanistan.

**Notes:** GGCHS awarded 2 November 2010.

### Major Étienne Joseph Robert Claude **Gauthier**, MSM, CD

**Citation:** As operations officer for the National Support Element in Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, Major Gauthier demonstrated remarkable leadership and strong presence of mind. His dedication and exemplary service resulted in a support plan to secure the Horn of Panjwayi, by increasing the effectiveness of logistical combat patrols and by diligently meeting the logistical needs of battlespace commanders. Major Gauthier's worthy contributions to support operations greatly enhanced the success of the Canadian Forces.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 17 May 2012.

## Master Corporal William Thomas (Tom) **Hoggarth**, MSM, CD



**Citation:** Master Corporal Hoggarth was deployed to a forward operating base in Afghanistan, from September 2008 to April 2009. Responding to feedback from ground troops, he designed and implemented armour packages that increased the survivability of logistics vehicles in combat. He tirelessly maintained anti-mine equipment aboard tanks and modified the vehicles to make them safer under fire. He also built defensive improvements within the base that increased the safety of all personnel. Master Corporal Hoggarth's ability to innovate and his outstanding work ethic greatly contributed to the safety of Canadian troops.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 144, No. 27, 3 July 2010. GGCHS Awarded 19 November 2009. Mat Tech.

## Colonel Murray Caister **Johnston**, MSM, CD {PRIVATE }



**Citation:** Col Johnston (retired) has served with tireless dedication and selflessness as Colonel Commandant of the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch of the Canadian Forces since 1991. He has researched and written two authoritative books on the history of the Branch, and developed the Branch's Honour Roll. His visits across Canada and to soldiers deployed throughout the world, along with his participation in countless charitable and volunteer military support organizations, have been instrumental in bridging the gap between the sacrifices made by Canadian Forces veterans and today's serving soldiers.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 138, No. 46 — November 13, 2004. Colonel Johnston was born in 1933 and served for 31 years as a Regular Force officer from 1952 to 1983. From 1983 to 1991, he was the Director of the National Emergency Agency for Energy in the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources as well as the Canadian Representative to the NATO Petroleum Planning Committee. Appointed RCEME Colonel Commandant in 1991 he held the appointment for 13 years until May 15, 2004. A graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada and of the Canadian Army Staff College, he is a Registered Professional Engineer and holds a Bachelors Degree in Engineering from the University of British Columbia and a Masters Degree in Automotive Engineering from the University of Michigan. His postings have included: NDHQ as Director Support Vehicles Engineering and Maintenance, Director of Program Plans and Team Leader in the DEVIL Maintenance System Working Group; 202 Workshop Depot as Commanding Officer; the International Commission for Control and Supervision (Vietnam 1973) as a Region Commander in the Mekong Delta; Headquarters Mobile Command as Senior Staff Officer Maintenance; Ottawa Militia District as GSO1; 4 Field Workshop(RCEME) in Germany as Recovery Platoon Officer and 2IC; the Land Engineering Test Establishment as a test engineer on the Bobcat and M113A1 Armoured Personnel Carriers; 2RCHA Light Aid Detachment as Commanding Officer and 213 Workshop(RCEME) in Winnipeg as Control Officer. He is a Past-President of; the Royal Military Colleges Club of Canada, the Friends of the Canadian War Museum and the RCEME Association and is a former Vice-Chairman of the Conference of Defence Associations. From 1997 to 2008, he was a Director of the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre in Ottawa. Currently he is; a member of Branch 616 of the Royal Canadian Legion, a volunteer guide at the Canadian War Museum, President of the RCEME Association and the RCEME Branch Historian. In 2002 he was awarded a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal on the recommendation of the Royal Canadian Legion for his work on behalf of veterans and remembrance. In 2003, at the request of the RCEME soldiers in Bosnia, he was awarded a NATO SFOR medal in recognition of his 10 trips to the Balkans including Croatia, Kosovo and Bosnia to visit them. On 25 October 2004, the Governor-General awarded him the Meritorious Service Medal in the military division. In 2005 at the age of 72 he completed, for the fifth time, the four-day 160-kilometer Nijmegen Marches as part of the Canadian Military Contingent.

## Chief Warrant Officer Michel **Landry**, MMM, MSM, CD



**Citation:** Chief Warrant Officer Landry was deployed to Afghanistan as the regimental sergeant-major of the National Support Element, from July 2007 to March 2008. A dedicated leader, he took part in numerous logistical convoys alongside his soldiers. His effective mentorship inspired his troops to carry out their mission with courage and confidence.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 142, No. 48 — November 29, 2008.

## Major Heather Joy **MacCharles**, MSM, CD

**Citation:** Between 2009 and 2011, Major MacCharles exhibited personal courage, professionalism and leadership in her efforts to champion the issue of family violence and sexual assault. While spearheading a Canadian Forces-wide review on the subject, she identified deficiencies in the existing Canadian Forces policy. As a direct result of her perseverance, this sensitive issue was brought to the attention of the Armed Forces Council, which resulted in a complete review of and subsequent changes to the Canadian Forces' approach.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 30 November 2011.

## Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Raynald Yan **Poirier**, MSM, CD

**Citation:** While deployed to Afghanistan from April to December 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Poirier contributed significantly to the development of the Afghan National Army. His leadership and innovative problem solving contributed directly to fielding an incredible number of Afghan soldiers, which helped them meet coalition goals sooner than expected. In addition, he worked relentlessly to improve the soldiers' equipment, infrastructure and quality of life. Through his efforts, Lieutenant-Colonel Poirier made a significant contribution towards bringing stability to the country.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 18 September 2011.

## Lieutenant-Colonel David Donald **Ross**, MSM, CD

**Citation:** From July to December 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Ross deployed to Afghanistan with the Mission Transition Task Force. As assistant chief of staff operations, he orchestrated the Canadian Armed Forces' largest mission closure in recent history. His leadership, knowledge and ability to synchronize multiple lines of effort were instrumental in keeping operations running smoothly despite the hectic environment. Lieutenant-Colonel Ross' performance contributed to the successful closure of Canada's combat mission in Afghanistan.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 19 April 2013.

## Corporal John Tommy **Salois**, MSM.

**Citation:** While deployed to Afghanistan from November 2009 to April 2010, Corporal Salois was critical to the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the Persistent Surveillance System. He provided field commanders with enhanced situational awareness, and his exceptional repair work, troubleshooting of systems and development of standard operating procedures augmented protection for all soldiers. His dedication, intellect and technical ability were essential to operational success in Afghanistan and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 26 April 2011.

## Master Warrant Officer Joseph Daniel Maurice **Santerre**, MSM, CD



**Citation:** From July 1995 to January 1996, Master Warrant Officer Santerre was assigned to the 95th Multidisciplinary Support Group of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda. Master Warrant Officer Santerre displayed a high degree of professionalism in discharging his duties as the unit maintenance officer, among other things, by helping to clean up the site of a disastrous accident between a tanker and a mini-van in which 24 people were killed. In addition to serving as co-chair of the unit's orphanage committee, he worked tirelessly to coordinate the assistance provided to some 20 orphanages throughout Rwanda. His passion and courage earned him deep respect as an individual and a member of the Canadian Forces.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette Vol. 131, No. 17, 26 April 1997, p1297.

## Chief Warrant Officer Robert Joseph **Thompson**, MSM, CD

**Citation:** Chief Warrant Officer Thompson deployed to the Kabul Military Training Centre from July 2012 to June 2013, both as the regimental sergeant-major of the Training Advisory Group and the Canadian regimental sergeant-major. He provided skillful advice on national issues while simultaneously mentoring his Afghan counterpart. His leadership and influence were felt throughout the organization as he worked tirelessly to engage Afghan personnel, civilian contractors and all members of the multinational military contingent. His performance brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 28 February 2014.

## Mentions in Despatches (MiD)



Members of the Canadian Forces on active service and other individuals working with or in conjunction with the Canadian Forces on or after November 1, 1990 are eligible for the award of the Insignia. Mention in Despatches shall be awarded for valiant conduct, devotion to duty or other distinguished service. No post-nominals are given for the MiD.

During the First World War, 5467 MID's were awarded to Canadians.

During the Second World War, MID's were awarded as follows: 6432 to the Canadian Army, 2197 to the Royal Canadian Air Force and 1037 to the Royal Canadian Navy for a total of 9666 MID's awarded.

During the Korean conflict, MID's were awarded as follows: 246 to the Canadian Army and 33 to the Royal Canadian Navy for a total 279 MID's awarded.

In 1990, the MID was re-introduced in the Canadian Forces and 283 have been awarded to date. A citation certificate accompanies the award.

### First World War MiD Awards

The following members of RCEME were Mentioned in Despatches in the Second World War.

Note: Awards are recorded in *To the Thunderer, His Arms. The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps*. William F. Rennie, editor and publisher. Lincoln, Ontario, Canada.

#### Major Alfred Sidney **Buttenshaw**

**Notes:** LG 30448, 28 December 1917. 2<sup>nd</sup> Source: Thunderer, p346.

#### Armourer Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) HW **Dunk**

**Notes:** (21826) LG 29890, 04 January 1917. 2<sup>nd</sup> Source: Thunderer, p346.

#### Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Horace **Durling**

**Notes:** (510996) LG 30107, 1 June 1917. 2<sup>nd</sup> Source: Thunderer, p346.

#### Armourer Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) LC **Elliott**

**Notes:** (79025) LG 31448, 8 July 1919. 2<sup>nd</sup> Source: Thunderer, p346.

#### Lieutenant HR **Northover**

**Notes:** LG 29422, 31 December 1915. 2<sup>nd</sup> Source: Thunderer, p346.

#### Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) AH **Phillips**

**Notes:** (34828) LG 30706, 28 May 1918. 2<sup>nd</sup> Source: Thunderer, p346.

## **Second World War MiD Awards**

The following members of RCEME were Mentioned in Despatches in the Second World War.

### **Lieutenant Robert Milner Allemang**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

### **Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Frederick George Allen**

**Notes:** (B94170) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

### **Corporal Douglas Keith Anderson**

**Notes:** (M60243) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

### **Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Kenneth Murray Anderson**

**Notes:** (K74128) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

### **Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) John Llwellyn Anderson**

**Notes:** (K.70644) CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

### **Captain Ross William Anderson**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Captain Harold Sherwood Aspinall **Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

### **Corporal Russell Leigh Aubrey**

**Notes:** (M50387) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

### **Lance Corporal Thomas Alfred Bailey**

**Notes:** (M36408) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

### **Craftsman William Robert Bailey**

**Notes:** (C120965) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

### **Sergeant Robert Allister Baillie**

**Notes:** (K52262) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

### **Major Lorne Pierce Baker**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Private Frederick Collison Baldwin**

**Notes:** (M37656) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Captain Harry Bapty**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant Arlo Eldon Barkley**

**Notes:** (L67082) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Major Guy Barclay**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Victor George (John?) Battram**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Captain Herbert Leslie Beanlands**

**Notes:** LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Staff Sergeant William Henry Bennett**

**Notes:** (M4074) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Corporal Vaughan Ferdinand Berdux**

**Notes:** (A86154) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Major Gerald Allen Blackburn**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain William Lancelot Bland**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Captain James Walker Blatchford**

**Notes:** LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Superintendent Clerk (WO1) Vernon Earl Blueman**

**Notes:** (B94152) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Lieutenant Colonel Carl Rice Boehm**

**Notes:** MBE LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Warrant Officer Class I (Sub-Conductor) James Rupert Boon**

**Notes:** (P35153) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Major Louis-Evila Bourbonnais**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) James Ogilvie Boyce**

**Notes:** (K65310) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Private William Boyce**

**Notes:** (D128997) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Major Kenneth Norval Robertson Brands**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Armament Staff Sergeant John Brereton**

**Notes:** (K83021) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Corporal Adrien Breton**

**Notes:** (E74565) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Frank Cook Bridges**

**Notes:** (L10213) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) Walker Robert Brown**

**Notes:** (D117335) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) Walker Robert Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> award)**

**Notes:** (D117335) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Corporal Sidney (Sydney?) Bullock**

**Notes:** (D98506) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Corporal Stanley Frederick Burns**

**Notes:** (F45486) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**A/Sergeant Henry Hamilton Burt**

**Notes:** (K76140) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Company Sergeant Major (WO2) Basil Joseph Bye**

**Notes:** (B3853) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Captain Arthur Holt Caldicott**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Cameron George Samuel**

**Notes:** (A47056) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Staff Sergeant Victor James Campbell**

**Notes:** (L27009) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal William Douglas Campbell**

**Notes:** (A86157) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Captain (A/Major) Murray Francis Carriere**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725 dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lieutenant (A/Captain) Walter Ernest Cavell**

**Notes:** LGS 1 February 1945 p682, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Sergeant William Henry Chaplin**

**Notes:** (B94275) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Sergeant Abbe Charbonneau**

**Notes:** (E5295) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945..

**Lance Corporal Francis Roy Clark**

**Notes:** (B2840) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG , and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Major Stanley Desmond Clarke**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Major William Greig Cooke**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Craftsman William Coull**

**Notes:** (B57351) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Lieutenant Ben Cowan**

**Notes:** LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Lieutenant Ben Cowan (second award)**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Montague Shillatoe Cranston**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Lance Corporal Frederick Thomas Cross**

**Notes:** (B19024) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Warrant Officer Class 1 Bimson McLeod Crouse**

**Notes:** (L22191) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Staff Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) William Hibbert Cutler**

**Notes:** (C37814) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG , and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) (A/Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) )  
George Benson Dakin**

**Notes:** (G45046) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG , and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945..

**Sergeant William Edward Dale**

**Notes:** (K70160 or K 71060) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Sergeant William Edward Dale (second award)**

**Notes:** (K70160 or K 71060) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Craftsman John Leo Daniels**

**Notes:** (C5611) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Sergeant Lawrence Thomas Davies**

**Notes:** (K75248) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Sergeant Henry Frederick Bernard Davis**

**Notes:** (B69645) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Staff Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2)) Irwin Alfred Dawson**

**Notes:** (B94470) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Raymond Felix Dean**

**Notes:** (H37136) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Sergeant Ernest Charles Delmage**

**Notes:** (H63516) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Staff Sergeant Matthew Devereux**

**Notes:** (A9027) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Lieutenant Baxter O'Connor Dick**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant William Watson Dickson**

**Notes:** (A99495) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Lance Corporal Dennis Bernard Dougherty**

**Notes:** (F1259) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945..

**Corporal Thomas Dow**

**Notes:** (D122624) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Craftsman Eben Ivan Dowie**

**Notes:** (K65361) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Corporal Victor James Drybrough**

**Notes:** (B112795) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain (A/Major) Alpin Ogilvie Drysdale**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Staff Sergeant Walter Thomas Duckett**

**Notes:** (L2157) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Craftsman Sherwin Nelson Duncan**

**Notes:** (D109741) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Major (A/ Lieutenant Colonel) James Russell Dunlop**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946

**Corporal (A/Sergeant) Edgar Frederick Eaton**

**Notes:** (F65371) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lieutenant (A/Captain) Roy Alfred Edwards**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945..

**Corporal (A/Sergeant) Charles Edwin Eikle**

**Notes:** (D166431) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Sidney Lyle Erwin**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Lance Corporal Gerard Ethier**

**Notes:** D109691 LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Percy Albert Farmer**

**Notes:** (B94527) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Major Robert George Farrell**

**Notes:** LGS 1 February 1945 p682, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Captain James William Fergusson**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) John Henry Ferraby**

**Notes:** (29003) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Eric Perry Flinn**

**Notes:** (F93446) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Craftsman Andrew Charles Flood**

**Notes:** (M41007) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Sergeant Colin Edward Fox**

**Notes:** (A20499) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Staff Sergeant William Galech**

**Notes:** (K31525) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Staff Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Herbert Gallier**

**Notes:** (U1563) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Sergeant (A/Armament Quartermaster Sergeant) (WO2) ) Herbert Joseph Gamman**

**Notes:** (C92057) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain John Joseph Garnett**

**Notes:** LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Craftsman Martin John Garrett**

**Notes:** (M60763) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Craftsman John Graham Paul George**

**Notes:** (C98513) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Craftsman (Acting Corporal) Herman Arthur Charles Gildemeester**

**Notes:** (K.48175) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal William Clifford Gillespie**

**Notes:** (M69609) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Corporal (A/Sergeant) Geoffrey Glenn**

**Notes:** (B58738) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Captain George Frederick **Granger**

**Notes:** CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

Brigadier George Milligan **Grant**, CBE

**Notes:** CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

Corporal Albert Richard **Green**

**Notes:** (B94556) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

Sergeant Morris Errol **Green**

**Notes:** (L17139) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

Captain Bernard Ferdinand **Grimmelt**

**Notes:** LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

Captain Bernard Ferdinand **Grimmelt** (second mention)

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Craftsman Alexander Joseph **Hachey**

**Notes:** (G49316) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

Lance Corporal Donald Hilton **Hadley**

**Notes:** (B8555) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Gerald Mervin **Hagan**

**Notes:** (P35410) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

Captain Ernest Campbell **Hall**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) Clifford George **Hallam**

**Notes:** (L7506) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Captain Richard Edwin **Hallum** (Hallam?)

**Notes:** LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

Sergeant Arthur McIntosh **Hamilton**

**Notes:** (D109185) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Major William Gerald Hamilton**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Craftsman Archibald Campbell Hanna**

**Notes:** (H64850) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Major John Murray Harding**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant Orville Gliddon Hardy**

**Notes:** (A11544) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Charlie Langton Harris**

**Notes:** (A2125) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Charlie Langton Harris (second award)**

**Notes:** (A2125) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Corporal William George Harrison**

**Notes:** (H99248) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Sergeant Frank William Harwood**

**Notes:** (A29440) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Robert Wilfred Hauser**

**Notes:** (M7040) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Warrant Officer Class II (Company Sergeant-Major) Ernest Henson**

**Notes:** (B.94412) Canada Gazette dated 18 March 1944 and CARO/4296 dated 1 April 1944, “in recognitions of gallant and distinguished services.”

**Captain Gordon Hepburn**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Vernon Argyle Heywood**

**Notes:** (A11125) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant Delbert Manson Hill**

**Notes:** (A68191) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Cecil Henry **Hillier**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

Lance Corporal Robert Oliver **Hillis**

**Notes:** (A29451) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Cyrus Wilson **Hodder**

**Notes:** (B94594) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

Captain Ronald Hugh Cleveland **Hodgson**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Edward William **Hoffman**

**Notes:** (D96015) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

Staff Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Ernest Archibald **Holyer**

**Notes:** (A34400) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

Staff Sergeant William Henry **Hooey**

**Notes:** (H40873) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Captain Frederick Harold Howard LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Armament Staff Sergeant (WO1) Frederick James **Huish**

**Notes:** (K73061) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Major William Sinclair **Hunt**

**Notes:** LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

Major Paul George **Ingram**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Frederick Avid **Jacobs**

**Notes:** (B26098) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

Lance Corporal Richard Lorne **James**

**Notes:** (M104553) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Craftsman Glen Jamieson**

**Notes:** (H63621) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Captain Stewart Edgar Jamieson**

**Notes:** LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Craftsman Gordon William Jarvis**

**Notes:** (D109700) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Ronald Gordon Jeffery**

**Notes:** (H58593) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Wilbur Stanley Jickling**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Earl Walter Johnson**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Craftsman Claude Rupert Jones**

**Notes:** (G32727) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Corporal George William Jones**

**Notes:** (A64165) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Captain Stuart Grant Jones**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant Solomon Joseph**

**Notes:** (D24142) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Craftsman Albert John Jury**

**Notes:** (H95437) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Captain Frederick Robertson Kaye**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Corporal William Nelson Keating**

**Notes:** (B56856) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

Armament Staff Sergeant (WO1) **RB Kelleway**

**Notes:** (K71648) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

Lieutenant Robert William **Kennedy**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Sergeant Uko Lee **Koenen**

**Notes:** (M28061) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

Captain Numa Michael **Kogan**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Sergeant Frank Joseph **Kovach**

**Notes:** (M10869) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

Lance Corporal Gerald Danford **Lakins**

**Notes:** (D36560) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Captain (A/Major) Richard Edward **Lane**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) William **Lasuta**

**Notes:** (L9113) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Captain Stephen John **Lea**, MBE

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

Major John James de Conlay **Legate**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Staff Sergeant John Sydney **Linnell**

**Notes:** (K74486) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Hubert **Litchfield**

**Notes:** (B51735) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament (Artisan?) Sergeant Hugh DeWinter Lloyd**

**Notes:** (F86401) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Alexander Lukiwiski**

**Notes:** (L7304) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Willmont Sylvester MacDonnell**

**Notes:** (B3856) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal Hubert Roy MacGregor**

**Notes:** (G52128) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Captain Douglas Hamilton MacHale**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain (A/Major) William Vincent MacInnes**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Craftsman Patrick Mackle (Mackie?)**

**Notes:** (G32781) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Captain Aaros Loudon MacLean**

**Notes:** (ZD2612) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain William Donald MacLean**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lieutenant (A/Captain) John Murray MacLeod**

**Notes:** LGS 1 February 1945 p682, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Ewan MacMillan**

**Notes:** (P35357) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Corporal (A/Sergeant) Thomas Bruce MacPherson**

**Notes:** (B9284) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Lance Corporal Joseph Alphoncis Mancuso**

**Notes:** (B.87955) CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Captain Hector Edmond Marion**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Corporal Ronald Robert Manning**

**Notes:** (U1932) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Captain John Crawford Martin**

**Notes:** CG dated 18 March 1944 and CARO/4296 dated 1 April 1944, “in recognitions of gallant and distinguished services.”

**Captain John Crawford Martin**

**Notes:** CG dated 22 July 1944 and CARO/4799 dated 12 August 1944.

**Captain Leonard Martin, MBE**

**Notes:** LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Major Harvey Libbey King Mason, MBE**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) George Galloway Matthews**

**Notes:** (A29146) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Lieutenant Colonel Harold Bruce McAdam, MBE**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Corporal Malcolm McCallum**

**Notes:** (K83617) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Corporal (A/Sergeant) Dalve Kennedy McConachie**

**Notes:** (B89429) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant (A/Artisan Staff Sergeant) Thomas Alexander McCreadie**

**Notes:** (B95667) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) (A/ Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) )  
Clifford McCrudden**

**Notes:** (D96052) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Lieutenant Colonel Leonard Davidson McGee, MBE**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant Gordon Ivan McGrath**

**Notes:** (B53034) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Craftsman John Herdman McIlroy**

**Notes:** (B52712) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) (A/ Armament Sergeant major (WO1) )  
John Stirling McIntyre**

**Notes:** (B75746) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Sergeant Donald Howard McIsaac**

**Notes:** (L8601) (L9601?) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Armament Staff Sergeant John Paul McKenna**

**Notes:** (A9818) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal Francis John McKillip (McKillop?)**

**Notes:** (B94511) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Lieutenant James Myles McKinnon**

**Notes:** LGS 1 February 1945 p682, and CG and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945

**Major John Robert McLarnon**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Herbert Douglas McMullen**

**Notes:** (B4415) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Major John Alexander McTavish, MBE**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Craftsman Alfred Albert Meecham (Meehan?)**

**Notes:** (A58621) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

Colonel Maxwell Charles Gordon **Meighen**, OBE

**Notes:** CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Captain Albert **Mendelsohn**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

Craftsman Clarence **Menzie**

**Notes:** (D11722) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Walter Powell **Midmer**

**Notes:** (C16560) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Horace James **Millen**, MBE,

**Notes:** (P35420) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) Robert Ramsey **Millar** (Miller?)

**Notes:** (M62304) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

Craftsman (A/Corporal) Henry Lemuel **Mills**

**Notes:** (F97037) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

Major Robert Alexander **Mitchell**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

Lance Corporal William John **Mitchell**

**Notes:** (A19432) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

Lance Corporal William John **Mitchell** (second award)

**Notes:** (A19432) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

Corporal Arthur **Mordente**

**Notes:** (D108087) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

Staff Sergeant Howard Armstrong **Murray**

**Notes:** (C42230) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

Corporal James Ira **Murray**

**Notes:** (G49084) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Captain Walter George Murray**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Craftsman Armin Najovits**

**Notes:** (D122765) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Staff Sergeant Robert Archibald Neely**

**Notes:** (K90020) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Lieutenant (A/Captain) Proctor Clifford Neil, MC**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Captain Proctor Clifford Neil, MC**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Craftsman Glenn Frederick Nettle**

**Notes:** (B71114) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Corporal George Michael Nicholson**

**Notes:** (B94137) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Staff Sergeant Thomas Arthur Norman**

**Notes:** (M36415) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) William Howard Norton**

**Notes:** P35274 LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) Michael William O'Donnell**

**Notes:** (M16868) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Sergeant Irving Oilgisser**

**Notes:** (D117273) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Craftsman William Olechowski, MM,**

**Notes:** (M37070) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Craftsman Edmund Olson**

**Notes:** (L54823) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Craftsman Robert Thomas Osborne**

**Notes:** (B53088) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal Joseph Oshurst**

**Notes:** (M28142) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Staff Sergeant Melvin Carlisle Osmond**

**Notes:** (B9458) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Alvin Birley Otto**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Staff-Sergeant Francois Alberni Ouimet**

**Citation:** During battle it was the duty of Sergeant F.A. Ouimet, the armourer of the Ontario Regiment, to move as far forward as possible behind the tanks in order to carry out immediate repairs to tank machine guns. Because of high rates of fire barrels often needed replacement and, consequently, he always carried a good stock in his vehicle. In one incident, as the unit was supporting the Indian Division prior to the assault across the Gari, he changed a machine-gun barrel under fire on a tank while it was under enemy fire and was engaging targets near Monte Cassino. For this and other similar incidents Sergeant Ouimet was Mentioned in Dispatches.

**Notes:** (P35270) Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945. The Gazette records him as “armour”.

**Captain Einar Henry Palmason**

**Notes:** LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Staff Sergeant Earl Thomas Palmer**

**Notes:** (L51094) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Staff Sergeant Frank Partington**

**Notes:** (K75385) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Sergeant Norman Parker**

**Notes:** (D82468) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Sergeant Frederick Wilbert Pearce**

**Notes:** (B94158) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Craftsman Kenneth Leonard Robert Pearce**

**Notes:** (B52416) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Major Edmund Alexander Perry**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Staff Sergeant John Anthony Pfoh**

**Notes:** (K53919) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Lieutenant Philip William Pinn**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Leonard Thorne Poulter**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Frank Wellington Powell**

**Notes:** B2824 LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lieutenant Alexander Evan Pritchard**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal William Alexander Prowse**

**Notes:** (L100626) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal Frank Jack Puckett**

**Notes:** (A29302) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Sergeant Thomas St.George Wise Racey**

**Notes:** (K25806) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Captain Charles John Rankin**

**Notes:** LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Armament Staff Sergeant John Alexander Ravenhill**

**Notes:** (B94617) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Sergeant Thomas Alexander Read**

**Notes:** (U1832) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Captain Harry Albert Rice**

**Notes:** LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) William Richardson**

**Notes:** (A29004) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945

**Sergeant (A/ Staff Sergeant) Henry Frederick Roberts**

**Notes:** (H37117) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Major Fred Andrew Rose**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Winter Huber Royer**

**Notes:** (M41022) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Staff Sergeant Eric Rule, BEM,**

**Notes:** ( B57381) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Staff Sergeant Walter Stanley Sanderson**

**Notes:** (A29605) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Sergeant Richard Earl Sargent**

**Notes:** (B58450) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Superintendent Clerk (WO1) Douglas Alexander Saunders**

**Notes:** (P35378) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Captain Leman Bruce Sreaton**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Robert Reginald Seely**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Sergeant Frank Sheldon**

**Notes:** (B67833) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Lorne Kenneth Shrum**

**Notes:** LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Captain Lorne Kenneth Shrum (second award)**

**Notes:** LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Sergeant Arthur Thomas Simpson**

**Notes:** (L67127) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Craftsman John Joseph Simpson**

**Notes:** (M50473) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Staff Sergeant Sidney John Smith**

**Notes:** (M41913) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Staff Sergeant Sidney John Smith (second award)**

**Notes:** (M41913) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Craftsman William Tait Smylie**

**Notes:** (L54932) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Staff Sergeant William James Smythe**

**Notes:** (A86053) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Staff Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) John William Stark**

**Notes:** (G41244) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant Harold Edward Steels**

**Notes:** (A29006) LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**Major Archibald John Ridley Stethem**

**Notes:** LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Lieutenant William Samuel Russell Stevenson**

**Notes:** LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

Corporal (A/Sergeant) (A/Armament Staff Sergeant?) **Harley Beecher Stewart**

**Notes:** (G18697) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Major James Alexander **Stewart, OBE**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

Craftsman Robert William **Stickler**

**Notes:** (K46446) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) John Frederick **Stimson**

**Notes:** (M29148) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

Captain Max Kenneth **Strang, MBE**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

Corporal Ronald James **Sully**

**Notes:** (L86707) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

Captain Walter James **Sutherland**

**Notes:** LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

Sergeant Orval **Sweeney**

**Notes:** (A3028) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

Lieutenant Stanley Grey **Tait**

**Notes:** LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Ernest Alonzo **Taylor**

**Notes:** (M62378) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

Major Herbert William **Thomas**

**Notes:** LGS 21 June 1945 p3231, and CG and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

Sergeant Frank Alexander **Thomson**

**Notes:** (H99097) LGS 9 August 1945 p4063, and CG and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

Captain (A/Major) George Wilbert **Thompson**

**Notes:** LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Captain William Thomas Sydney Thompson**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Artisan Staff Sergeant William Jacob Tilford**

**Notes:** (A29497) LGS 22 March 1945 p1571, and CG and CARO/5324, both dated 3 February 1945.

**Staff Sergeant Cyril Tose**

**Notes:** (M62358) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Captain Ross Gregory Trout**

**Notes:** LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Sergeant Keith Ronald Turnbull**

**Notes:** (L66473) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Sergeant Major (WO1) William Raymond Varcoe, MBE,**

**Notes:** (M28066) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Staff Sergeant Roy Albert Vollick**

**Notes:** (B53037) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain Ronald George Waite**

**Notes:** LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Sergeant Clarence Reginald Wakefield**

**Notes:** (B75959) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Craftsman Howard Cecil Walker**

**Notes:** (A29534) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Captain Leslie Wardman, MBE**

**Notes:** LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Sergeant Arthur Morris Warhaft**

**Notes:** (D128584) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal Arthur Reginald Appleyard Washington**

**Notes:** (A29486) LGS 1 February 1945 p683, and CG dated 6 January 1945 and CARO/5255 dated 10 January 1945.

**Staff Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Robert Hazelhurst Watt**

**Notes:** (F31900) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Lance Corporal Harris William Weldon**

**Notes:** (F87058) (F87085?) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Corporal Harold Joseph Welsh**

**Notes:** (B.94347) Canada Gazette dated 18 March 1944 and CARO/4296 dated 1 April 1944, “in recognitions of gallant and distinguished services.”

**Sergeant Donald Charles Westbrook**

**Notes:** (A29450) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Sergeant Frederick Vincent Whynott**

**Notes:** (D96184) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Major George Alfred Wiggan, MBE**

**Notes:** CG and CARO/5376, both dated 17 February 1945.

**Craftsman Frank Wigelsworth**

**Notes:** (M104436) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Captain John Graham Wilkin, MC**

**Notes:** LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**Sergeant (A/Staff Sergeant) George Nisbet Wilson**

**Notes:** (D117469) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**Armament Staff Sergeant Samuel George Wilson**

**Notes:** (M7087) LGS 17 January 1946 p504, and CG dated 3 November 1945 and CARO/6176 dated 5 November 1945.

**Craftsman William George Woodward**

**Notes:** (B1628) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Corporal John Charles Wray**

**Notes:** (A29207) LGS 28 June 1945 p3387, and CG and CARO/5718, both dated 26 May 1945.

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Ernest Frank Wright**

**Notes:** (A99715) LGS 8 November 1945 p5460, and CG and CARO/6114 both dated 6 October 1945.

**Corporal Kenneth Roy Younie**

**Notes:** (D166848) LGS 4 April 1946 p1725, and CG

**Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Reginald David Young**

**Notes:** (B94614) LGS 10 January 1946 p395, and CG

## Korean War Mentioned in Despatches Awards

The following members of RCEME were Mentioned in Despatches in the Korean War.

### Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) George Edward **Coughran**, CD

**Notes:** (SF93474) 23 Infantry Workshop, RCEME. Source DHH file 96/47. Not Confirmed.

### Corporal (later Chief Warrant Officer) Ellory Morton **Faulkner**, MMM, CD



**Citation:** On the night of 23/24 September 1952, a patrol of one officer, two corporals and three privates left the Royal Canadian Regiment forward defended locality with orders to proceed to a known enemy area. The object of this patrol was to seize a prisoner. The patrol was commanded by Lieutenant H.R. Gardner. It was divided into two parties. Lieutenant Gardner, Corporal Fowler, and one private formed the party, which was to seize the prisoner and Corporal Faulkner, and two privates formed the firm base. At 0330 hours 24 September 1952, the patrol left our lines and moved parallel to the enemy-held positions to a predestined spot, where the firm base was established at 0500 hours. On observing the advance party withdrawing with a prisoner while being being pursued by seven enemy soldiers, Corporal Faulkner, directed the fire of his firm base so that he successfully stopped the immediate pursuit. This determined non-commissioned officer maintained the firm base and brought fire to bear on active enemy small arm weapons. He remained in position although the advance party was clear and on the way back to friendly lines and he could have withdrawn at this time. By this time it was full daylight. However, realizing the importance of ensuring that the prisoner reached friendly lines safely, he chose to continue his covering fire, in spite of the enemy fire upon him and his party. When he saw that the advance party had arrived safely, he withdrew. Corporal Faulkner's base was then eight hundred yards from friendly lines. This group accounted for one enemy soldier being killed and two wounded. This non-commissioned officer's skillful handling of the firm base and his courageous decision to ensure the safe return of the advance party was an important factor contributing to the success of the operation.

**Notes:** (SF 3958) CG dated 22 November 1952 p3274. Corporal Faulkner received the MiD in Korea while serving in the infantry with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment. He started his career in RCEME, remustered to the RCR, and came back to RCEME in the mid 1950s. He was an FCS Tech 431, served as the RSM at CFSEME, and retired in 1988 as Command CWO of Training Systems Command. CG

### Staff Sergeant Aubrey Layton **Hicks**

**Notes:** (SF76750) 191 Canadian Infantry Workshop. Source DHH file 96/47. CG dated 6 June 1953 p1675.

### Warrant Officer Class 2 Ronald Lawson **Walker**

**Notes:** (SG45024) Attached to Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). Source DHH file 96/47. CG dated 8 November 1952 p3122.

## Mention in Dispatches (Post-1992)



Her Majesty the Queen created the Mention in Dispatches on June 3, 1992, to honour members of the Canadian Forces on active service and other individuals working in conjunction with the Canadian Forces on or after November 1, 1990.

The award recognizes valiant conduct, devotion to duty or other distinguished service in combat or near-combat conditions. The Governor General awards Mentions in Dispatches on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, while presentations are normally made by senior military officials on behalf of the Governor General. Mentions in Dispatches may be awarded posthumously. The insignia consists of a bronze oak leaf. It is worn horizontally on the designated ribbon, with the stalk of the oak leaf farthest from the left shoulder.

### Mentioned in Despatches (Post-1992) Awards

For this award, a successful search on the Governor General of Canada's Honours Search site is considered confirmation (GGCHS).

The following members of RCEME have been Mentioned in Despatches.

#### Master Corporal DW **Atkinson**

**Citation:** Master Corporal Atkinson was repairing a generator at Belet Uen Hospital, Somalia, on 17 February 1993, when a violent demonstration erupted outside the hospital gates. Shots were fired and a grenade thrown. Master Corporal Atkinson intervened to help disarm the Somalis, control the crowd, and assist in defusing the volatile situation, undoubtedly preventing considerable loss of life.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 27 December 1993

#### Master Corporal Russell Wayne **Coughlin**

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded 18 January 2008 while serving with the Joint Task Force Afghanistan, Roto 3.

#### Master Corporal Richard James Alan **Harris**

**Citation:** Master Corporal Harris was mentioned in dispatches for service while deployed in support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group in Afghanistan. On October 3, 2006, while called to reinforce a Canadian observation post under attack, he manoeuvred his Bison recovery vehicle to shield the evacuation and treatment of casualties. Continuously exposed to enemy fire, Master Corporal Harris provided suppressive machine gunfire, which forced the enemy to take cover and reduced the accuracy of their fire. The decisive and courageous actions of Master Corporal Harris undoubtedly saved the lives of his fellow soldiers.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded March 14, 2007.

#### Master Corporal Stephen Hector **McPhail**

**Citation:** Not available.

**Notes:** GGCHS Awarded April 16, 2009.

## Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct



Instituted in 1939 by King George VI as the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct, the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct acknowledged brave acts by civilians and members of the military in non-warlike circumstances during a time of war or in peacetime where the action would not otherwise be recognised by an existing award. In 1954 it became the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct. The award was replaced in 1994 by the Queen's Commendation for Bravery. There is no entitlement to post-nominals. There is no ribbon, but the award was evidenced by a certificate and at first by a gold and red coloured badge bearing the design of a sword in a wreath, surmounted by a crown. The badge was replaced at a later stage by another badge - in the form a silver laurel leaf for civilians and a bronze oak leaf for the military equivalent, the Mention in Despatches - the leaves being attached to the ribbon of the War Medal or Defence Medal if held by the recipient, or appropriate campaign medal in other circumstances. (From Wikipedia. The precedence of this medal in Canada is not confirmed.)

### Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct Awards

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

#### Sergeant MR MacAlpine



**Notes:** Awarded for fighting a fire in the quartermaster stores in Korea. No confirmation – source is a photo and notes found in the RCEME Archives. Sergeant MacAlpine served in the Second World War from 5 May 1941 to 10 April 1946, and 28 September 1950 to 1 May 1957. The photo is believed to be him receiving his award at Hagersville 2 September 1954.

## Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation



The Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation may be awarded to any unit or sub-unit of the Canadian Forces, or to any similar organization of a foreign armed force working with or in conjunction with the Canadian Forces, that has performed an extraordinary deed or activity of a rare high standard in extremely hazardous circumstances. Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendations are restricted to war or war-like conditions in an active theatre of operations.

The Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation is composed of scroll, insignia and pennant. The framed gold-embossed scroll is inscribed with the name of the formation, unit or sub-unit concerned, bears an appropriate citation, and is signed by the Governor General as the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces. The insignia is a gold bar with the Vice-Regal lion in full colour. The accompanying pennant is a permanent symbol of the award and may be flown or displayed as a public distinction

### CinC Unit Commendations

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group – Courcellette, Quebec**

**Citation:** The Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation is awarded to the 1st R22eR Battle Group (including N Coy, 3 RCR) for having opened the airport in the besieged city of Sarajevo in July 1992. From a RCEME perspective, the entire Maint Platoon from 4 Svc Bn was awarded the CinC Unit Commendation as they were part of the 1R22eR BG.

While surrounded and being shot at by belligerents on all sides, the BG steadfastly executed its mission, securing the Sarajevo airport for humanitarian relief flights and escorting these relief convoys into the city. As a result of their presence, the anti-aircraft weapons, howitzers and tanks stationed around the airport were soon forced to draw back. The superb effort of the BG led directly to the provision of critical aid for the war ravaged citizens of Sarajevo and helped in large measure establish the un in the eyes of the community as a vital force for world peace and security.

**Notes:** Awarded in February 2003 as part of CANFORGEN 033/03.

## Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation



The Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) Commendation is awarded by the Chief of the Defence Staff to recognize deeds or activities beyond the demand of normal duty. It may be awarded to members of the Canadian Forces (CF) who perform a deed or activity beyond the demands of normal duty, civilian members of the Defence Team who perform a deed or activity beyond the demands of normal duty and under exceptional circumstances, and members of the armed forces of a country other than Canada for an achievement or for meritorious service that is of benefit to Canada or the CF. There is no post nominal for the CDS Commendation.

### CDS Commendations

The following members of RCEME have been awarded the CDS Commendation.

#### Land Engineering and Test Establishment

**Notes:** For their quick and innovative responses in support of the UN missions, LETE received the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation. It was announced on 22 February 1994 that LETE would close as a result of the reduction program in National Defence. All work on tasks ceased on 1 August 1994 and, one month later, a closure ceremony was held on LETE grounds.

#### Corporal R Bertrand

**Citation:** Maintenance Section CFB Borden. One day as they were returning from a recovery tasking, Cpl E.J. Foster and Cpl R. Bertrand were returning to CFB Borden at 0300 hours. As they stopped at the intersection in Cookstown they noticed flames and smoke shooting out of a local flower shop. Noticing the apartments above the store, Cpl Bertrand ran to alert the occupants while Cpl Foster dashed across the street to call the fire department. Both corporals then tried to put out the fire using only hand extinguishers. Five people in the apartment building next door were roused by the two men as the fire department arrived, but the building itself was lost. Foster and Bertrand were later credited with saving 8 lives and were awarded Chief of the Defence Staff Commendations.

#### Major Bérubé

**Citation** Awarded for his professionalism as the operations officer of the national support element in Afghanistan from February to September 2008.

**Notes:** Source is RCEME Journal 2011 Issue 1, page 32.

#### Corporal JJ Boudreault

**Citation:** United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR), Maintenance Platoon 1 R22eR. In early June 1992 a platoon-sized group made a reconnaissance to the Sarajevo airport with the aim of opening it for humanitarian relief flights. The group had fifteen vehicles including one MRT vehicle and one vehicle technician, Corporal J.J. Boudreault. They travelled as part of a French army convoy of 65 vehicles. On arrival at the UNPROFOR headquarters in Sarajevo, he verified the condition of the Canadian vehicles and helped French Army vehicle technicians with their equipment as well as Journalists who had

accompanied them and Bosnians whose ambulances were picking up dead bodies. He established a list of all serviceable and repairable airfield support equipment. They remained in the UNPROFOR headquarters area for two weeks, enduring continuous attacks. They parked their small vehicles inside a building and the MLVWs in front. Corporal Boudreault was asked to see if there was any electricity. A Serb electrician indicated that there was a generator on the other side of their position. In trying to retrieve it a Serb soldier beside him was shot. The Serbs then realigned their tanks and fired on a Muslim village. He then discovered an electrical panel with high voltage which he was able to convert. Soon the Canadians had TV and coffee. The French soldiers were very impressed with the Canadian ability to quickly acquire these simple luxuries. After three days they were ordered to return to Camp Polom. "We patched up all the vehicles - the drivers doing the tires and I the hoses and radiators. As we started I could hear incoming mortar fire. I dove for cover and felt the spray of the shrapnel just over my head." When the returning Canadian/French convoy was 200 metres from UNPROFOR headquarters the Muslims renewed their mortar attack. A Canadian jeep received a direct hit and was immobilized. Its three-man crew were wounded. The driver ran to the ambulance a few vehicles back. As per drill all vehicles immediately dispersed. Corporal Boudreault, at the end of the convoy with a jeep on tow, drove to the UNPROFOR parking lot and unhooked the jeep that he was towing. He then rushed back, recovered the disabled vehicle and picked up the other two wounded. To fix both jeeps he used parts from a destroyed Volkswagen Golf that was in the parking lot. "The next morning we patched tires, saving four out of six. On one I put seventeen patches. We were forced to return by narrow mountainous roads. I made several running repairs to vehicles. Finally the convoy was stopped. I went to the front to help recover a French armoured vehicle. After another kilometre we encountered a Muslim tow truck stuck in mud above its axles. I was detached from the convoy to help them. We finally caught up to the convoy and three days later got to Belgrade. The reconnaissance party was directed to rooms to relax. I and my partner fixed tires first. The next day we were back in Camp Polom." Corporal Boudreault was awarded a Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation.

### L'adjudant Jacques **Brousseau**

**Citation:** L'adjudant Jacques Brousseau du 34e Bataillon de service à St-Hubert a reçu une mention élogieuse du Chef d'état-major des FC. Pendant qu'il était déployé au sein de l'élément de soutien national d'avril à octobre 2009. Le sergent Brousseau a aidé à assurer le succès des convois d'approvisionnement canadiens et de la coalition en travaillant sans relâche pour définir la menace en matière de dispositifs explosifs de circonstance. Son professionnalisme et ses efforts infatigables ont permis aux unités opérant dans des secteurs inconnus d'être mieux informées de la situation sur le terrain, ce qui a aidé à assurer la sécurité de ces opérations d'approvisionnement critiques. RCEME Reserves.

### Sergeant **Facey**

**Citation:** Awarded for his leadership and dedication as the commander of a combat service support detachment in Afghanistan from March to May 2008.

### Corporal EJ **Foster**

**Notes:** See Corporal R Bertrand

### Cpl Stephane **Heider**

**Citation:** Not Available.

**Notes:** Awarded in September 1997 for recovering dead bodies from Monstrouis, Haiti after a ship sank. Member was part of CCLG Coy at the time.

## Corporal R Kendrick

**Citation** The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). On 12 July, in response to complaints about border infiltration by Israel, the UN took 200 PLO prisoners. In retaliation the PLO captured forty-nine UN soldiers, including Corporal Kendrick's three-man team which was returning from a resupply/maintenance run to one of the signals detachments. As he recalled, "We were ambushed and ordered out of our vehicle and ordered to give up our weapons. Standing back-to-back with loaded weapons pointed, we argued and refused to give up our weapons. After many threats and counter-threats we finally agreed to go to a PLO camp where a message was sent to UNIFIL Headquarters. All the while we kept our weapons and ammunition. About three hours later we were released and drove to our camp at Naqura. When we arrived safely we discovered that our message had not been passed to the unit and that the CO and RSM were out looking for us. It turned out that we were the only ones who did not lose their vehicle or weapons." Corporal Kendrick was awarded a Chief of Defence Staff Commendation.

## Captain Victor R Jackson



**Citation** 1975. For prompt action in attempting to save the life of a drowning serviceman when an APC sank in training. The full account is in the Land Technical Bulletin 2/1976.

## Lieutenant-Colonel B.J. MacGillivray

**Citation:** For exceptional performance and professionalism as Sr Log O and Cdn contingent Comd within the African Union/UN Hybrid Operation in Darfur, from March to October 2010.

**Notes:** Source is RCEME Journal 2012 edition 2, page 29.

## Major J.P.S. McKenzie

**Citation:** During the deployment of Task Force Afghanistan Rotation, from February to September 2006, Major McKenzie demonstrated outstanding leadership as the Deputy Commanding Officer of the National Support Element. His tour was defined by a number of pivotal achievements including the development of a solution for recovering Light Armoured Vehicle-III's in difficult terrain, and the measurement of battle group ammunition consumption rates. This extraordinary work enabled the apportionment of ammunition more efficiently on the battlefield. Throughout, Major McKenzie demonstrated superb leadership, and extraordinary level of technical excellence, and sterling perseverance in solving numerous technical problems. Major McKenzie's service brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.

## Lieutenant-Colonel J.P.S. McKenzie

**Citation:** Lieutenant-Colonel McKenzie deployed as Chief of National Coordination and Commanding Officer of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Headquarters from February to November 2009. His superb leadership and personal resolve ensured highly complex and sensitive issues, such as the handling and processing of detainees and the coordination of visits, repatriations and relief-in-place operations, were handled with the utmost efficiency and professionalism. Lieutenant-Colonel McKenzie's efforts contributed significantly to the sustainment of Canadian operations in Afghanistan and the seamless transition between troop rotations.

**Notes:** The commendation was received 11 January 2011.

### Master Warrant Officer JLS **Mailhot**

**Citation** For exceptional leadership and professionalism as CSM Maintenance Company, NSE, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008.

### Corporal MW **McNeill**

**Citation** see Acting-Master-Corporal CJ Trepannier

### Lieutenant Colonel Ken **Moore, CD**

**Citation** As Commander, Task Force Darfur, Lieutenant-Colonel Moore was a catalyst in standing up the joint United Nations-African Union Mission from November 2007 to April 2008. He worked tirelessly to ensure the mission was supported by the necessary infrastructure, equipment and logistics. He reinvigorated the armoured-vehicle training and inspection programs, increasing the serviceability of Canada's key contribution. With outstanding dedication and superb leadership, Lieutenant-Colonel Moore significantly increased the reputation of the Canadian Forces and the capability of the joint mission in Darfur, Sudan.

### Lieutenant Colonel Peter H **North, CD**

**Citation:** ...for skill and professional knowledge as project officer for the procurement of 2,848 new 1¼-ton trucks for the forces.

**Notes:** 1976. The full account is in the Land Technical Bulletin 3/1976.

### Master-Corporal RB **Noseworthy**

**Citation** see Acting-Master-Corporal CJ Trepannier

### Adjum (MWO) Daniel **Paradis**

**Citation:** (30 November 2009) Lors de son déploiement en Afghanistan, l'adjudant-maitre Paradis s'est démarqué et a acquis une solide réputation par les nombreuses améliorations techniques et les mises à jour de la serviabilité apportées à la flotte de véhicules blindés légers chenillés, de la Force opérationnelle interarmées. En raison de l'importance, de l'envergure et de la complexité technique considérable, cette opération aurait normalement nécessité une rotation des véhicules à l'extérieur du théâtre afin d'effectuer le travail dans un milieu stable avec des installations industrielles stratégiques. Les efforts déployés par l'adjudant-maitre Paradis ont permis d'améliorer l'efficacité au combat de la Force opérationnelle. Photo of certificate on file.

### Master-Corporal R **Roberts**

**Citation:** see Acting-Master-Corporal CJ Trepannier

### Cpl Francis **Rodrigue**

**Citation:** Not Available.

**Notes:** Awarded in September 1997 for recovering dead bodies from Monstrouis, Haiti after a ship sank. Member was part of CCLG Coy at the time.

## Corporal D Robichaud

**Citation:** For professionalism and exceptional dedication as a vehicle technician during Operation Barksheh Sterbeh, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from 4 to 10 September 2007.

## Cpl Francis Sévigny

**Citation:** Not Available.

**Notes:** Awarded in September 1997 for recovering dead bodies from Monstrouis, Haiti after a ship sank. Member was part of CCLG Coy at the time.

## Corporal VGJ Steele

**Citation:** Gulf War, 1991. The infantry company tasked with defence of the Canadian units on the airfield was located at CD1. Its FCS Technician, Corporal V.G.J. Steele, was awarded a Chief of the Defence Staff commendation for his hard work in keeping generators going and setting up wiring. At one point he was so overloaded with work that the RCEME Workshop was tasked to help him.

## Master-Corporal Charles J Thibodeau



**Citation (partial)** ...by his cool and professional thinking, coupled with his complete disregard for his own personal safety, extinguished a very serious gasoline fire and saved one if not two buses from destruction and prevented the possible explosion of 6,000 gallons of gasoline.

**Notes:** 1976. The full account is in the Land Technical Bulletin 2/1976.

## Acting-Master-Corporal CJ Trepannier

**Citation** United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR), Maintenance Troop 1 Canadian Division Headquarters and Signals Regiment. Recovery tasks to the outposts were long and difficult. The recovery crews on one task got to do an extra recovery job along the way and saved the lives of two of the UN relief workers. Acting-Master-Corporal C.J. Trepannier and Master-Corporal R.B. Noseworthy had been tasked to recover a Grizzly which had burnt all of its brakes on a steep hill near Cyangugu, in the far southwestern corner of the country. The recovery team was accompanied by Master-Corporal R. Roberts and Corporal M.W. McNeill in an HLVW MRT vehicle. After seven hours driving, the group was near its destination when it was stopped at the top of yet another steep hill. They were told that a few minutes before a UNHCR vehicle has lost its brakes on the hill and had overturned at the bottom. Two injured people were still inside. Proceeding to the bottom of the hill, the Canadian crews assessed the situation. At that moment, a truck came down the hill, lost its brakes and, fortunately, skidded into the Canadian Wrecker instead of the overturned truck. The MRT crew returned to the top of the hill to stop further traffic and radioed for a medical evacuation helicopter. Meanwhile, the recovery crew hooked up the disabled truck for enough vertical lift so that the two trapped crew members could be released. One was quickly freed. Then, although the lift was at the limits of the HLVW recovery vehicle's crane, Master-Corporal Noseworthy crawled under the overturned vehicle as it was slowly inched up a bit, and freed the remaining crew member. Soon both injured people were on their way to the hospital via helicopter. In a letter to Captain Mutrey, they later thanked the Canadians for saving their lives. The Canadians continued on, knowing that they had really helped. To them it made the whole tour worthwhile. All four were awarded Chief of the Defence Staff Commendations.

## Unknown

**Notes:** – comment from Murray Johnston. The list does not include the Sergeant/Warrant Officer who ran the Small Arms shop in 202 Workshop Depot circa 1977-79. I have forgotten his name, but I know that he received the award because I accompanied him when he went to the CDS's office to receive the award. He had been very active in forming a "Guild of Armourers". Anyone knowing the name, please advise the authors.

## Command Commendations



The Command Commendation is awarded to recognize deeds or activities beyond the demand of normal duty. The Command Commendations may only be awarded by the:

- Vice Chief of the Defence Staff,
- Chief of the Maritime Staff,
- Chief of the Land Staff,
- Chief of the Air Staff,
- Chief Military Personnel Command,
- Commander of Canada Command,
- Commander of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command,
- Commander of the Canadian Operational Support Command,
- Commander of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, and
- The Deputy Commander NORAD.

The Command Commendation may be awarded to members of the Canadian Forces (CF) who perform a deed or activity beyond the demands of normal duty, civilian members of the Defence Team who perform a deed or activity beyond the demands of normal duty and under exceptional circumstances, and members of the armed forces of a country other than Canada for an achievement or for meritorious service that is of benefit to Canada or the CF.

The following members of RCEME have been awarded a Command Commendation.

Note that the standards for substantiation of an award used in the rest of the document have not been followed in this section. Confirmation and details of the award are required.

### **Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, Commendations**

#### **Captain Jim Bacon, CD**

**Notes:** While part of the NSE, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, Roto 3.

#### **Corporal J.L.E. Corbey**

**Notes:** From July 2007 to March 2008, Corporal Corbey was assigned to an artillery battery in southern Afghanistan as an optronics technician. With his extensive experience, he played a key role in modifying the battery's howitzers, greatly improving their accuracy. On his own initiative, he became the first theatre technician certified for the maintenance of the new guns, making it possible to carry out numerous emergency repairs and ensure that the guns remained operationally ready throughout the deployment. Corporal Corbey's exemplary commitment, dedication and self-sacrifice directly improved the operational effectiveness of his artillery battery.

**Notes:** Corporal Corey received the commendation on 2 February 2009.

### **Captain J.M. Corbin, CD, MMM**

**Citation:** As Adjutant of the National Support Element in Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, Captain Corbin earned the respect of the unit's members and other Adjutants for his professionalism. Among other things, it is developing an ethics program for the National Support Element and other units of the Joint Task Force. Captain Corbin's leadership and dedication help to maintain a high level of administrative support and contribute significantly to the success of the mission.

### **Corporal D'Arcy Doucette**

**Citation:** Not available

**Notes:** While part of NSE, 1-08.

### **Master Corporal Frederick Gagnon**

**Citation:** As the sole weapons technician with Canadian Helicopter Forces (Afghanistan) from April to November 2009, MCpl Gagnon maximized the use of a limited number of weapons to ensure Canada's helicopter fleet remained operational. His initiative, perseverance, ingenuity, and dedication enabled Canada's helicopter fleet to provide consistently outstanding support to troops on the ground.

### **Major G.C. Garrard, CD, MMM**

**Citation:** Major Garrard deployed to Joint Task Force Afghanistan from January to August 2008 and implemented the Canadian Forces Rifle Donation Project. As the sole member of the project, he effected administrative arrangements to ensure the timely donation of rifles to the Afghan army, organized secure storage and coordinated training and security checks for those receiving rifles. Major Garrard's professionalism and dedication ensured the project's success and increased the capacity of the Afghan army and their trust in the Canadian Forces.

### **Major P. Heebner, CD**

**Citation:** Awarded for his support of Canada's humanitarian response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Major Heebner deployed as a liaison officer with the Force Support Element from January to March 2010. In an environment where resources and services were extremely limited, his rapid assessment and extensive liaisons with other partners helped shape the logistical support of the Task Force as well as contributing to the deliberate and orderly redeployment of Canadian personnel and material to Canada. Major Heebner's dedicated efforts and expertise were pivotal to the unit's ability to overcome the logistical complexities of the mission, ensuring the operations success of the Task Force.

### **Master Corporal K.W. Kurschenska**

**Citation:** On 7 and 8 March 2008, Master Corporal Kurschenska was inspecting and repairing equipment at a remote location with the Operational Liaison and Mentoring Team in Afghanistan. His keen observations in difficult conditions confirmed a technical flaw, on RG31C6RWS, that needed repair. With professionalism and initiative, he led his team to a rapid solution using tools and parts that were readily available. This modification was of the highest priority and prevented civilian and military injuries, possibly deaths.

**Notes:** Received on 29 September 2008.

## Master Warrant Officer Mark **Neitz**, CD

**Citation:** (2010) Master Warrant Officer Neitz deployed to Afghanistan with the National Support Element from September 2008 to April 2009. He introduced a streamlined method of tracking and processing battle-damaged equipment that eliminate unnecessary delays and enabled rapid shipping to Canada for repair or disposal. He personally made the extra effort of going through the salvage in order to find unaccounted parts that could be used as spares for other equipment. Master Warrant Officer Neitz' exceptional efforts had a significant impact on the availability of vehicles within the Task Force.

## **Commander, Canadian Operational Support Command, Commendations**

### Lieutenant Colonel **Beaulieu**, CD

**Notes:** for his efforts in planning reconstitution activities in preparation for redeployment from Afghanistan.

### Major P.S.C. Heebner, CD

**Notes:** see RCEME Journal

### Lieutenant Colonel **Regush**, CD

**Notes:** for his efforts in planning reconstitution activities in preparation for redeployment from Afghanistan.

## **Commander, Canadian Forces Europe, Commendations**

This award is included on the basis that the Commander CFE would have been included on the above list, had CFE existed when the award was created.

### Master Warrant Officer John C Sloan, CD

**Citation:** In recognition for distinguished service/meritorious service.

**Notes:** Awarded 30 June 1977. Photo of the certificate on file.

## King's / Queen's Medal for Champion Shot



The Queen's Medal for Champion Shot was originally created under the British Honours System. In June 1968, after the unification of the Canadian Forces, Her Majesty the Queen gave her approval to the granting in Canada of the British Queen's Medal for Champion Shot. It wasn't until 1991 that the Privy Council for Canada advised that there should be created and instituted in Canada the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot. On August 28, 1991, Letters Patent were signed by Her Majesty to create the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot in Canada. Note that although this a military honour, the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall is responsible for its administration. Two medals are awarded annually since 1991: one to a member of the Canadian Forces (Regular) and one to a member of the Canadian Forces (Reserves) or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who obtains the highest aggregate score in stages one and two of the Queen's Medal Competition.

The Queen's Medal for Champion Shot has been awarded to the following RCEME Members.

### Lieutenant Reginald Frost **Fendick**

**Notes:** 1948. Retired as a lieutenant colonel in the late '70s. Received MiD in Korean War.

### Sergeant JR **Hardy**

**Notes:** 1956. Retired as a captain in 1980, the last serving RCEME officer who had served in WW II.

### Sergeant Rosario **L'Heureux**

**Notes:** 1973. His picture is mounted on the wall at Connaught Ranges in Ottawa. As a vehicle technician, he served many years in CFB Valcartier with 3 R22eR and 5 EG du C (5 RG du C) in the 60's and 70's. His award is listed as being 3 R22eR.

### Corporal J **Grondin**



**Notes:** 2008. A vehicle technician with 4 Air Defence Regiment. The medal is awarded to the regular force member who obtains the highest aggregate score at the national marksmanship competition held annually at the Connaught ranges in Ottawa.

## *United States Awards*

### **Commander of the United States Legion of Merit**

Lieutenant-General Robert Nelson **Fischer**, CMM, OMM

**Citation:** For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette 9 August 1997 p2038. Awarded 17 September 1996.

### **Officer of the United States Legion of Merit**

Colonel Joseph William **Bishop**, OBE, RCEME (ZB148)

**Citation:** Colonel Joseph William Bishop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Canadian Army, performed exceptionally meritorious service in England and Italy. As Assistant Quartermaster General, First Canadian Army, from January to March 1944, and as Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering, First Canadian Corps, from March 1944 to July 1945, he served in the joint planning and operational activities of the Canadian and United States forces, thereby contributing to the successful landings in Normandy and to land operations in Italy. Colonel Bishop's untiring efforts and marked professional and technical knowledge provided to a great degree for the continued cooperative effort of the Allied nations and for assistance to the United States forces.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 29 November 1947 and CARO No.50 dated 8 December 1947. Citation found in Canadian Army file 54-27-94-25 "Honours and Awards, United States Decorations - Policy", Volume 5 (RG.24 Volume 2230).

Brigadier-General Camil **Giguère**, CD

Notes: Canada Gazette Vol 145, Part 1 (2011). RCEME Journal 2012 Edition 1.

### **United States Bronze Star**

Captain Sidney Lyle **Erwin**, RCEME

DDME Branch, Headquarters, First Canadian Army

**Citation:** Captain Erwin served throughout the entire Northwest European campaign with an Infantry Troops Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and during the latter stages of the campaign was second-in-command of his unit. During all of this period, he distinguished himself by meritorious service of an outstanding nature. It was his duty to coordinate the activities of the various sections of the Workshop, and by the manner in which he unselfishly devoted himself to his duties, by his industry and initiative, and by the example of his own buoyant personality, he succeeded in his task to a marked degree. This officer was directly responsible for returning to service much valuable equipment at times when it was urgently required for important operations.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 13 August 1946, No. 37686, page 4106, and Canada Gazette dated 30 March 1946 and CARO/6478 dated 1 April 1946. Recommended by Brigadier J.F.A. Lister

(Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster-General, First Canadian Army); approved about 20 July 1945 by General H.D.G. Crerar.

## Belgian Awards

### **Officer of the Order of Leopold with Palm and Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm**

Colonel Maxwell Charles Gordon **Meighen**, OBE, RCEME

**Citation:** Throughout the operations, which resulted in the liberation of Belgium, Colonel Meighen performed his duties as DDME with outstanding ability and efficiency. His accurate appreciation of the problems involved, his sound forward planning to meet emergencies and his aggressive control of the facilities at his disposal enable the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer units to function with maximum effectiveness. His work was a major contribution to the success of the operations.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 31 August 1946 and CARO/6733 dated 2 September 1946. Recommended for work with 2 Canadian Corps by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds, General Officer Commanding Canadian Forces in the Netherlands, August 1945 although not signed off until 6 October 1945.

### **Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II with Palm**

Lieutenant Alvin Ira **Clark**, RCEME

4 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop

**Citation:** During the rapid advance from Normandy to Belgium, Lieutenant Clark of 4 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, was detailed to supervise a recovery section in the forward area. With a party of men and equipment including recovery tanks and heavy breakdowns, this officer proceeded with forward Royal Canadian Engineers and Provost detachments to carry out road clearance. This composite road clearing detachment, acting as advance guard, removed roadblocks and enemy vehicles, thus enabling the division to advance. The conscientious and efficient manner in which this officer supervised this work contributed in no small measure to the successful and rapid advance of the division into Belgium. In the Philippene-Bassevelde area, on the Belgium-Holland border, a number of divisional tanks became casualties on an enemy minefield. Operating under enemy shell fire and under conditions of extreme difficulty, Lieutenant Clark recovered these tanks, enabling them to be repaired and returned to battle. In the area north of Ecloo, on 10 October 1944, an Observation Post tank of the 23 Canadian Field Regiment became a casualty of an enemy minefield while in a forward position. Despite the fact that this tank was under direct enemy observation and under small arms and machine gun fire, by careful reconnaissance and skilful use of equipment and personnel, this officer was able to recover this tank and return it to battle without casualties to men or equipment.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 31 August 1946 and CARO/6733 dated 2 September 1946. Recommended by Lieutenant Colonel E.G. Pallister and subsequently supported by Major-General H.W. Foster, General Officer Commanding 4 Canadian Armoured Division; document with Headquarters, Canadian Forces in the Netherlands, 25 September to 6 October 1945 when signed off by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds.

## Captain Stephen John **Lea**, MBE, RCEME

1 Canadian Servicing Unit

**Citation:** From the time that 1 Canadian Servicing Unit, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, first moved into Belgium (Courtrai) in September 1944 until the unit left for Holland in January 1945, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer service was provided for the repair and maintenance of vehicles belonging to hundreds of units within the area. These units, during this period, were constantly moving, but due to the administrative ability and inexhaustible energy of the commanding officer, Captain Lea, no unit was ever lacking repair facilities and technical guidance. This officer inspired all who worked under his command. In directing the operations of 1 Canadian Servicing Unit in Northwest Europe, he has discharged his duty in a manner that cannot be too highly praised and his efforts greatly enhanced the prestige of the Corps under which he served.

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 31 August 1946 and CARO/6733 dated 2 September 1946. Recommended by Lieutenant Colonel G.W. Painter, Commander Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, First Canadian Army Troops and supported by Lieutenant Colonel William McKinlay, Assistant Director Mechanical Engineers, Canadian Forces in the Netherlands; signed off 6 October 1945 by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds.

## **Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm**

### Craftsman Joyce Beckett **Abercrombie**, RCEME

4 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Workshop

**Citation:** Craftsman Abercrombie has been employed in this unit in the recovery section from D Day to the present time. During the period in which the Canadian Army completed its task in the Scheldt Estuary, this soldier by his initiative, forethought and devotion to duty successfully effected the recovery of a 40-mm Bofors gun which had been embedded in the soft ground some distance from the roadway. The action took place in the vicinity of Maldegem amidst enemy mortar fire which was directed from short range. During the lull in the enemy fire Craftsman Abercrombie proceeded to the gun site without fear for his own safety and calmly proceeded to effect its removal. Several times during this operation he had to take cover and after approximately two to three hours the gun was successfully recovered. The coolness and sense of duty of this soldier while operating the breakdown in this dangerous position had an inspiring effect among his comrades. During the campaign of the Canadian Army in Northwest Europe this soldier has given excellent service at all times and on more than one occasion has proved a great asset to his unit and corps. It is considered that the devotion to duty and complete disregard to personal safety displayed by this Craftsman helped materially in the ultimate liberation of Belgium.

**Notes:** (B111666) Canada Gazette dated 31 August 1946 and CARO/6733 dated 2 September 1946. Recommendation with Headquarters, 3 Canadian Infantry Division, 20-23 September 1945 (supported by Brigadier L.G. Clarke, Acting General Officer Commanding) ; with Headquarters, Canadian Forces in the Netherlands, 24 September to 6 October 1945 (approved by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds).

### Private Donald Richard **Grant**

**Citation:** On 13 September 1944, "D" Company The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada were defending the cross roads at Bray Dunes. The company had been completely surrounded by the enemy since 0530 hours and all efforts to relieve them had failed. At approximately 1900 hours, the convent on the Northwest corner of the cross roads was set on fire by enemy shelling and the troops occupying it were forced to withdraw across the road under very heavy small arms fire. Private Grant,

showing remarkable courage after the evacuation of personnel was complete, and subjected to heavy small arms fire, made two additional trips to the convent to rescue food and ammunition. This enable the company to hold out for a further period of thirty-six hours, while they were cut off from the rest of the Battalion. This act of gallantry did much to raise the morale of the company and was one of the main factors contributing to the successful action which "D" Company fought to cut off the escape and maintenance routes of the enemy in the vicinity of Bray Dunes. This is but one example of the gallantry displayed by Private Grant throughout the campaign in Belgium.

**Notes:** (H10576) Supplement to the London Gazette 16 January 1947, p330, and Canada Gazette dated 31 August 1946 and CARO/6733 dated 2 September 1946. He is recorded as being in the Canadian Infantry Corps (The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada). Recommended by Lieutenant-Colonel R.L. Rutherford, Commanding Officer, Queen's Own Camerons Highlanders of Canada on 26 June 1945; approved by Brigadier J.V. Allard, Officer Commanding, 6 Canadian Infantry Brigade on 27 June 1945 and passed forward on 7 August 1945; approved by Major-General A.B. Matthews, General Officer Commanding, 2 Canadian Infantry Division; approved by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds, General Officer Commanding Canadian Forces in the Netherlands on 13 August 1945 and passed for action on 6 October 1945.

After the war, he was a craftsman in 212 Workshop, with a Dutch war bride. He presumably switched to RCEME after the war, but is not listed in Hodgson's list of personnel serving in WW2.

### **Craftsman ER Legere, RCEME**

**Notes:** (G621) Canada Gazette No. 29,17 July 1948 (posthumous).

### **Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) HS Revill, RCEME**

41 LAD attached to 28 Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Regiment)

**Notes:** (C31588) Canada Gazette No. 29, 17 July 1948 (posthumous). The reconnaissance and recovery elements of the armoured regiment LADs worked with the forward tanks to ensure that damaged or stuck tanks were repaired or recovered without delay. This often brought them into direct contact with the enemy. During the advance into Bruges on 8 September 1944, Armament-Quarter-Master-Sergeant (Warrant Officer Class 2) H.S. Revill was with the leading element of the British Columbia Regiment. He was shot by a sniper at one of the city's gates and Belgian civilians who were hiding in nearby buildings took him in. As the battle for Bruges raged they cared for him, even arranging for him to be carried through the "no-man's land" to receive treatment in a hospital from a doctor. Despite this care he died on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Four days later the townsfolk gave him an impressive military funeral in the city cathedral "to pay the last honour to this heroic Canadian as well as to remember all the Canadians who had sacrificed their lives for our Freedom." Warrant Officer Revill was Mentioned in Dispatches, awarded posthumously the Croix de Geurre of Belgium, and is one of seven of Canada's Craftsmen who are buried in Adegem Canadian War Cemetery.

## **Croix de Guerre (1914-1918)**

### **Armourer Staff Sergeant HR (RR?) Cowley**

**Notes:** (21458) Canada Gazette No. 7, 17 August 1917. 2<sup>nd</sup> Source: Thunderer, p346.

## **Civic Decoration Medal 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (Silver)**

**Private CF Murphy, RCEME**

**Notes:** (F79774) Canada Gazette No. 7, 14 February 1948. CG Title Medaille Civique – 2e classe.

## *Netherlands Awards*

### **Officer of the Order of Orange Nassau with Swords**

**Lieutenant Colonel Frederick William Cranston, RCEME**

Headquarters, RCEME, 2 Canadian Corps

**Citation:** During operations, which led to the final liberation of the Netherlands, Lieutenant Colonel Cranston has carried out his duties with outstanding ability. His sound appreciation of the problems involved and his careful planning to meet probable emergencies ensured that the maximum Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer service was available for units when required during the operations.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1053, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 23 December 1945. Recommendation with Headquarters, Canadian Forces in the Netherlands, 21-26 September 1945 when signed off by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds. Cranston commanded RCEME units from Headquarters, 2 Canadian Corps.

**Lieutenant Colonel John Portas, RCEME**

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 22 March 1947 and Canadian Army Order 12/47 dated 31 March 1947.

**Major Dick Arend Scholten, RCEME**

**Notes:** Canada Gazette dated 21 September 1946 and CARO/6763 dated 23 September 1946.

**Major Archibald John Ridley Stethem, RCEME**

Headquarters, RCEME, First Canadian Army

**Citation:** During the campaign in Holland, Major Stethem served as second-in-command to the Commander, Royal Canadian Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, of 1 Canadian Division and latterly at Headquarters First Canadian Army, on the staff of Deputy Director Mechanical Engineers. The manner in which this officer performed his duties has been outstanding and he has invariably accomplished more than was expected of him. During the last stages of the operations, Major Stethem was made responsible for organizing the salvage and repair of all damaged enemy vehicles captured in west Holland. By displaying initiative and determination of a high order, by imbuing his subordinates with the importance of the task confronting them, and by the skilful use of the limited facilities at his disposal, he carried out his mission in a highly satisfactory manner, and was directly responsible for making available to the Canadian Army and the Netherlands Government many valuable vehicles at a time when they were urgently required. The repair organization that Major Stethem built up was ultimately handed over to the Ministry of Transport of the Netherlands Government and his handling of this operation was marked by the efficiency and smoothness with which it was carried out.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1053, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 23 December 1945. Recommended by Brigadier G.M. Grant, Deputy Director Mechanical Engineers with First Canadian Army; document with Headquarters, First Canadian Army, 21 July 1945 until uncertain date; approved by General H.D.G. Crerar. An award at the level of Knight Officer was considered but not approved.

## **Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau with Swords**

### **Capt John Kenneth French, RCEME**

Headquarters, RCEME, First Canadian Army

**Citation:** Captain French served throughout the campaign in Northwest Europe on the staff of the Deputy Director Mechanical Engineers, Headquarters First Canadian Army. During the latter part of the campaign, his principal duty was the coordination of all the recovery facilities of the Canadian Army. The expeditious and efficient manner in which tanks, lorries, guns and other equipment which had become damaged in action were evacuated to Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers repair installations was due in no small measure to the devotion to duty and able administration displayed by this officer. He was at all times ready to do more than was asked of him and he was undoubtedly responsible for salvaging much valuable equipment at a time when it was urgently required for further operations in Holland.

**Notes:** Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1054, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 23 December 1945. Recommended by Lieutenant Colonel William McKinlay; document with Headquarters, Canadian Forces in the Netherlands, 20 August to 26 September 1945 when signed off by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds.

## **Bronze Cross (Netherlands)**

### **Corporal William Oliver Pearson, RCEME**

75 Light Aid Detachment (attached to 21 Canadian Armoured Regiment)



**Citation:** Corporal Pearson is a member of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer 75 Light Aid Detachment and has been attached to 21 Canadian Armoured Regiment since the landing of the regiment on the beaches of Normandy and through the battles in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Throughout this time, Corporal Pearson performed his job as welder in the detachment to such a high degree of proficiency that he travelled at times at the very rear of the fighting tanks rendering valuable assistance at the moment when it was absolutely essential that every vehicle and gun be kept in action. On 25 October 1944, near Wouwsche Plantage, the command tank of the regiment developed trouble requiring a welding job to be done immediately or the tank to be removed from the battlefield. It was vitally important that his command tank remain in action. The regiment was holding firm on an exposed left flank but accurate shelling and anti-tank fire had already eliminated one complete squadron. Realizing the necessity of his work and fully aware of the danger that faced him, Corporal Pearson drove his soft-skinned welding truck forward to the command tank. Although enemy shelling was heavy, Corporal Pearson, with utter disregard for his personal safety, completed the welding job on the command vehicle. This task took almost two hours but when the regiment moved forward into action Corporal Pearson had the command tank ready for action despite the difficulties under which he had laboured. This is but one of the many instances when Corporal Pearson showed a devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety that enabled the necessary vehicles and weapons to be available for action against the enemy. His work, whether in the workshops or under fire, has always been of the highest calibre. The difficulties under which he was required to work and the calm, cool efficient manner in which he carried out these duties was a source of inspiration to all members of the regiment.

**Notes:** (G14119) Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1057, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 23 December 1945.

## Craftsman Frank Percy **Archer**, RCEME

7 Canadian Light Recovery Section

**Citation:** Craftsman Archer served with 7 Canadian Light Recovery Section, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers during its entire stay in Holland. During the time that Walcheren Island was being taken he was sent on 27 October 1944 to Breskens in charge of a D-8 Caterpillar tractor. His work was to pull from the water DUCKS and other amphibious vehicles, which were returning from the attack on the island. In many cases these vehicles were damaged and loaded with casualties, civilian, Allied and German. He gave every assistance possible to casualties. His D-8 tractor weighs 19 tons and had to be operated with great skill on a rotten wooden dock on a soft sand beach. During his two weeks at this place everyone was under machine gun and artillery fire. Dive bombing was quite frequent in particular on the beach. Craftsman Archer did an excellent job on this mission. Craftsman Archer was co-driver of a Tank Transporter at the tip of the big push below Nijmegen at Genneep on 11 February 1945. A Water Buffalo was picked up by his transporter at Nijmegen along with eleven other transporters with similar loads. They were transported to a spot between Mook and Genneep and unloaded. The transporters proceeded down the road, turned around and came back. As they approached a bridge they were in an open spot 500 yards from the Germans. They were forced to stop because the Buffaloes they had unloaded were advancing over the bridge and going into battle. The Germans opened up on the transporters with mortars. A truck in front of his was knocked out. Craftsman Archer and his partner stayed with the transporter for 20 minutes until the road was clear and then drove to safety. One transporter driver was killed and two wounded. Craftsman Archer received a slight cut on his left shoulder from shrapnel; he showed great courage in remaining with his vehicle and getting it safely away.

**Notes:** (C1330) Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1057, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 23 December 1945.

## Craftsman Peter Adrian **Vissen** Netherlands Army, later RCEME



**Notes:** Received Bronze Cross (Netherlands) for service in the Netherlands Army from 1942 to 1945. Written up in RCEME Quarterly, October 1951. Photo is probable but not confirmed.

## Meritorious Conduct Cross (Netherlands)

Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2) Pat Allen **Baxter**, RCEME

Throughout the operations in Holland, Armament Quartermaster Sergeant (Warrant Officer II) Pat Allen Baxter, as Warrant Officer II in charge of the Vehicle Section, 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, has given outstanding service both in the technical aspects of his job and in many emergencies. He has held himself on call 24 hours a day. On unheralded and often unforeseen occasions, Armament Quartermaster Sergeant Baxter never considered sending his juniors on the job, but always went cheerfully himself. This Warrant Officer has shown himself as leader, not only by the operation of an efficient Vehicle Section, but by his willingness to be the first to tackle the most difficult and unpleasant jobs.

**Notes:** (M40954) Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1057, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 24 December 1945.

## Sergeant Walter Edward **Bayford**, RCEME

**Citation:** During operations in the Netherlands, Sergeant Bayford was in charge of the Telecommunications Section of the Advanced Workshop Detachment of 5 Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Sergeant Bayford at all times inspired his section with a will to work under the most trying and difficult conditions. He personally worked many long hours after his normal duty hours to ensure that wireless equipment urgently required by fighting units would reach these units on time and in first class operating condition. This Sergeant by his unceasing efforts and high regard for duty thus contributed greatly to the successful maintenance of communications during battle. Sergeant Bayford has cheerfully and conscientiously undertaken other duties beyond the normal responsibility of his rank and has proved himself to be a Non-Commissioned officer of excellent spirit, determination and initiative.

**Notes:** (C38017) Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1057, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 24 December 1945.

## Sergeant Seymore Benjamin **Hill**, RCEME

1 Canadian Engineer Equipment Workshop

**Citation:** This non-commissioned officer served throughout the campaign in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany with a workshop, which specialized in the repair of Royal Canadian Engineer assault equipment. During the campaign, there were several occasions when it became necessary for the men of his unit to put forth almost superhuman effort to prepare equipment for impending battles. Sergeant Hill, also served with the Canadian Forces in the war 1914-1918, was always an example and inspiration to the younger men serving under him, and his untiring and selfless devotion to duty was in no small measure responsible for his unit accomplishing even more than was demanded of it during operations in Holland.

**Notes:** (K92630) Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1057, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 24 December 1945.

## Lance Corporal Stanley Thaddeus **Skibinski**, RCEME

2 Canadian Corps Troops Workshop

**Citation:** Lance Corporal Skibinski set an outstanding example to his comrades by the conscientious and effective manner in which he carried out his duties during operations, which led to the liberation of the Netherlands. His ability to work long hours under strain, and the fact that he could be depended upon to complete all tasks with all possible speed and accuracy, was of considerable assistance in maintaining the unit at maximum effectiveness during these operations.

**Notes:** (L9382) Supplement to the London Gazette of 19 February 1946, No. 37476, page 1057, and Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 24 December 1945. Recommendation with Headquarters, Canadian Forces in the Netherlands, 21-26 September 1945 when signed off by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds.

## French Awards

### Legion of Honour



The Legion of Honor, or the National Order of the Legion of Honor, is a French order established by Napoleon Bonaparte on May 19, 1802. The Legion of Honor is the highest decoration in France. The Legion of Honor is divided into five various degrees: Chevalier (Knight), Officier (Officer), Commandeur (Commander), Grand officier (Grand Officer), and Grand croix (Grand Cross). The President of the French Republic is the Grand Master of the Order. He appoints all other members of the Order – by convention, on the advice of the Government.

Technically, membership in the Legion is restricted to French nationals. Foreign nationals who have served France or the ideals it upholds may, however, receive a distinction of the Legion. The President of the Republic has decreed that *every World War II veteran who has fought under enemy fire on French soil is eligible for this distinction.*

### Croix de Guerre avec Etoile D'argent

Staff Sergeant Major (WO1 Sub-Conductor) Mendell Turner **Burdett**, RCEME

RCEME Headquarters, First Canadian Army

**Citation:** This Soldier, a veteran of the last war, has been, since its inception, chief clerk of the branch of the Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering at HQ First Canadian Army. Immediately prior to D-Day, and during the period when this unit was preparing to proceed overseas, he was entrusted with the countless planning details required by this office. He worked unceasingly and untiringly to see that nothing had been overlooked. Since arrival in France, Staff Sergeant Major Burdett has pursued his duties with utmost vigour, working long hours under arduous conditions and no matter what task was given to him, he pursued it with utmost direction and despatch. His outstanding good influence upon his staff was considerable. By the excellent example, which he has always set, his tireless energy, great resourcefulness and leadership, he has always had their wholehearted cooperation with the result that he has welded his staff into a smoothly functioning organization. The success of RCEME service to field units depends largely on a well-organized RCEME Headquarters staff and the success that this branch has attained in this respect can be attributed, to a large extent, to the efforts of this warrant officer. His excellent physique and soldierly bearing has done much to improve the military smartness of his unit. His loyalty and devotion to duty has been an inspiration to all that have come in contact with him.

**Notes:** (P94545) CARO/5625 dated 28 April 1945. Recommendation with Headquarters, First Canadian Army, 30 December 1944 to 8 January 1945.

## **Croix de Guerre avec Etoile de Bronze**

Sergeant Frederick Albert John **Sundborg**, RCEME

**Citation:** For exceptional war service during operations for the liberation of France.

**Notes:** (D117203) CARO/6854 dated 25 November 1946.

## *Luxembourg Awards*

### **Croix de Guerre 1940-1945**

Sergeant George Johnson **McLeod**, RCEME

**Notes:** (L25495) Canada Gazette dated 16 March 1946 and CARO/6461 dated 21 March 1946.

### **Médaille Couronne de Chêne**

Sergeant George Johnson **McLeod**, RCEME

**Notes:** (L25495) Canada Gazette dated 16 March 1946 and CARO/6461 dated 21 March 1946.

## *United Nations Awards*

The following United Nations Awards have been awarded to members of EME.

### **UNIIMOG Force Commander's Commendation**

#### **Corporal H. Bransfield**

**Notes:** United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group In the sector we were initially on hard rations. Then refrigerator units were shipped in to Baghdad. These were stationary units. With a bit of ingenuity, Corporal H. Bransfield, our Materials Technician, modified them so that they could be put on MLVW trucks. We now had a way of delivering fresh rations to the Sectors. First we had one meal a day then all meals. Corporal Bransfield received a Force Commander's Commendation.

### **United Nations Commendation**

#### **Sergeant V. Ashe**

**Notes:** United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), 92 Canadian Transportation Company. Mines were an ever-present danger to drivers. The Maintenance Section was tasked to reinforce the floors of the MLVWs as a means of mine protection. After talking and working with the Mine Awareness Staff at UNTAC Headquarters the section developed a system of using 2-inch steel plates. "Plating from the sides of derelict ships in the harbour at Phnom Penh was the source for a lot of the steel," recalled Master-Corporal R.J. Thompson, a Materials Technician, and Corporal T.E.J. Turpin, a Weapons Technician, who did most of the work. Plates weighing 1,000 pounds were cut and bolted to the frame of vehicles as two separate plates with an air gap. The effect was spaced armour. Installation or removal was easy, requiring only the removal of the cab and seats and only took approximately three hours in 110EF temperature! The total cost was approximately US\$850, including labour and metal. The modification of the Canadian vehicles was considered so successful that it was decided to install it in all 700 UNTAC three-ton vehicles. Sergeant Ashe was awarded a UN commendation for his part in the modification program. His report led to a project to provide ballistic and blast protection for vehicle crews.

## The DGLEM Award



The DGLEM Award was presented annually, from 1974 to 1994, by the Director General, Land Engineering and Maintenance in recognition of outstanding service to the Land Ordnance Engineering Branch and the Land Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch.

1973 – Colonel W.J. Owens

**Citation:** For his outstanding contribution to the formation and future of the LORE Branch.

1974 – Lieutenant Colonel D.V. **Hampson**

**Citation:** For his outstanding contribution to equipment readiness in Canadian Forces Europe.

1975 – Major A.L. **McEachern**

**Citation:** For his outstanding performance as a military professional engineer.

1976 – Major L.W. **Hyttenrauch**

**Citation:** For his outstanding staff work as Life Cycle Materiel Manager of the Centurion main battle tank fleet.

1977 – Captain P.J. **Holt**

**Citation:** For his outstanding contribution to the introduction of the Leopard main battle tank to Canadian Forces Europe.

1978 – Major L. **Guilbault**

**Citation:** For his outstanding work in support of the Militia component of the LORE Branch.

1979 – Major P.A. **Vlossack**

**Citation:** For his outstanding contribution to the enhancement of training and esprit-de-corps within the LORE Branch.

1980 – Lieutenant Colonel V. **Pergat**

**Citation:** For his outstanding performance as project manager of the artillery improvement project and Electromechanical Technician trade advisor.

1981 – Major G.A. **Walsh**

**Citation:** For his outstanding performance during liaison duties with the US Army.

1982 – Chief Warrant Officer J.C. **Sloan**

**Citation:** For his outstanding contribution towards the provision of maintenance support to 1 Canadian Brigade Group.

Special Award – Chief Warrant Officer A.G. **Lowe**

**Citation:** For his outstanding contribution to the LORE Branch as Branch Chief Warrant Officer from February 1980 to September 1982.

1983 – Mr A.G. **Davies**

**Citation:** For his outstanding continuous service and support to land engineering and maintenance tasks.

1984 – Sergeant H.W. **Munroe**

**Citation:** For his outstanding and dedication and performance in providing maintenance support to the Militia.

1985 - Chief Warrant Officer D. **Duermeyer**

**Citation:** For his innovations in electro-optics with the Leopard C1 main battle tank.

1986 – Major B. **McLean**

**Citation:** For his outstanding dedication and performance as Life Cycle Materiel Manager of the Aircraft and Airfield Ground Support Equipment fleet.

Special Award – Mr G.T. **Holmes**

**Citation:** For his outstanding Life Cycle Materiel Manager support to all elements of the Canadian Forces.

1987 – Major A.W. **Price**

**Citation:** For his outstanding leadership in providing support to Canadian Forces Base Edmonton.

Special Award - Warrant Officer L.D. **George**

**Citation:** For his outstanding support to CAT-07.

1989 – Major S.D. **Gill**

**Citation:** For his outstanding contribution to the LEME Militia.

1989 – Colonel J.G.G. **Nappert**

**Citation:** For his outstanding leadership as the first Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering 1985-1989.

1990 – Major D.B. **Parker**

**Citation:** For his outstanding support to the Land Maintenance System as Staff Officer (Maintenance) at Canadian Forces Training Systems Headquarters.

1991 – Chief Warrant Officer R.E. **Roy**

**Citation:** As LEME Branch Chief Warrant Officer from 1988 to 1991, for “Bringing the Horse back to the LEME Branch, 9 May 1991.”

1992 – Lieutenant Colonel D.N. **Redman**

**Citation:** For his outstanding work in integrating the RCEME Reserves into the Land Maintenance System.

1994 – Land Engineering Test **Establishment**

**Citation:** For outstanding contributions in support of United Nations operations in the former Yugoslavia.

## The RCEME Coin of Excellence



The RCEME Coin of Excellence is designed to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond their normal duties. Firmly believing that its greatest strength is its people, the RCEME Branch committed to ensuring proper and fast recognition of individuals who, by their actions or behaviour, have contributed beyond the call of duty to instil a sense of pride in our Branch. The flexible and rapid process of



awarding the RCEME Coin of Excellence allows the Branch Advisor to recognize quickly individuals who would not otherwise be acknowledged by other national awards and recognition programs. The RCEME Coin of Excellence is not designed to replace other awards, but rather to provide another means to convey quick recognition for achieving “RCEME excellence”. This can include, but is not limited to the areas of initiative, integrity, leadership, teamwork, dedication, flexibility or perseverance reflected in the excellence of their work, exemplary behaviour, the positive results that they achieved, or the positive impact they had in their community. RCEME Branch military personnel and, in exceptional circumstances, civilian employees are eligible.

The Coin’s unique design is representative of the RCEME Branch. The hexagonal perimeter, signifying the shape of a bolt’s head, is common to all four trades. One side of the Coin has a border with the RCEME motto “By Skill and By Fighting” in English and French and the colours of the RCEME flag in the background. The motto is symbolized by the crossed wrench over the bayonet, reminding us that our technical skills make us relevant. The words “for excellence” explain the Coin’s purpose. The other side displays the RCEME cap badge. The words “Presented by the RCEME Branch Advisor” give the Coin its significance, making it clear that it must be earned. The serial number makes each Coin unique, allowing the Branch to keep a record of the individuals who earned it and their citation. Finally, the overall look and feel reinforces the level of excellence one must demonstrate to receive the RCEME Coin of Excellence.

Coin 001 - Never assigned.

Coin 002 – Col (retired) Johnston

**Citation:** Coin #002, was reserved for a member of the RCEME community whose outstanding efforts and accomplishments are above and beyond that of even the most distinguished members of the Branch; someone who not only embraces the spirit of Arte et Marte, but someone who has helped define it. For his commitment to these values and the Electrical Mechanical Engineering Branch, Col (ret’d) Johnston is awarded RCEME Coin of Excellence #002.

**Presented:** 12 May 10 by the RCEME Council

Coin 003 – Warrant Officer Jeff **Morris**

**Citation:** Through his extensive professional knowledge and exceptional dedication, Warrant Officer Morris has made a significant positive impact on maintenance operations within Joint Task Force Afghanistan (JTF-Afg). Although assigned myriad tasks, his proactive approach and steadfast perseverance have ensured all critical maintenance issues were resolved enabling Task Force elements to

achieve their mission. Warrant Officer Morris' leadership, dedication and team spirit were of the highest calibre and enabled him achieve unsurpassed results.

**Presented:** 10 Aug 10 by Col Endicott

### Coin 004 – Chief Warrant Officer Jacques **Thibault**

**Citation:** L'Adjuc Thibault a été un pilier indispensable pour l'efficacité de tous les membres GÉM du SQFT tout au long de son séjour à la cie de Maint du 5e Bn S du C. En tant que SMET du SQFT, il a réellement été le technicien senior omniprésent dans tous les aspects de la Branche GÉM pour tous les techniciens du secteur. Par son approche proactive et avec une énergie remarquable, il a non seulement relevé les défis, mais il a étendu son influence jusqu'à améliorer l'efficacité des opérations des unités supportées. Il a touché le cœur de tous les membres de la Branche GÉM du SQFT en étant constamment à l'écoute de nos soldats et de nos unités supportées. La Branche GÉM souligne sa contribution cruciale au moral de la troupe et à l'efficacité autant en opération qu'en garnison.

**Presented:** 27 Aug 10 par Col Prévost

### Coin 005 – Master Corporal Jason **Papineau**

**Citation:** Master Corporal Papineau is a highly dedicated soldier-technician who has demonstrated excellence in ARTE. His innovative spirit prompted him to create a solution allowing mine rollers to be utilized with the new Leopard A6 MBT fleet deployed in TFA. Without MCpl Papineau's unique invention, the tanks would be in danger of direct damage from mines and IEDs. His adaptive solution has enabled operations and undoubtedly saved lives of deployed CF soldiers.

**Presented:** 24 Sep 10 by Col Myers

### Coin 006 – Warrant Officer Eric **Drouin**

**Citation:** Pour son leadership dynamique et sa planification exceptionnelle lors de sa contribution à la création et la planification d'EX CHIRON APPRENTI et de l'entraînement technique de la Cie de Maint, ESN 3-10.

**Presented:** 13 Oct 10 by Col Myers

### Coin 007 – Master Corporal Robert **Carr**

**Citation:** Master Corporal Carr was instrumental in the successful mentorship of KANDAK 5 Maintenance Company. His exceptional leadership, patient instruction and resourceful training initiatives were the key to success. The brilliant effort that Master Corporal Carr provided throughout ROTO 9 has had a direct and positive impact on the ability of KANDAK 5 Maintenance Company to perform their mandate.

**Presented:** 18 Oct 10 by Col Endicott

### Coin 008 – Corporal Nathan **Barbary**

**Citation:** Corporal Barbary is awarded the RCEME coin of excellence for his determination and ingenuity displayed while returning a mission essential piece of equipment back to service in Afghanistan, 2010. The field expedient repair of the Persistent Surveillance Suite accomplished using an

X-Box game controller and downloaded drivers adapted to control the systems surveillance camera returned a critical video feed to the TFK Tactical Operations Center.

**Presented:** 11 Dec 10 by Col Endicott

### Coin 009 – Master Warrant Officer Timothy **Relihan**

**Citation:** Master Warrant Officer Relihan is awarded the RCEME Coin of Excellence for unmatched leadership and dedication to the welfare and morale of all RCEME troops through his graphic design art.

**Presented:** 28 Jan 11 by Col Myers

### Coin 010 - Captain Steve **Taylor**

**Citation:** Captain Taylor has performed with distinction as the Station Technical Services Officer for CFS St. Johns. In addition to his oversight of Station Transport, Maintenance, and Construction Engineering sections, he has been responsible for local management of the 150 Million Dollar Pleasantville Consolidation Project. Capt Taylor exemplifies the finest characteristics of the RCEME Branch.

**Presented:** 27 May 11 by Col Elvish

### Coin 011 – Master Warrant Officer Michel **Laramée**

**Citation:** In recognition of the excellent work and outstanding dedication demonstrated by MWO Michel Laramée in Op HARAS. His honorable contributions to the improvement of techniques and training process of RCEME QL4 technicians have produced results beyond all expectations. Thanks to his technical acumen, his strong leadership and extraordinary innovative vision, he has created a personalized training allowing the four RCEME trades to perform cutting-edge training; challenging, interesting and comprehensive. This outstanding achievement has allowed the RCEME training platoon of the Quebec region to become a reference on a national level in the field of technical training of QL4s. Master Warrant Officer Laramée reflects, in an exemplary manner, the basic features that make up the esprit de corps of the RCEME Branch.

**Presented:** 26 Aug 11 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 012 – Sergeant **Lammiman**

**Citation:** Sgt Lammiman is recognized for his exemplary efforts in the planning and execution of the 41st Western RCEME Bonspiel. Sgt Lammiman designed the event to encourage a high level of Esprit de Corps amongst participants and his ingenuity was seen in the conduct of the meet and greet, registration, dining, and closing ceremonies. The efforts and dedication to the success of this event not only strengthened and raised the Esprit de Corps of the Western area but made a healthy profit for the Western Area RCEME Fund. Sgt Lammiman represents the best of senior NCOs within the RCEME Branch.

**Presented:** 28 Nov 11 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 013 – Sergeant **Toner**

**Citation:** Sgt Toner is awarded the RCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding dedication in ensuring the high quality of students that pass through the LFWA OJT Center. He is an excellent leader, demonstrating to his staff and students the true meaning of “Arte et Marte”. Sgt Toner on his own initiative has offered many original and creative solutions to overcome the resource problems facing the LFWA OJT centers such as rotating students to units outside of Edmonton to ensure that training standards and goals are being met. Sgt Toner continues to instil his experiences and the RCEME Esprit de

Corps into his students and regularly challenges them to surpass his expectations. Sgt Toner is a true asset to his trade and the RCEME Branch, greatly influencing our success in the future.

**Presented:** 28 Nov 11 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 014 – Mr. Darrel **Bates**

**Citation:** In light of the remarkable contributions, efforts, and successes, the RCEME Coin of Excellence is presented to Mr. Darrel Bates. Mr. Bates is recognized for his outstanding dedication and mentorship of the Materials Technician (Mat Tech) junior tradesmen throughout FY 10/11. Mr. Bates' expert tutelage, leadership and changes to the Mat Tech training curriculum of the training at 2 Svc Bn OJT Mat Training Cell has been a decisive element in the flawless success of all students who attempted their sequential DP2 course.

**Presented:** 10 Jan 12 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 015 – Master Corporal **Hadley**

**Citation:** Master Corporal Hadley is awarded the RCEME Coin of Excellence for his determination, hard work and leadership which was displayed while establishing the Roto 1 Maintenance Workshop at Camp Blackhorse, Kabul, Afghanistan. When Op ATTENTION Roto 1 arrived at Camp Blackhorse the maintenance shelter was 8" deep in water and nearly unusable for maintenance purposes. MCpl Hadley worked with the US units, civilian contractors and local providers to source raw materials and equipment. He then worked with other CCTM-A Sections to create an outstanding austere maintenance facility. Despite its temporary nature, it would rival many workshops in Canada for organization and efficiency.

**Presented:** 07 Jun 12 by Col Endicott

### Coin 016 – Master Warrant Officer Didier **Naulleau**

**Citation:** MWO Didier Naulleau's dedication to the RCEME Branch and the Canadian Forces' ideals is manifested through his decision to use the better part of his retirement leave in order to walk the Bruce trail which runs along the Niagra escarpment from Queenston Heights to Tobermory and spans approximately 900km. This incredible journey was completed in the name of the Soldier On program in order to raise money and awareness for that worthy cause. MWO Naulleau's attitude in this respect is an absolute inspiration to all.

**Presented:** 30 Aug 12 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 017 – Master Corporal **Carpenter**

**Citation:** MCpl Carpenter's effort in preserving and promoting RCEME heritage is the personification of immense pride and dedication to the RCEME Regiment. Indicative of the highest calibre of RCEME soldier, he provided outstanding support to showcase era period RCEME uniforms at CF and Legion parades across Canada. On his own time and initiative, he maintained the RCEME clothing collection by ensuring dry cleaning, procurement, repair and inventory, as well as setting up a number of display cases of RCEME historical items within the school. He speaks passionately about RCEME history to every student who passes through the school promoting RCEME history to future generations. His significant contribution to RCEME heritage, the maintenance of displays throughout the school, the RCEME image portrayed through period era uniforms and drill on base parades, and his diligence in maintaining the current inventory makes MCpl Carpenter an example for every RCEME member to emulate.

**Presented:** 19 Oct 12 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 018 – Master Corporal J.B. Pellerin

**Citation:** MCpl J.B. Pellerin is receiving the Branch Advisor RCEME Coin of Excellence due to his devotion with the 3 ASG Auto Hobby Club definitely ensures that the whole military community can benefit of this service in Gagetown.

**Presented:** 26 Oct 12 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 019 – Master Corporal G. Diotte

**Citation:** MCpl G. Diotte is receiving the Branch Advisor RCEME Coin of Excellence for outstanding initiative, leadership and professionalism as the 3 ASG Maintenance Company On-Job Training Platoon Lead Instructor and also in recognition of his exceptional dedication to the RCEME Branch as 2IC of the Jiffy Jeep team where he ensured the success of many high profile events.

**Presented:** 26 Oct 12 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 020 – Sergeant T. Bursey

**Citation:** Sgt T. Bursey is receiving the Branch Advisor RCEME Coin of Excellence due to his outstanding initiative, leadership, and professionalism as the 3 ASG Maintenance Company On Job Training Supervisor since May 2012.

**Presented:** 06 Feb 13 by Maj Raymond

### Coin 021 – Master Corporal Doiron

**Citation:** MCpl Doiron is presented with the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence for the outstanding leadership and trade skills shown during his time in Maint Tp, LdSH (RC). An extremely well rounded soldier, he leads from the front and shows his pride for the Branch through dedication to restoring Regimental assets. An expert Materials Technician, he demonstrated exceptional professional skills while working both in Garrison and in the field as seen when he enabled the Leopard 1 Tactical mobility Implements Trail by effecting repairs on extensively damaged mine ploughs allowing the Trail to be completed on time.

**Presented:** Nov 12 by LCol Davidson

### Coin 022 – Master Corporal Hillier

**Citation:** MCpl Hillier is awarded the RCEME Coin of Excellence for the outstanding efforts he made towards revitalizing the way historical memorabilia was displayed in Maintenance Company, 2 Service Battalion. Showing incredible pride and dedication, MCpl Hillier researched and sequenced plaques, donated gifts and displays, flags and uniforms as well as identified and archived nearly 8000 photos. These items were then displayed chronologically throughout the common areas, hallways and workshop floor so all personnel can see and appreciate their heritage.

**Presented:** 09 Jan 13 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 023 – Master Corporal Richard

**Citation:** MCpl Richard has greatly contributed to the reputation of the RCEME Branch through the outstanding volunteer efforts he has made within his community. Over the last 4 years he has spent countless hours volunteering with the 3036 RCACC RCEME Cadet Corps in Sackville, Nova Scotia and is also very active with the Camp Hill Veteran's Hospital in Halifax.

**Presented:** 04 Feb 13 by Maj Mills

### Coin 024 – Cpl **Mountenay**

**Citation:** Cpl Mountenay is presented the RCEME Coin of Excellence for exemplifying RCEME esprit de corps and Material Technician Skill by completely restoring the Western Area RCEME Jiffy Jeep to superb condition. Cpl Mountenay was tasked to simply re-paint the Jiffy Jeep. However, he identified significant damage and fatigue to the body and chassis. He went above and beyond by employing his fabrication skills to reinforce and completely recondition the Jeep's chassis and body panels. Cpl Mountenay did a particularly outstanding job in freehand airbrushing the RCEME Flag and the RCEME Crest on the Jiffy Jeep. The LFWA RCEME Jiffy Jeep is a key community relations tool used throughout Western Canada, the restoration exemplifies Corps pride and is an excellent vehicle into the community that represents the Canadian Armed Forces in a positive manner. Arte et Marte!

**Presented:** 09 Oct 13 by LCol McKenzie

### Coin 025 – Cpl **MacDonald**

**Citation:** Cpl MacDonald is presented the RCEME Coin of Excellence for demonstrating outstanding Material Technician skill and true RCEME esprit de corps. Cpl MacDonald passionately contributed to the restoration of the Western Area RCEME Jiffy Jeep. Initially tasked to simply re-paint the Jiffy Jeep, Cpl MacDonald invested himself in repairing the Jeep's body panels to showroom condition. His profound attention to detail is evident in every nut and bolt throughout the Jeep upon close inspection. Cpl MacDonald demonstrated exemplary work ethic on this project which is on display throughout Western Canada and carries great impact on the community relations front, it represents his professionalism and pride in true RCEME fashion. Arte et Marte!

**Presented:** 09 Oct 13 by LCol McKenzie

### Coin 026 – Master Warrant Officer **Waugh**

**Citation:** For demonstrating exceptional leadership, dedication, and craftsmanship towards not only the Canadian Armed Forces, but also the RCEME Corps throughout his storied career. His consistent esprit-de-corps within our trade is an inspiration to us all. Arte et Marte!

**Presented:** 15 May 14 by LCol Davidson

### Coin 027 – Sgt **Clark**

**Citation:** Sgt Clark is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence in recognition of his remarkable technical competencies, hard work and dedication during a RWS trial project. His valuable inputs and reporting to both the LCMM and LFTEU were critical to this trial's success and greatly contributed to improving the RWS.

**Presented:** 19 Mar 13 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 028 – Master Corporal **Smith**

**Citation:** MCpl Smith is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence in recognition for his outstanding devotion to the RCEME Branch as one of our best and well respected RCEME soldier/technicians. Seen by all as a strong leader, he brings to the Branch an enthusiastic level of technical expertise and Esprit de Corps. Whether he was seen as an outstanding OJT instructor, a valued Maint 2IC Veh Tech in garrison, an experienced soldier in the field or a hockey team player, MCpl Smith is an all around exceptional RCEME Leader.

**Presented:** 19 Mar 13 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 029 – Master Corporal **Dallaire**

**Citation:** MCpl Dallaire is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence because of his strong commitment to the performance of his duties. MCpl Dallaire's outstanding dedication and his numerous initiatives over the past three years to raise the quality of instruction have helped transform the training of apprentice RCEME technicians in LFQA. In addition to serving as Chief Instructor on QL4 validation, where his teaching skills earned him recognition, MCpl Dallaire showed tremendous initiative by developing a number of training aids that have greatly enhanced the training experience at 5 Service Battalion.

**Presented:** 10 May 13 by Col Prévost

### Coin 030 – Corporal **Boudreau**

**Citation:** Cpl Boudreau is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence for his many accomplishments at Maintenance Company. Showing outstanding professionalism, he reassembled a German gun following restoration. The work he did, normally reserved for weapons techs or more experienced technicians, allowed for the restoration of a monument that holds a special place in the heritage of Canada and the hearts of our veterans. An enterprising and willing volunteer, he generously devoted his time to creating a magnificent logo for the Ancillary Platoon's sports jersey and designed the logo on the medals for the WO JR Muise Hockey Tournament held at Valcartier Garrison in 2013. He also repaired the trophies from CFB Borden to get them ready for the closing ceremonies of the . He completed a fresco representative of the Branch's fundamental values in the Maintenance Company conference room. This breathtaking work accurately reflects his loyalty to his trade.

**Presented:** 10 May 13 by Col Prévost

### Coin 031 – Master Corporal **Marchand**

**Citation:** The Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence is awarded to MCpl Marchand in recognition of his dedication to his trade which was shown when, on his own initiative, he designed an online distance learning package to assist the QL4 Weapons Tech program. His motivation and technical prowess make him an invaluable asset to the CAF, the Branch and the Unit.

**Presented:** 10 May 13 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 032 – Corporal **Lalonde**

**Citation:** Cpl Lalonde is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence for his professional attitude, outstanding dedication and exemplary service to Maintenance Platoon, 2nd Battalion PPCLI. Cpl Lalonde's leadership and relentless work ethic has an undeniably positive effect on his platoon and is seen in everything he does whether working overtime to get vehicles ready for exercise, training QL4 and unit drivers, being MRT Commander, planning Christmas and RCEME Day activities or helping his peers out after hours.

**Presented:** 13 May 13 by BGen (ret'd) Holt

### Coin 033 – Warrant Officer **Knight**

**Citation:** WO Knight is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence for his outstanding contribution to the successful Transfer of Command Authority of Maintenance Training Battery from the Royal Canadian Artillery School to the Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering where it is now known called CFSRCEME Gagetown.

**Presented:** 10 May 13 by Col Eldaoud

### Coin 034 – Warrant Officer **Brown**

**Citation:** WO Brown is recognized for his outstanding dedication, drive and perseverance as the champion of the interests of the civilian members of the Defence team. In addition to his full-time employment running a large Weapons Repair facility and his additional responsibilities as acting platoon commander for Ancillary Section, WO Brown took tremendous personal initiative to master human resource processes and proactively apply them in an apprenticeship program, several in-depth reclassification activities and many staffing initiatives. His persistence led to improved effectiveness and civilian military cooperation within Maintenance in the TRCEME Division of Base Logistics in CFB Halifax.

**Presented:** 02 June 13 by Maj Mills

### Coin 035 – Master Warrant Officer **Jutras**

**Citation:** For MWO Jutras' outstanding contribution to the RCEME Corps and the Army in support of the successful integration within the Canadian Armed Forces of the equipment management and maintenance system part of the Defence Resource Management Information System (DRMIS).

**Presented:** 03 July 13 by Col Elvish

### Coin 036 – Master Corporal Stacey **Milne**

**Citation:** MCpl Stacey Milne is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence for his outstanding support to the maritime operations within CANSOFCOM. In addition to his exceptional maintenance support of the fleet, MCpl Milne also devised solutions to two significant technical issues with the Special Operations Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats.

**Presented:** 06 June 13 by LCol Gobin

### Coin 037 – Corporal **Rodrigue**

**Citation:** For his outstanding performance as a soldier-technician with 5 RALC Maintenance Troop, Cpl Rodrigue is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence. A professional and highly charismatic individual, he is a natural leader who has earned respect and confidence through his unbridled motivation and colourful personality. With his ingenuity and highly proactive approach he displays unparalleled skill and technical knowledge, particularly with respect to the M777 lightweight towed howitzer, which has helped forge bonds of trust with the operators. Moreover, his expertise has often been called upon by other specialists in the regiment to resolve various complex technical problems; soon he will play an active role in identifying requirements for the future construction of a building dedicated primarily to M777 maintenance. As a proud representative of the RCEME culture, he showed his altruistic, empathetic side by participating in the "2012 Great Strides" cystic fibrosis walk at Université Laval's Desjardins Pavilion.

**Presented:** 20 June 13 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 038 – Sergeant **Laporte**

**Citation:** For his outstanding performance as a soldier-technician with 5 RALC Maintenance Troop, Sgt Laporte is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence. Filling the shoes of two Sgts for over half the year, he consistently exceeded expectations. As a highly motivated and determined leader, he served as an example and mentor to many of his colleagues from every trade. Thanks to his untiring efforts, his unparalleled technical knowledge and his tactical experience, he made a huge contribution to the success of the support operations. Constantly striving for excellence and never backing down from challenges, he

even assumed additional responsibilities such as those of DMRIS site manager and treasurer of the unit's senior NCMs circle. Sgt Laporte is a proud representative of the RCEME Corps and deserves our congratulations for his exemplary conduct.

**Presented:** 20 June 13 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 039 – Major **Gauthier**

**Citation:** For his outstanding performance as senior RCEME representative for the greater Valcartier area and Commander 5 Svc Bn, Maintenance Company, Maj Étienne Gauthier is awarded the Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence. Over the past two years, Maj Gauthier has lent invaluable support to the RCEME Corps by offering exemplary leadership behind all RCEME activities in the Valcartier region, including the WO Muise RCEME Corps Hockey Tournament held for the first time at Valcartier. Professional to the depths of his soul and blessed with unparalleled charisma, his determination and colourful personality make him an outstanding ambassador for the Corps. He undoubtedly has the RCEME horse tattooed on his heart.

**Presented:** 20 June 13 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 040 – Master Corporal **Belley**

**Citation:** For MCpl Belley's outstanding contribution to the RCME Corps and to the JTF(N) for his continuous dedication and excellence in the achievements of his duties and his un-relentless efforts to promote and demonstrate the RCEME Core values: ARTE et MARTE. MCpl Belley is a key example of the CAF representation who contributed to Canada's sovereignty in the North.

**Presented:** 01 Nov 13 by Maj Hingwala

### Coin 041 – Master Corporal **Fortin**

**Citation:** For his outstanding performance as a technician soldier within the maintenance troupe of the 12e RBC, MCpl Fortin is presented the RCEME Coin of Excellence of the Director of RCEME. In the context of a vision aimed at restoring a culture of equipment within the regiment, he was able to re-establish, thanks to a remarkable professionalism, a strong team spirit between the operator and the technician. MCpl Fortin is a proud representative of the RCEME corps and he deserves to be recognized for his exemplary conduct.

**Presented:** 23 Aug 13 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 042 – Sergeant **Murray**

**Citation:** In recognition for his outstanding devotion to the RCEME Corp, he displayed outstanding trade knowledge, initiative and dedication as the Regimental Planner, showing exceptional skills with DRMIS, resolving maintenance issues at the Regimental, Base and National level. Sgt Murray brought to the Corp an enthusiastic level of technical expertise and Esprit de Corps, he is an all around exceptional RCEME Leader.

**Presented:** 16 Aug 13 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 043 – Captain **Lesieur**

**Citation:** Capt Lesieur's extraordinary contributions to RCEME's heritage and history, particularly his outstanding work on the accreditation of and funding for the RCEME Museum in Kingston, have verily brought the Corps' many contributions and the sacrifices of its members, serving and retired, to light and accessible to all Canadians.

**Presented:** 9 Oct 13 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 044 – Sgt (ret'd) Jeffrey Page

**Citation:** For his outstanding dedication and efforts in support of the Corps of RCEME, the Canadian Armed Forces, and its retired members, Mr. Jeffrey Page is awarded the Director RCEME's Coin of Excellence. His exceptional individual efforts contribute to the well being of past and present serving members, as well as greatly assist in putting the Corps of RCEME in the public eye in a very positive effective manner

**Presented:** 24 Jan 14 by LCol Turgeon

### Coin 045 – Cpl Blois

**Citation:** For his outstanding devotion to his community, the Canadian Forces Joint Signal Regiment and the Corps of RCEME, Cpl Blois is awarded the Director RCEME's Coin of Excellence. An avid volunteer with the Limestone District School Board and Scouts Canada, as well as professionally fulfilling his role in the Regiment, he is seen as a role model in his community and an example for his peers to emulate. Reporting in to work the day after undergoing life threatening surgery as well as covering unit duties with little to no notice, Cpl Blois has proven to be an invaluable asset to his Regiment and the Corps.

**Presented:** 24 Jan 14 by LCol Turgeon

### Coin 046 – Capt Christian Noël

**Citation:** Capt Christian Noël is playing a key role in developing the Leopard 2 fleet strategic repair capability at 202 Workshop Depot. As manager of the Leopard 2 fleet repair project at 202 Workshop Depot, his influence truly permeates every aspect of the development of Leopard 2 repair capabilities in the RCEME corps. Through his proactive and innovative approach, determination, leadership, dedication and incredible energy, he has not only met all the challenges but has extended his influence to the point of improving the support capacity for the Leopard 2 fleet in the CAF. RCEME Corps recognizes his critical contribution in supporting this new equipment fleet within the CAF.

**Presented:** 11 Dec 13 by Col Benson

### Coin 047 – Mr Lemire

**Citation:** Over the years, Mr Lemire has consistently maintained an exemplary professional attitude and been extremely rigorous in monitoring candidates in training. He has taken a highly proactive approach in order to impress in them all the complexities of their trade and the special characteristics of different optical and optronic components, along with their security features. In doing so, he has helped develop their skills and their ability to do the work required and required them to achieve technical excellence in these areas. Mr Lemire's work has unquestionably contributed to the success of the EOTL training program. Moreover, his high level of technical expertise and his enormous dedication have made him an acknowledged authority in the field of optics and optronics and a model for division technicians, LCMMs and project managers.

**Presented:** 23 Jan 14 by Col Benson

### Coin 048 – Mr Abbott

**Citation:** Year after year, Mr Abbott has shown exemplary professionalism and unbounded enthusiasm coaching young candidates in training and offering them sound advice. He has taken a highly proactive

approach in order to impress in them all the complexities of their trade and the special characteristics of different optical and optronic components, along with their security features. In doing so, he has helped develop their skills and their ability to do the work required and required them to achieve technical excellence in these areas. Mr Abbott's work has unquestionably contributed to the success of the EOTL training program. Moreover, his high level of technical expertise and his enormous dedication have made him an acknowledged authority in the field of optics and optronics and a model for division technicians, LCMMs and project managers.

**Presented:** 23 Jan 14 by Col Benson

### Coin 049 – Mr **Walsh**

**Citation:** For his outstanding performance as a civilian Weapons Technician within the Maintenance Platoon of Maintenance Company, 5 Svc Battalion, Mr Walsh is given the Excellence Coin from the Corps Director for his huge contribution to the development of future Weapon Technicians. Mr Walsh is a prime asset to the RCEME Corps. For more than ten years, he has been an incredible help for 5 Svc Bn and for the units of the 2nd Cdn Div. Thanks to his unique expertise, he is an admirable mentor for all members of Maintenance Platoon. His exceptional technical capacities and innovative teaching methods perfectly exemplify his pride to be part of the RCEME Corps and the Corps' Arte motto.

**Presented:** 10 Apr 14 by Col Benson

### Coin 050 – Warrant Officer **Hanrahan**

**Citation:** For WO Hanrahan's outstanding contribution to the essence of what the RCEME Corps represents, his un-relentless efforts to promote and demonstrate the RCEME Corps values and for his continuous dedication and excellence in the achievements of his duties. While being subjected to the standing down of the Optimized Battle Group and transiting from Coyote to Leopard fleets, his leadership and dedication ensured the creation of the Leopard Detachment in CFB Gagetown supporting C Squadron (Sqn) RCD withstanding continuous pressures and challenges.

**Presented:** 23 May 14 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 051 – Master Warrant Officer **Dallow**

**Citation:** MWO Dallow is awarded the RCEME Coin of Excellence in recognition for his contributions as CSM of RCEME OJT Coy in 2 Svc Bn. Over the last year, MWO Dallow has lent invaluable support to the RCEME Corps by providing leadership and mentorship for DP1.2 OJT technicians. His continued guidance and assistance has ensured the highest quality of training, and the establishment of RCEME OJT Coy as an independent Coy within 2 Svc Bn. Although an MSE Op by Trade, MWO Dallow continually shows and promotes RCEME esprit-de-corps, and ensures that the values of ARTE et MARTE are instilled in the new technicians. MWO Dallow's time at RCEME OJT Coy has undoubtedly instilled the technician spirit in him.

**Presented:** 30 Apr 14 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 052 – Corporal **McNiven**

**Citation:** Cpl McNiven is awarded the RCEME Coin of Excellence for outstanding dedication to the effectiveness and quality of training provided to Vehicle Technician apprentices within the RCEME Corps. Cpl McNiven has been employed as the Lead Instructor within RCEME OJT Company since January 2013. He constantly shows dedication and skill well above that expected of his rank. This was evident throughout his taskings to identify required tooling and equipment for training as well as the composition and administration of testing and technical challenges. Cpl McNiven's efforts contributed

directly to the future success of the students and the Corps at large. It is for his incredible hard work, passion and dedication that Cpl McNiven is receiving this honour and recognition today.

**Presented:** 30 Apr 14 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 053 – Master Warrant Officer **Turcotte**

**Citation:** The RCEME Coin of Excellence is presented to Master Warrant Officer Turcotte, in recognition of his ceaseless dedication to both the military and the RCEME Corps regarding the training of DP1.2 RCEME technicians. A driving force with the establishment of the Divisional RCEME OJT Center, MWO Turcotte organized staff visits to other OJT centers, as well as 202 Workshop in Montreal and DGLEM so that the staff was familiar with the system. His role as the Senior Technical Advisor saw him prepare for the IT RCEME Working Group by defining the future role and employment of the RCEME OJT training with the intent to provide high standard of DP1.2 training within 4th Canadian Division.

**Presented:** 30 Apr 14 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 054 – Master Corporal **St-Laurent**

**Citation:** MCpl St-Laurent has been awarded the RCEME Coin 54 for the remarkable dedication he constantly demonstrates, which is making an invaluable contribution to the advancement of our corps. Working tirelessly, he played a major role in instituting a new structure for the technicians associated with PeopleSoft and DRMIS which, in future, will give us a clearer picture of the efforts being made by our members.

**Presented:** 8 May 14 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 055 – Major **Motl**

**Citation:** Maj Motl's outstanding contributions to The RCEME Corps have been remarkable. With her corporate knowledge and her attention to details she is guiding with a strong and steady hand the administration of The RCEME Corps like no others. She promotes team spirit within and outside the Corps. She formulates opinions based on an ability to anticipate their potential impacts in the context of wider trends and developments. She truly exemplifies The RCEME Corps motto, Arte et Marte.

**Presented:** 15 May 14 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 056 – Warrant Officer **Ferland**

**Citation:** WO Ferland's outstanding contribution to the RCEME Corps' heritage and history, particularly his extraordinary work in the creation of the Heritage Room and its Corps Heritage Collections at the RCEME School in Borden. He accomplished that achievement through hard work, displaying altruism to the Corps and a passion to preserve its heritage.

**Presented:** 15 May 14 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 057 – Major **McQuillan**

**Citation:** Maj McQuillan is awarded the RCEME coin of excellence for his outstanding initiative, his continuous dedication and excellence in the achievement of his duties. Also for his integrity and team work supporting the Canadian Wheeled Light Armoured Vehicle program.

**Presented:** 15 May 14 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 058 – Mr. Anthony **Beresford**

**Citation:** Mr Anthony Beresford’s outstanding contribution to the RCEME Corps’ heritage and history, particularly his extraordinary work in the creation of the Heritage Room and its Corps Heritage Collections at the RCEME School in Borden. He accomplished that achievement through hard work, displaying altruism to the Corps and a passion to preserve its heritage.

**Presented:** 3 Jun 14 by LCol Bower

### Coin 059 – Sergeant **Constantineau**

**Citation:** Sgt Constantineau has been awarded RCEME Corps #059 for his continuous remarkable dedication, which contributes inestimably to the advancement of our Corps and the CA. With his extensive knowledge of RDIMS, he has established an RDIMS helpdesk for 2 Cdn Div that provides support for RCEME members of 35 CBG and 5 CMBG on a day-to-day basis, as well as for members of other trades within 2 Cdn Div.

**Presented:** 03 Sep 14 by Maj Tousignant

### Coin 060 – Master Corporal **Cairns**

**Citation:** Master Corporal Cairns has demonstrated an outstanding level of dedication to the Corps of RCEME through the countless hours of his own time he has spent restoring a vital corps artifact, “Christine”, to an almost new condition. His work is a truly exceptional example of the RCEME values of technical skill and hard work that has brought a great deal of credit to the Corps.

**Presented:** 08 Aug 14 by Col Jardine

### Coin 061 – Captain **Doucet**

**Citation:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, Capt Doucet was selected as at the last minute to be Course Supervising Officer for the very demanding ODP 1.2 course Jun-Sep 2014. He did an outstanding job of organizing and controlling his staff, and set very high professional standard for the officers on course. His commitment to ensuring that: “Only the best (officers) are qualified to lead the best (soldier-technicians)” is commendable.

**Presented:** 16 Sep 14 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 062 – Master Corporal **Dempsey**

**Citation:** MCpl Brian Robert Dempsey is awarded D RCEME’s Coin of Excellence in recognition of his relentless dedication to mission success and soldier welfare during deployed operations, which exemplifies of The Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** 17 Mar 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 063 – Corporal **Trudel**

**Citation:** Cpl Joseph Trudel is awarded D RCEME’s Coin of Excellence for his outstanding performance on deployed operations through his technical skills, support to Coalition Forces and leadership in the field of fitness and well-being. He has brought great esteem to the Canadian Armed Forces and The Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** 27 Feb 14 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 064 – Major (Retired) Doug **Knight**, CD

**Citation:** Major (Retired) Doug Knight, CD has laboured long and hard for many years as the Corps' volunteer Archivist to assemble and preserve The Corps of RCEME's historical archives. In conjunction with that he has written several authoritative books on RCEME matters, e.g. Workshop Vans. He has also digitized several important historical papers such as Lieutenant-Colonel Hodgson's early Corps historical work. All of this has neatly complemented ongoing RCEME Historical efforts with the result that The Corps of RCEME now possesses an excellent historical framework which, most importantly, is being added to continually by all ranks of the Corps.

**Presented:** 30 Sep 14 by Col Benson

### Coin 065 – Warrant Officer **Morissette**

**Citation:** WO Morissette has been awarded RCEME Corps #065 for his conspicuous dedication, tireless leadership and the pride he brings to the Corps in the course of his work, representative activities within the organization, and his social involvement as a peer counsellor. His involvement in 5 CMBG's CBRN Decon Coy has enhanced the capabilities of its decontamination lines and helped maintain rigorous training to ensure that the formation is flexible, effective and deployable at short notice. In addition to his professional achievements, WO Morissette is heavily involved in training and coaching RCEME Corps' representative teams for 2 Cdn Div and 5 Svc Bn. He is a clear leader and an important asset to our organization.

**Presented:** 23 October 2014 by Maj Tousignant

### Coin 066 – Corporal **Mayrand**

**Citation:** For his outstanding personal drive, dedication, and leadership provided The Corps of RCEME and his selfless devotion to his local and military community, Cpl Mayrand is awarded the Director RCEME's Coin of Excellence. Due to his natural leadership ability and positive attitude, he was able to promote The Corps of RCEME in the local community through his outstanding actions and initiatives.

**Presented:** 11 Nov 14 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 067 – Crasftman **Sinclair**

**Citation:** Cfn Sinclair is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his outstanding dedication to The Corps of RCEME. During his short time in uniform, he was able to gain respect from all of his supervisors and peers. He was a true leader and an excellent technician in training with the RCEME OJT Company. He constantly showed dedication and skill well above that expected of his qualification level. It is for his leadership, hard work, passion and dedication that Cfn Sinclair received this honour.

**Presented:** 26 Nov 14 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 068 – Mr. Roger **Barbeau**

**Citation:** Mr. Roger Barbeau is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his outstanding involvement in the vehicle technician DP 1.2 training course. Since joining training platoon in 2004, he continually improved the procedure for validating vehicle technicians from each year to the next. Through his dedication, visionary ideas and perseverance over the year, he succeeded in developing several training aids to ensure that our future technicians are ready for their DP2. Roger Barbeau is a model for his peers and a key player in the training of our future technicians.

**Presented:** 12 Feb 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 069 – Master Corporal **Roy**

**Citation:** MCpl Dany Roy is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his outstanding involvement in the training of RCEME technicians. Since joining training platoon in 2010, he has made an enormous contribution to improving the procedures for validating vehicle technicians. Through his dedication, visionary ideas and high level of technical knowledge, he succeeded in developing several training aids to increase and maintain the level of knowledge of our current and future technicians. MCpl Roy is a model for his peers and a key player in the training of our future technicians.

**Presented:** 12 Feb 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 070 – Master Warrant Officer **Grenon**

**Citation:** MWO Jasmin Grenon is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence not only for his outstanding dedication, but also for his important daily mentoring role with the units' ETQMS as well as with 5 Brigade Headquarters staff. He has been a decisive factor in the success of various 5 brigade exercises. Through his proactive approach and tremendous energy, he not only tackled challenges, but also played an influential part in increasing the efficiency of all 5 Brigade maintenance managers responsible for operations and procedures. Given his significant contribution, MWO Grenon is a considerable asset for 5 Brigade, and because he gives his utmost when working alongside his co-workers. He is a proud representative of The Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** 12 Feb 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 071 – Sergeant **Paddock**

**Citation:** Sgt Paddock is awarded the D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his dedication, innovation, and commitment to his troops in Worthington Tank Park. It is due to his dedication that RCEME technicians in 5 CDSB Gagetown were able to repair as far forward as possible, providing responsive maintenance support to countless Combat Training Centre courses and lodger unit exercises.

**Presented:** Presented 20 Feb 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 072 – Corporal **Chanda-Tremblay**

**Citation:** This coin of excellence of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) is awarded to Cpl Samuel Chanda-Tremblay for his outstanding involvement and professionalism, which he demonstrated while managing both the small engine section and the tool crib of 5 Field Ambulance. With unsurpassed dedication, he assessed maintenance operational requirements in accordance with the allocated funds, contacted several civilian suppliers, kept track of orders and kept an up to date budget. In addition, with his visionary ideas and high level of technical knowledge, he succeeded in making the container more efficient and ergonomic for use during future deployments. Cpl Chanda-Tremblay is a model for his peers and a key player in the 5 Field Ambulance maintenance section.

**Presented:** Presented 16 Apr 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 073 – Annie A. **Belanger**

**Citation:** Annie A. Belanger is a key person in several RCEME activities, and it is especially because of her communication skills, professionalism and unsurpassed abilities that she is able to juggle numerous challenges at the same time and publish the RCEME Journal year after year. As editor, graphic artist and journal distributor, she works unstintingly and with determination to produce articles of outstanding

quality for all Corps members. The Corps wishes to highlight her work, which boosts the morale and esprit de corps of all members for The Corps of RCME from coast to coast.

**Presented:** Presented 16 Apr 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 074 – Sergeant B. Bouffard

**Citation:** Identifying that section level administration business practices and basic workflow was sub-par and hindering production, Sgt Bouffard took a proactive approach by engaging all his subordinates/civilian staff and implemented practices that set the standard for all Maint sections in RCEME flight to emulate. He displayed outstanding initiative and perseverance by ensuring that 17 Wg's extensive blue fleet and SMP backlog was identified, tracked and repaired during rigid fiscal restraints. This achievement, despite Manning issues that impacted RCEME Flight due to multiple CAF MSE deployments, was nothing less than remarkable. Sgt Bouffard is a leader who exemplifies all the characteristics of a solid leader.

**Presented:** Presented 22 Apr 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 075 – Master Corporal Plourde

**Citation:** MCpl Patrice Plourde is awarded the coin of excellence of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) for his dedication, high degree of professionalism, exemplary selflessness, and dedication to his community and to the 5th Light Royal Canadian Artillery. He is highly dedicated to his day to day work and involved with the community; he puts body and soul into everything he undertakes; and he is thus successful in all of his endeavours.

**Presented:** Presented 16 Apr 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 076 – Maj (ret'd) Litalien

**Citation:** Major (ret'd) Michel Litalien is presented with the D RCEME coin of excellence for his major role in transforming the RCEME Museum project from vision to reality. Major (ret'd) Litalien's counsel and active participation in securing accreditation and funding for the RCEME Museum ensured the project's success.

**Presented:** Presented 10 Jun 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 077 – Master Corporal Lewis

**Citation:** MCpl Mark Lewis is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for the planning and execution of the 2014 Western RCEME Show and Shine Car Show, raising \$15,000 for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. His outstanding leadership, professionalism, work ethic and dedication ensured the success of this important community relations event, improving the visibility of RCEME Car Show and Shine in the Edmonton region.

**Presented:** Presented 14 May 15 by LCol MacGregor

### Coin 078 – Master Corporal Blount

**Citation:** MCpl Patrick Blount is presented the D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding dedication to The Corps of RCEME and his local community. Thanks in large part to his work in organizing the RCEME Car Show and Shine, the event was able to raise more than \$15,000 for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation in Edmonton. MCpl Blount embodies the connection between the Canadian Armed Forces and the community in which we serve and through his actions, brought great credit to The Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** Presented 23 Apr 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 079 – Sergeant **Pion**

**Citation:** Sgt Tommy Pion is a highly motivated and determined leader and a role model and mentor for many people. A proud representative of The Corps of RCEME, Sgt Pion is receiving the coin of excellence today from the RCEME Corps Director for his outstanding performance and boundless dedication.

**Presented:** Presented 16 Apr 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 080 – Warrant Officer **Pelletier**

**Citation:** WO Mathieu Pelletier continually strives for excellence and does not avoid challenges, WO Pelletier is receiving the coin of excellence today from the RCEME Corps Director for his unstinting work and unsurpassed technical knowledge, which have made a significant contribution to the success of Regiment operations.

**Presented:** Presented 16 Apr 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 081 – Corporal **Macleod**

**Citation:** For exceptional service to 1 Canadian Field Hospital and The Corps of RCEME, Cpl Matthew Macleod is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence. His actions resulted in exceptional contributions that were vital to the success of the unit's Maintenance Program for the Canadian Armed Forces. Cpl Macleod exemplified RCEME values by striving for excellence. His conduct and dedication to service is in keeping with the finest traditions of "Arte et Marte".

**Presented:** Presented 14 May 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 082 – Sergeant **Irwin**

**Citation:** Sgt M.J. Irwin is awarded D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his exceptional dedication, leadership and professionalism in his role as 4 Cdn Div DRMIS SME. His incredible mentoring and coaching abilities allowed for continued advancement of DRMIS capabilities as our system of records for the future. Sgt Irwin embodies the principles of dedication and loyalty in all he does.

**Presented:** Presented 14 May 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 083 – Master Corporal **Wolfrom**

**Citation:** MCpl J.M. Wolfrom is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his tremendous leadership coupled with superior dedication while employed as the Maintenance Company Assistant Planer in 2 Svc Bn. MCpl Wolfrom is a highly focused technician with tireless work ethic and is instrumental to the successful completion of all tasks. His conduct epitomizes the tenants of The Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** Presented 14 May 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 084 – Master Corporal **Vaillancourt**

**Citation:** MCpl M.J. Vaillancourt is awarded D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding and exceptional leadership and dedication during Exercises SPARTAN BEAR while employed as both the IC Mat Sect and team lead for Maintenance support staff. MCpl Vaillancourt is a highly dedicated soldier and leader who demands the best from himself and those under his supervision. He exhibits a tireless

work ethic and a “can-do” attitude at all times. MCpl Vaillancourt consistently conducts himself in a manner that exemplifies the values of The Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** Presented 14 May 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 085 – Warrant Officer **Pipke**

**Citation:** WO P.A.G. Pipke is awarded D RCEME Coin of Excellence for dedication and unquestionable loyalty which exemplifies the values and ethics of The Corps of RCEME while employed within Maint Section, LSS, CFB Kingston. WO Pipke is a highly dedicated soldier who continually provides tremendous support to LSS Maint. He demonstrates a willingness to take on extra duties and has an unquestionable drive to successfully complete them regardless of his workload. He conducts himself in such a manner that inspires his subordinates and peers.

**Presented:** Presented 16 Jun 15 by LCol Moore

### Coin 086 – Mr Jerry **Roy**

**Citation:** Mr. Jerry D. Roy is awarded D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his work in 2 Service Battalion. Through his many years with 2 Service Battalion, Mr Roy has consistently outperformed all expectations in his secondary duty as the Battalion Radiation Safety Officer (RadSO). His work has garnered the personal thanks of Director General Fire and Nuclear Safety. In addition, Mr. Roy has taken the time to thoroughly explain the dangers of radiation to not only the primary audience of young DP1.2 EO Technicians who will be working with radiation sources, but to the Service Battalion as a whole. He takes great pride in the protocols he has established to keep the clean room free of potential dangers and he is a solid reference for all questions relating to radioactivity. Mr Roy represents The Corps of RCEME extremely well; he displays a true sense of duty and upmost regard to ensure the unit and RCEME Technicians have the necessary knowledge to remain safe.

**Presented:** Presented 14 May 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 087 – Master Corporal **Fortin**

**Citation:** MCpl D.M.E Fortin is awarded D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding dedication to The Corps of RCEME and the Materials Technician Trade. MCpl Fortin’s ingenuity and exceptional attention to detail has enabled significant changes to the Materials Technician training program. MCpl Fortin was instrumental in the initial review and design stage of the OJT requirements within the MEMS program for the tracking of OJT students. Through sound advice, he has enabled the Chain of Command to implement changes to the OJT Materials Technician training cycle.

**Presented:** Presented 14 May 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 088 – Sergeant **Diotte**

**Citation:** Sgt G. Diotte is awarded D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his continual display of outstanding trade knowledge in support of the LAV 6.0 project, the LAV 6.0 maintenance pilot course and his dedication and leadership while mentoring RCEME technicians.

**Presented:** Presented 14 May 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 089 – Capt **Dzeoba**

**Citation:** Captain Dzeoba is awarded D RCEME’s coin of excellence for his outstanding level of dedication to The Corps of RCEME. His stewardship, supervision of the execution of programs and financial management of the various NPP programs of the Corps, the RCEME Officers’ Fund and the

RCEME Guild and Charitable Trust, has had a direct and positive impact on the morale of over 3600 serving and retired members of The Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** Presented 19 Jun 15 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 090 – Capt **Paquet**

**Citation:** Captain Christian Paquet is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his three decades of loyal and dedicated service to The Corps of RCEME. Capt Paquet started off as a mechanic, rose through the ranks and ultimately reached the rank of Chief Warrant-Officer. He was the regimental sergeant-major from 2008 to 2011 before he obtained his commission. Capt Paquet has always demonstrated sensitivity towards the traditions of the Corps, where he has always communicated to everyone in a positive and enthusiastic manner, while underlying the fundamental values of The Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** Presented 6 Oct 15 by Col Bouchard

### Coin 091 – Mr. **Chisholm**

**Citation:** Don Chisholm is awarded D RCEME's coin of excellence for his outstanding spiritual support to The Corps of RCEME. Don has given many years of pastoral care to the members of the Corps which has had positive affect on The Corps' morale and esprit de corps. His selfless service is a true credit to himself and the Corps.

**Presented:** Presented 30 Oct 15 by Col Dundon

### Coin 092 – Master Corporal **Walter**

**Citation:** MCpl Walter is awarded the D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his immense contributions to the esprit de corps of the RCEME Corps within the Western Area. He is consistently a presence in the planning and execution of RCEME Corps events such as RCEME day and the annual Bonspiel. Further, he consistently produces various products, free of charge, to be given at these events as prizes such as paintings and an octagonal poker table.

**Presented:** Presented 25 Feb 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 093 – Master Corporal **Chabot**

**Citation:** MCpl Chabot is awarded the D RCEME's coin of excellence for the outstanding commitment and professionalism that he demonstrated during the TAPV project in Nevada from 22 January to 18 March 2016. As a result of his exceptional dedication, his visionary ideas and his very high level of technical knowledge, he uncovered an impressive number of serious mechanical and structural problems that were rendering the vehicle unsafe. His work contributed directly to the success of the TAPV project and its improvements. MCpl Jonathan Chabot is a role model to his peers and an important part of the 5 Fd Amb maintenance section and the RCEME Corps as a whole.

**Presented:** Presented 5 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 094 – Corporal **Dubois**

**Citation:** Cpl Dubois is awarded the D RCEME's coin of excellence for his outstanding performance and initiative in modifying the towing bar of the Caribou sleds. He showed great perseverance in completing the project which made the 5 CER exercises and operations deployable.

**Presented:** Presented 6 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 095 – Corporal **Ainslie**

**Citation:** Cpl Ainslie is awarded the D RCEME's coin of excellence for his outstanding performance at his rank and became quickly a role model for his peers. Over the past year, he received praised on a number of occasions from the different levels of the chain of command at the regiment and the brigade for his excellent leadership skills and his unfailing reliability. For the past five months, he has held the role of acting Comd of the wheels section due to the Comd and 2IC being away. He managed to reduce the section's VOR by over 10% in under two weeks. During Ex TRIDENT JUNCTURE 15, he was fully detached as an MRT and he received the 5 CMBG Comd's coin for maintaining the VOR at 0% for the entire exercise. Cpl Ainslie is a proud representative of the RCEME Corps and he should be commended for his exemplary conduct.

**Presented:** Presented 6 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 096 – Master Corporal **Naltchayan**

**Citation:** MCpl Naltchayan is awarded the D RCEME's coin of excellence for his exceptional performance as a vehicle technician within the 5 CER maintenance troop. He did a superb job fulfilling his role as the commander of the heavy equipment section, serving as a role model and mentor to a number of people with his very bold and enthusiastic leadership style. His dedicated efforts, outstanding technical knowledge and experience managing special equipment repairs contributed to the success of 5 CER's support operations. That was particularly the case during Op PILIER MONTAGNEUX, which involved working with the heavy equipment troop from 55 Squadron. He consistently strove for perfection and never backed down from a challenge, even taking on additional responsibilities as the supervisor of 5 CER's technicians in training, among other things. MCpl Naltchayan is proud to represent the RCEME Corps and deserves to be commended for his outstanding conduct and dedication.

**Presented:** Presented 6 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 097 – Sergeant **McIntyre**

**Citation:** Sergeant Steve McIntyre is awarded the D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his exemplary service and significant contribution to all members of DGLEPM, the NCR and the RCEME Corps. He was a very reliable Snr NCM who constantly rose to all challenges. Extremely dedicated and highly motivated, he controls all DWD bio notices, news of members passing as well as any information that needs to be sent to the RCEME NCM members across Canada and abroad. Directly working for two CWOs, he kept alert of current practices by understanding all requirements which ultimately benefited both departments.

**Presented:** Presented 12 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 098 – Capt **Zymberi**

**Citation:** Capt Zymberi is awarded the DRCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding work and dedication to the RCEME Corps as the SO RCEME. With the retirement of the Corps Coord, Capt Zymberi assumed all of the duties and ensured that all key RCEME activities occurred efficiently and effectively. His leadership, professionalism and hard work ethic ensured that the work of the Corps Secretariat never wavered.

**Presented:** Presented 12 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 099 – Sergeant **Lapratte**

**Citation:** Sgt. Lapratte is awarded the D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for demonstrating LEMS leadership and by promoting stewardship for assets within and outside Regimental lines. This ensured the operational readiness of equipment in Garrison, on exercises and overseas. He processed work orders and provided technical advice on the unique equipment at the CFJSR which contributed to the Regiment's Missions, including its support to OP INIFIER Theatre Activation and Op IMPACT.

**Presented:** Presented 13 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 100 – Master Corporal **Logan**

**Citation:** MCpl Logan is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his outstanding leadership and dedication. As the IC of the K13 Weapons Detachment supporting The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School from April 2013 to September 2015, MCpl Logan's outstanding leadership and dedication to The Guns embodied the motto of Arte et Marte. Responsible for the maintenance of over 20 indirect fire weapon systems and innumerable small arms, MCpl Logan led from the front to ensure all work was completed to the highest of standards. MCpl Logan's relentless effort to keep the Kings of Battle operation were exceptional and ensured steel thundered on target in support of vital national training.

**Presented:** Presented 18 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 101 – Master Corporal **Hurley**

**Citation:** MCpl Hurley is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his outstanding leadership while acting in the role of Materials Section WO during a challenging period with significant manning shortages. MCpl Hurley expertly managed all welding and textiles production for a period of 8 months, maintaining an efficient and effective workshop while expressing his passion for woodworking through dedicating time and effort into personalized retirement gifts and shadow boxes for retiring RCEME Corps members.

**Presented:** Presented 18 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 102 – Mr. **St-Pierre**

**Citation:** Mr. Francis St-Pierre is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his outstanding contribution to the betterment of the OJT Program in Maintenance Company Gagetown. Mr. St-Pierre's passion and dedication to developing the future generation of Vehicle Technicians within the Corps of RCEME promotes esprit de corps and represents the Corps in a positive light. Mr. St-Pierre tirelessly researches developmental opportunities for young technicians as well as shares his wealth of knowledge to produce well rounded, competent technicians.

**Presented:** Presented 18 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 103 – Corporal **Currie**

**Citation:** Cpl Currie is awarded D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his creativity and innovation while building and designing the RCEME 75th Anniversary 5 CDSG submission for the Museum Artefact Contest. His attention to detail and ability to fabricate replica parts of an M113 APC demonstrates the talent and capability of RCEME technicians.

**Presented:** Presented 18 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 104 – Master Corporal **Ingram**

**Citation:** Pres MCpl Ingram is awarded the D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his outstanding dedication to the technical training and mentorship of DP1 Mod 2 – Vehicle apprentices.

**Presented:** Presented 26 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 105 – Corporal **Wright**

**Citation:** Cpl. M.J Wright is awarded the D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for all of his hard work and dedication as a Logistics and Engineering Maintenance Management System (LEMMS) clerk. He ensured efficiency in the 2 Service Battalion Maintenance Platoon control office and upheld the national reputation of his unit.

**Presented:** Presented 26 May 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 106 – Sergeant **Flaro**

**Citation:** Sgt Flaro is awarded the D RCEME's Coin of Excellence for his outstanding work and dedication in streamlining Vehicle Technician training by implementing the Licensed Technician Program. This program allows Craftsmen with recognized experience and civilian training to customize and condense the amount of training required for qualification. His leadership, professionalism, and RCEME Corps pride were pivotal in the implementation of this program.

**Presented:** Presented 28 Jun 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 107 – Sergeant **Cleary**

**Citation:** Sgt Cleary is awarded the DRCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding work and dedication in streamlining Vehicle Technician training by implementing the Licensed Technician Program. This program allows Craftsmen with recognized experience and civilian training to customize and condense the required amount of training required for qualification. His leadership, professionalism, and RCEME Corps pride were pivotal in the implementation of this program.

**Presented:** Presented 28 Jun 16 by Col Hamilton

### Coin 108 – Never assigned.

### Coin 109 – Colonel (Retired) Andrew **Nellestyn**

**Citation:** Col Andrew Nellestyn (Ret'd) was, and continues to be, one of the Corps' ambassador for the concept, development, and inauguration of the RCEME Museum annex. He has not only secured political support from both the provincial and federal leaders, but endorsements from various educational, cultural and local municipalities. He was also instrumental in bringing the book "Afghanistan, A Canadian Story 2001-2014" to fruition, at the same time bringing considerable credit to the RCEME Corps. It is his diligent networking and persistent outreach that first and foremost brought necessary funding to the project. He worked tirelessly throughout his career to consistently contribute to the betterment and credibility of the RCEME Corps. For his outstanding efforts, accomplishments and commitment to the RCEME Corps, Col Nellestyn (Ret'd) is awarded the RCEME Coin of Excellence.

**Presented:** Presented 11 May 17 by Col McKenzie

### Coin 110 – Sergeant Philippe **Bérubé**

**Citation:** Winner of the 2016/17 Atlantic and Regional D RCEME Award. As the Atlantic Region TAPV Subject Matter Expert, Sgt Bérubé directly contributed to the success of TAPV fielding in 5 Cdn Div. Not only did he master the technical aspects of the TAPV, but he provided exceptional support to the units and schools in Gagetown through his proactive engagement with project staff, his innovative contributions to procedural change, and his superb leadership of his NCMs. His infectious Corps pride, strong work ethic and creativity have positively impacted the esprit de corps throughout Maint Coy and have earned him the respect of all ranks.

**Presented:** Presented 18 May 17 by Col McKenzie

### Coin 111 – Corporal Scott **Simmonds**

**Citation:** 2016/17 D RCEME Award Central Region winner and National Award runner-up, Cpl Simmonds is presented a Coin of Excellence for demonstrating a level of technical knowledge that exceeds the expectations of his chain of command (CoC) and displays workshop creativity that impresses peers and supervisors alike.

**Presented:** Presented 22 June 17 by Col McKenzie

### Coin 112 – Sergeant Kenneth **Kent**

**Citation:** 2016/17 D RCEME Award Trg System winner and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the National Award, Sgt Kent is presented a Coin of Excellence for superbly demonstrating the principles of leadership in a multitude of unfamiliar roles. His unwavering professionalism has resulted in significant improvements to morale and effectiveness throughout Maintenance Pl. His exceptional adaptability and professionalism far exceed that normally observed of a Shop IC. His hard work and dedication to his subordinates, CoC, and the Corps of RCEME is beyond reproach.

**Presented:** Presented 2 May 17 by Col McKenzie

### Coin 113 – Sergeant Gaétan **Bougie**

**Citation:** Sgt Bougie has demonstrated flawless leadership and exceptional skills in the past few years with the 1R22R. He has been an example of perseverance and resilience by rigorously participating in the adapted PT for several months. His optimism and drive has made him a role model for injured members who are recovering. It unequivocally contributes to the success of the adapted fitness program. Due to the deployment of his section commander, he took care of the type B Section as well as small engines. During this period he kept a very high standard and a very low VOR even with a small number of technicians. Sgt Bougie is a proud representative of the RCEME Corps to receive this distinction.

**Presented:** Presented 4 May 17 by Col McKenzie

### Coin 114 – Sergeant John **Stevenson**

**Citation:** Sgt Stevenson is an outstanding RCEME technician and leader. 17 Wing RCEME Section supervisors consistently seek his guidance and opinion when dealing with the day-to-day business associated with section level production. He promotes Esprit-de-Corps through his participation in civilian and military group events while proudly displaying RCEME accoutrements. He pertinaciously promotes local and regional RCEME Corps events such as Shilo Hockey tournament as well as RCEME Day all while holding the chairman position of 17 Wing RCEME Morale and Welfare Committee. He puts forth monumental efforts towards fundraising and always finds colourful ideas for morale boosting events.

Presented: Information missing.

### Coin 115 – Corporal Vincent **Bouchard-Grenier**

**Citation:** Cpl Bouchard-Grenier honored 5 Svc Bn and the RCEME Corps during his assignment to 5 PPM. He demonstrated professionalism and his decisive actions enabled him to lend a hand in support of the maintenance of 12 RBC.

**Presented:** Presented 4 May 17 by Col McKenzie.

### Coin 116 – Mr. Peppy **Lavigeur**

**Citation:** Lavigeur is a D RCEME Coin of Excellence recipient thanks to his outstanding ingenuity, innovation and dedication during his 56 years of service to the RCEME Corps, his promotion of esprit de corps within CFB Halifax, Base Logistics and TEME, for always staying positive despite the circumstances, and by always displaying core RCEME values of teamwork, outstanding technical craftsmanship, sheer hard work and as a positive role model for everyone.

**Presented:** Presented 18 May 17 by Col McKenzie.

### Coin 117 – Corporal Tyler **Fulton**

**Citation:** During the preparation and execution of Ex TURBULENT WINDS 16, Op LENTUS 17-01, and Ex NORTHERN SOJOURN 17, Cpl Fulton exemplified the RCEME spirit and tenants, through his ingenuity, leadership, skill, and dedication in conducting repairs and recoveries, and improving the resources and working environment for his fellow RCEME technicians. This included completing complex repairs during Ex TURBULENT WINDS, repairs and recoveries in austere conditions during Op LENTUS and Ex NORTHERN SOJOURN, and championing improvements in tooling and the working environment for his peers which greatly improved workshop productivity.

**Presented:** Presented 18 May 17 by Col McKenzie.

### Coin 118 – Major Andrew **Mills**

**Citation:** Maj Mills is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding work ethic, professionalism and dedication to the RCEME Corps as the RCEME/LEMS Strat Planner. He was instrumental in moving forward key files such as: Officers and NCMs Trg Re-Alignment, OJT Deep Dive, LEMS Resource Hub and getting our recruiting levels adjusted thru a proposed change in OFP and additional recruiting initiatives.

**Presented:** Information missing.

### Coin 119 – Master Corporal Jean-Michel **Bédard-Theoret**

**Citation:** For his technical expertise displayed, as well as his notable willingness to be involved in his community. MCpl Bédard-Théorêt is recognized for his exemplary volunteering and community involvement with various school outreach programs. He hosted vehicle displays which actively engaged adults and teenagers, promoting a better understanding of what the Corps of RCEME and the Canadian Army is all about. Technically sound, he is a SME in recovery operations and an exceptional instructor. As an example, he assumed full control and successfully executed the complex and technically challenging recovery of the 75 year-old Flak Panzer tank from Worthington Park, embodying the ARTE for which the Corps of RCEME soldiers-technicians are recognized for. His achievements are a testament to what the Corps of RCEME is recognized for; dynamic, skilled and exceptional junior leaders glowingly embodying the values of the Canadian Army.

**Presented:** Presented 10 Aug 17 by BGen (ret'd) Brewer.

Coin 120 has not yet been presented.

### Coin 121 – Mr. Claude **Turmel**

**Citation:** In recognition of more than 40 years of service with the RCEME Corps, as an officer and civilian manager. For his great determination, his rigor, his work ethic, his dedication and undisputed leadership, Mr. Claude Turmel earned the Coin of Excellence from the Director of the RCEME.

**Presented:** Presented 22 Mar 18 by Col Poirier.

### Coin 122 – Corporal Raphael **Beaudet**

**Citation:** In recognition of his volunteer dedication as a gunsmith at the Biathlon Club “Courcellette” since 2016, Cpl Beaudet is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence. He gives his time on evenings and weekends to carry out inspections and repairs on the club’s weapons. Through their sustained efforts and initiatives, athletes have all the necessary resources to train in preparation for competitions.

**Presented:** Presented on 5 Apr 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 123 – Sergeant Simon **Laprade**

**Citation:** Sgt Laprade is recognized for his excellent performance in a non-traditional RCEME role with the Skyhawks between 22 April and 29 September 2017, which brought outstanding credit and visibility to the Corps. His exemplary performance and professionalism truly embodied the RCEME motto *Work Hard, Play Hard*.

**Presented:** Presented on 15 May 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 124 – Warrant Officer Peter **McFarlane**

**Citation:** WO McFarlane is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding leadership and dedication. He has tirelessly represented the well-being of his subordinates, increased morale, and built team cohesion at CFB Borden Base Maintenance. His leadership, professionalism, and RCEME Corps pride have been pivotal in the successes of Base Maintenance over the last 3 years.

**Presented:** Presented on 15 May 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 125 – Mr. Dany **Vaillancourt**

**Citation:** Mr Dany Vaillancourt is recognized for his outstanding dedication to the RCEME School and the Corps of RCEME as a Common RCEME Technical Training instructor and as a First responder at countless School and Corps level events such as RCEME Day celebrations and for the WO J.R. Muise Hockey tournament for over 15 years.

**Presented:** Presented on 15 May 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 126 – Captain Jolan **Cadieux-Langevin**

**Citation:** While posted within DLEPS 4-4, Capt Cadieux-Langevin was tasked to deploy on short noticed to Ex. MAPLE RESOLVE 17 in Wainwright, Alberta to assist ADM(PA) with the capture of live footage of RCEME Techs working in a field environment during a major exercise. The footage was key in producing updated recruiting videos for the 5 RCEME Trades. Capt Cadieux-Langevin’s leadership, dedication, and organisational skills were key contributors to the success of this very important project.

**Presented:** Presented on 10 May 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 127 – Second Lieutenant Mikael **Lemieux**

**Citation:** For his outstanding initiative, leadership, and dedication to the RCEME Corps, in particular for the execution of the 10<sup>th</sup> Col Karen Ritchie Memorial Bonspiel held in March 2018. As a result of his leadership and initiative, this proud RCEME tradition was a complete success.

**Presented:** Presented on 17 May 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 128 – Mrs. Shelley **Finnen**

**Citation:** As the Librarian for 17 Wing RCEME, she additionally maintains financial records related to workshop budget expenditures. Having a wealth of corporate knowledge, she is often relied upon by the Control Office to provide financial advice, particularly at year end. Her dedication to the organization and its Esprit de Corp is exemplified by her administration of the RCEME Winnipeg Facebook group. Through this group, she keeps the local RCEME veterans and current 17 Wing RCEME members connected and informed. Ms. Finnen is awarded this commendation for performance above and beyond her normal duties.

**Presented:** Presented on 2 May 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 129 – Corporal Ryan **Yarn**

**Citation:** During the lead up to Ex. STEELE SABRE 17 and Ex. IRON RAM 17, Cpl Yarn demonstrated exceptional technical abilities in the manner he rebuilt a Leopard 2 engine cylinder head maximizing the Combat Team Commander's Course ability in developing future leaders.

**Presented:** Presented on 24 May 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 130 – Warrant Officer Terrance **Walsh**

**Citation:** WO Walsh is awarded the RCEME Coin of Excellence in recognition of his vital contribution to C Sqn's continued ability to support multiple Canadian Army formations. He worked closely with 5 CDSG Tech Svcs during their maintenance surge to reduce Leopard II VOR, and his leadership of the C Sqn Maint Tp enabled the Sqn to support 2 CMBG high readiness confirmation training, 5 CMBG's Road to High Readiness training, and the Combat Training Centre's various efforts to train the Cdn Army's future leaders. A consummate professional, he always contributes to Sqn efforts beyond what is expected of him, and continues to be a very strong representative of the RCEME Corps' outstanding support to the combat arms.

**Presented:** Presented on 31 May 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 131 – Corporal Ian **Garnhum**

**Citation:** For outstanding ingenuity, innovation and dedication during his decade of loyal service to the RCEME Corps, for technical skills beyond reproach within CFB Halifax, Base Logistics and TEME, for always staying positive despite the circumstances, and by always displaying core RCEME values of teamwork, outstanding technical craftsmanship, sheer hard work and as a positive role model for everyone while supervising and mentoring junior RCEME personnel.

**Presented:** Presented on 29 Jun 18 by Cdr Dempsey.

### Coin 132 – LS Benoit **LaRoche**

**Citation:** For outstanding motivation, patience and dedication during his posting with the RCEME Corps, for logistical support skills beyond reproach within CFB Halifax, Base Logistics and TEME, for always staying positive despite the circumstances, and by always displaying core RCEME values of teamwork, perseverance, sheer hard work and as a positive role model for everyone while supervising and mentoring civilian personnel and his subordinates, peers and superiors alike in Combat Service Support occupations. His exceptional support in spare parts supply and procurement was a key contributor to TRCEME Maintenance Platoon success.

**Presented:** Presented on 29 Jun 18 by Cdr Dempsey.

### Coin 133 – Warrant Officer Frederic **Gagnon**

**Citation:** In recognition of the exemplary work performed by Warrant Officer Frederic Gagnon as he prepared the Colonel Karen Ritchie Building for dedication. During the weeks leading up to the dedication, he worked tirelessly to prepare displays that highlight all of the RCEME trades, historical artifacts and personalities of note. Warrant Officer Gagnon's efforts will leave a lasting impact on the school for many years to come, as it ensures all of our newest members will have the opportunity to interact with the Corps' rich and diverse history.

**Presented:** Presented on 13 Jul 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 134 – Captain Santiago **Duque**

**Citation:** In recognition of the exemplary work performed by Major Santiago Duque in leading a team to modify Primary Reserve (PRes) training in order to support the Strengthening the Army Reserve (StAR) initiative and to better align RCEME School training to support the new mission tasks of the PRes. In line with "soldier first, technician always", he led his team to a first place finish during a 40 km soldering skills competition. Major Duque consistently demonstrates the core values of "Arte et Marte" in his daily routine, thereby exemplifying the qualities of a true RCEME Officer.

**Presented:** Presented on 13 Jul 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 135 – Major Clayton **Van Volkenburg**

**Citation:** Major Van Volkenburg is presented this coin for his professionalism and leadership as the Deputy Commandant. In this capacity, he was the lead on many large initiatives, not the least of which were the grand opening and follow-on dedication of the Colonel Ritchie building. The success at both, but specifically the latter, garnered much credit to the school and the Corps of RCEME. This was not limited to school staff but extended to the Minister of National Defence, numerous current and retired members and some of Colonel Ritchie's family and close friends who travelled from afar to attend. A consummate professional, Major Van Volkenburg's leadership and personal engagement with his peers, all staff members and students of the school created an outstanding working environment. While the success of the two events had an immediate positive effect, his leadership will have a tremendous enduring benefit to those here at the school who will become the future leaders of our Corps.

**Presented:** Presented on 13 Jul 18 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 136 – Master Corporal Jean-Sebastien **Bureau**

**Citation:** MCpl Jean-Sebastien Bureau is awarded the Director of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Corps Coin of Excellence for an outstanding performance. He completed in-depth diagnostics of the new vehicles deployed for the first time as part of EX MAPLE RESOLVE 18. He

overcame several extremely complex electrical problems on the excavator arm that prevented the use of equipment while a representative of the company claimed that the repairs were too complex and had to be done in a workshop. His enthusiasm and dedication allowed him to get the car back into service quickly.

**Presented:** Presented on 19 Sep 18 by Maj J. Drouin.

### Coin 137 – Corporal Georges-Étienne **Lévesque**

**Citation:** Cpl Georges-Étienne Lévesque is awarded the Director of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Corps Coin of Excellence for an outstanding performance. He completed in-depth diagnostics of the new vehicles deployed for the first time as part of EX MAPLE RESOLVE 18. He overcame several extremely complex electrical problems on the excavator arm that prevented the use of equipment while a representative of the company claimed that the repairs were too complex and had to be done in a workshop. His enthusiasm and dedication allowed him to get the car back into service quickly.

**Presented:** Presented on 19 Sep 18 by Maj J. Drouin.

### Coin 138 – Master Corporal C.B. **Vardy**



**Citation:** For his exceptional dedication, professionalism, and ability to mentor peers and subordinates on a daily basis. His contributions were pivotal to the many successes of a small but diversified TRCEME section and provided exceptional Maintenance support to the Wing and Lodger Units. He continuously exhibits a “can-do” attitude and exemplifies the values of the Corps of RCEME.

**Presented:** Presented on 26 Nov 18 by LCol Miedema and CWO McNeil.

### Coin 139 – Master Corporal A. **Boileau**



**Citation:** MCpl Alexandre Boileau is awarded the Director of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Corps Coin of Excellence for an outstanding performance. He has completed outstanding work with regards to the commercial heavy fleet of vehicles. His exceptional performance was clearly seen with his ability to solve complex electrical problems in the Overland buses, which were required for Op Cadence. MCpl Boileau is a leader among the other techs, which is seen every day through his ethical standards and his high fitness level.

**Presented:** Presented on 1 Nov 18 by Maj J. Drouin.

### Coin 140 – Master Corporal Stephen **Swan**



**Citation:** The RCEME Coin of Excellence is presented to MCPl Stephen Swan in recognition for this outstanding leadership, dedication, and initiative in support of TF Mali airfield support equipment spare parts scaling and fly away kits procurement. AS a direct result of his actions, maintainers in theater will benefit from accurate and readily available spare parts to support mission essential equipment. The coin was presented by CWO R.J. Thompson 1 CAD A4 RCEME 2, and in attendance were LCol Pratt CO 14 MSS, Capt Nadeau 14 Wing RCEME O, and MWO MacDonald 14 Wing ETQMS.

**Presented:** Presented on 21 Nov 18 by CWO R.J. Thompson.

### Coin 141 – Corporal M.A. Corkum



**Citation:** The RCEME Coin of Excellence is presented to Cpl Mike Corkum for his outstanding efforts and dedication to support TF Mali Roto 0. His knowledge of the procurement system along with his tireless work ethic enabled the rapid procurement and deployment of spare parts and fly away kits supporting mission essential airfield equipment. The coin was presented by CWO R.J. Thompson 1 CAD A4 RCEME 2, and in attendance were LCol Pratt CO 14 MSS, Capt Nadeau 14 Wing RCEME O, and MWO MacDonald 14 Wing ETQMS.

**Presented:** Presented on 21 Nov 18 by CWO R.J. Thompson.

### #142 – MWO G. Dallaire

**Citation:** MWO Gaétan Dallaire is awarded the DRCEME Coin of Excellence in recognition of his technical expertise and critical thinking that exemplifies the theme and direction outlined in RCEME 2021 communiqué. MWO Dallaire, an EO technician, continues to be heavily relied upon for the testing and evaluation of updated LAV turret software over this past year, and most recently, analyzing power management issues. He is the communication link between users, Original Equipment Manufacturer and remainder of the Director Armoured Vehicle Program Management team which has aided in understanding and working towards satisfying requirements.

**Presented:** on 15 May 19 by Col Moyle.

### Coin 143 – Master Corporal N.R.G. Peach



**Citation:** The RCEME Coin of Excellence is presented to MCpl Nathan Peach in recognition for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and initiative in support of TF Mali airfield support equipment spare parts scaling and fly away kits procurement. His knowledge and experience in finance and procurement ensured all parts were available on time, and under expedited deadlines to support operations

**Presented:** Presented 21 Jan 19 by Capt Nadeau.

### Coin 144 – Mr. Graeme Rose



**Citation:** For outstanding teambuilding, leadership and technical expertise during his 10+ years of service to the RCEME Corps. His promotion of esprit de corps within CFB Halifax, Base Logistics and TEME, for always staying positive despite the demands, and by always displaying core RCEME values of teamwork, outstanding technical craftsmanship, sheer hard work and being a positive role model for others.

**Presented:** 14 Feb 19 by Cdr Chalmers.

### Coin 145 – MCpl M.L. Pilotte



**Citation:** MCpl Pilotte is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence for her outstanding contribution and dedication to the Corps of RCEME. Her involvement in various activities including International Women's Day, Facebook "Ask me Anything" and CAF Day and Air Show at CFB Borden allowed here to positively portray the Corps and act as an excellent ambassador for recruitment to the Corps. Her creativity and initiative as a RCEME School instructor to implement new ideas into delivery of training of future Vehicle Technicians, proved to be highly effective in increasing the

concentration and productivity of technicians.

**Presented:** 16 May 19 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 146 – Col Matsalla



**Citation:** Col Matsalla was an invaluable asset for the planning and execution of the RCEME Corps' 75th anniversary. From increasing RCEME Corps memorabilia at CANEX, to conducting monthly meetings regarding the 75th, Col Matsalla along with his team were instrumental to the success of the 75th, and as such D RCEME decided to award him a Coin of Excellence.

**Presented:** 1 May 19 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 147 – MCpl Arbuckle

Not presented yet.

### Coin 148 – Cpl Wills

Not presented yet.

### Coin 149 – MCpl Veltmeyer

**Citation:** MCpl Veltmeyer is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his technical skill, leadership, and perseverance demonstrated while leading the complex recovery of a Leopard 2 MBT during EX ORNARY RAM 19.

**Presented:** 16 May 19 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 150 – MCpl Louis Dumont



**Citation:** In recognition of the exceptional dedication to the Corps of RCEME by MCpl Louis Dumont as an instructor and soldier with the RCEME School. His positive presence within the community as a volunteer for Scouts Canada, dedicated to shaping and developing the minds of the next generation, technical knowledge of equipment across all platforms, soldiering skills in support of the school and the base demonstrate all of the

characteristics that define what it means to be a RCEME soldier. MCpl Dumont's presence and his contributions will have a lasting effect on the school and the young minds he mentors for years to come.

**Presented:** 16 May 19 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 151 – Cpl Legault



**Citation:** Cpl Legault has shown outstanding dedication and technical abilities in support of unit and Base tasks. His hard work and efforts has resulted in decreased back log hours in the Materials Shop and has streamlined the production. Cpl Legault's efforts reflect favorably on CFB Borden, Tech Svcs and the RCEME Corps.

**Presented:** 16 May 19 by Col Corriveau.

### Coin 152 – MCpl Bullock



**Citation:** MCpl Bullock is awarded the D RCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding contribution and dedication to the Corps of RCEME. The successful monitoring and training of future vehicle technicians is highly dependent on the instructors and instruction provided at the RCEME School. MCpl Bullock has voluntarily accepted this task as the only Reserve instructor at Veh Coy. In this capacity, he has spent countless hours

after work and dedicated his time to ensure students fully comprehend and are successful. He is an extremely fit soldier technician who utilised his expertise to develop, implement, and manage the physical training program for staff and students of the Coy. He is a proud Reserve member of the Corps of RCEME and continues to demonstrate outstanding commitment and dedication in all activities and tasks he is involved in.

**Presented:** 16 May 19 by Col Corriveau.

## Coin 153 – Cpl Carbonneau



**Citation:** Cpl Carbonneau is awarded the Director RCEME Coin of Excellence for his outstanding performance. In position for the past year, he has distinguished himself as a Mat Tech on several occasions. During EX TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18, he was able to reproduce the Norwegian tow bars and thus double the towing capacities of the EMRs in support of the 3rd R22eR Coys. It was able to repair damaged sea containers with limited resources. A key member of the 2nd

Division's scrap metal challenge team for the 75th, he was able to put his welding skills to good use. His work demonstrates the effectiveness of the GEMRC in operation under all conditions.

**Presented:** 13 June 19 by BGen (ret'd) Brewer and CWO Saunders.

## *Annex A – Buildings Named for RCEME Members*

A number of buildings and structures have been named for RCEME personnel who have either been killed in the line of duty or who have rendered exceptional service to EME. Their names are recorded here.

### **Major John C Armstrong, MC, Building.**

The Maintenance Building at the Militia Training and Support Centre, Meaford.

**Notes:** On 21 December, 1943, Captain JC Armstrong commanding 60 LAD attached to the Three Rivers Regiment received a message that six tanks were bogged down in the minefield during the advance to Ortona. The tanks which had been supporting an infantry attack were buried up to their sprockets in mud, well forward of the infantry line and exposed on three sides to mortar, machine gun fire and sniping. The tanks were needed for a further attack planned for the 24<sup>th</sup>. Sappers had cleared a route through the minefield by the rd. By two o'clock that afternoon Captain Armstrong and Sergeant FJ Fontaine each commanding a recovery tank, proceeded to extricate the tanks from the battlefield. They finished by five o'clock. Their efforts ensured that the tanks were available for the attack as scheduled. Captain Armstrong was awarded the Military Cross and Sergeant Fontaine the Military Medal. On November 17, 1994, nearly a half century later, friends and members of the Armstrong family gathered at the Militia Training and Support Centre, Meaford, Ontario. During a moving ceremony the Centre's new maintenance building was named the "Major John C Armstrong, MC, Building" as tribute to a man who had served his country with courage.

### **Lieutenant-Colonel Leseur Brodie, OC, Building.**

The CFSRCEME Armament Training Building.

**Notes:** The Brodie Building at CFSRCEME in CFB Borden houses the armament cell of artisan company's weapons and electronics platoon and is used to train weapons technicians. It is named in honour of Lieutenant-Colonel Leseur Brodie, OC, a longtime secretary-treasurer of the RCEME Association, reservist, and wartime soldier who had been awarded the Order of Canada in 1976 for his accomplishments as an engineer in war and peace. Many of the RCEME Association's members have a record of long and faithful service to the country through active work in the Association. Of these perhaps the most outstanding is Lieutenant-Colonel Les Brodie who served 30 consecutive years as Secretary-Treasurer. During this time he also served a term as President of the Conference of Defence Associations. The building was opened by his widow on 14 October 1989.

### **Sergeant Frederick Lyall Carson, MM, Building.**

The CFSRCEME Vehicle Training Building.

**Notes:** Meanwhile, at another crossing 500 yards away, half the tanks of the Ontario Regiment had crossed the Gari only to become mired in the marshy river flats directly in front of enemy positions a scant few hundred yards away. Captain G.L. Patton and Sergeant F.L. Carson of 59 LAD supporting the regiment, while working under continual heavy fire, succeeded in recovering bogged tanks while in full view of the enemy. Captain Patton was awarded the Military Cross and Sergeant Carson the Military Medal. A half century later friends and members of the Carson family gathered at the Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering on 18 June 1993. In a simple ceremony the School's new vehicle training building was named the "Sergeant Frederick Lyall Carson M.M. Building" as tribute to a man who had served his country with bravery.

### **Armament-Staff-Sergeant A.E. Davis, DCM, Building.**

CFB Shilo Base Workshop.

**Notes:** Working in the forward locations also brought to light the valour of craftsmen in assuring the availability of guns for action. For example, in March 1918 the artillery battery of Armament Staff-Sergeant A.E. Davis was heavily shelled and five guns put out of action. After several hours of work under fire he succeeded in getting four guns back into action. During this time the gun officer and four men were wounded and two were killed. Staff-Sergeant Davis was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The building was opened by his son on 17 April 1997.

### **Dunlop Hall at the former RCEME School, CFB Kingston.**

**Notes:** opened 19??, and named in honour of Colonel JR Dunlop, OBE.

### **Grant Hall at the former RCEME School, CFB Kingston.**

**Notes:** opened 19??, and named in honour of Brigadier GM Grant, CBE.

### **Lance/Corporal Henry William Grear Building.**

The Base Workshop Building at CFB Esquimault.

**Notes:** The Grear Building in CFB Esquimault was constructed as the Maintenance Platoon Building for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and is named in honour of Lance/Corporal HW Grear. To-day it is the base's RCEME Workshop building. It was officially opened by Armourer/Staff/Sergeant RE Crumb on 28 June 1994 in a ceremony which included a 30-person honour guard of Craftsmen from the battalion and the base. Lance-Corporal Grear was one of seven RCOC (E) armourers in a composite RCOC/RCASC group which landed in France on 19 August 1942 as part of the Dieppe raiding force. Four, all severely wounded, returned to England. Staff/Sergeant Crumb and one other remained on shore and were captured. Lance-Corporal Grear was last seen wounded and helping others at the water's edge. It was later confirmed that he was killed during the battle on the shore. He was the first of Canada's Craftsmen to have been killed by enemy action on enemy territory in World War Two.

### **Sergeant Robert Louis Hurry, MM, Building.**

The Workshop of Maintenance Company, 2 Service Battalion, CFB Petawawa.

**Notes:** In early 1944, the 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Armoured Division replaced an Indian division in the line in the Ortona Salient. On 8 February 1944, Sergeant RL Hurry of 11<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop was manning a divisional recovery post at a bridge in the forward zone. He was notified that a scout car carrying secret wireless equipment was bogged down in a minefield, under direct enemy observation. Without hesitation, he moved forward with his crew and despite intense mortaring recovered the vehicle. Two days later, three tanks of the Perth Regiment became mired in washed-out roads. Sergeant Hurry and his crew built a road to the tanks, labouring for more than six hours under threat of mortar fire to do so, and recovered the tanks in time for an attack next day. Sergeant Hurry was awarded the Military Medal. On 3 March, 1987, friends and members of the Hurry family gathered at the Canadian Forces Base Petawawa. In a simple, moving ceremony the new workshop building of Maintenance Company 2 Service Battalion was named the "Sergeant Robert Louis Hurry, MM, Building" as tribute to a man who had served his country with courage and determination.

## **Lewis** Block at the former RCEME School, CFB Kingston.

**Notes:** Opened 19??, and named in honour of Colonel AR Lewis.

## **Captain Proctor Clifford Neil, MC,**

Area Support Unit Building in CFB London.

**Notes:**

## **Craftsman William Olechowski, MM, Building.**

The Maintenance Building in CFB Wainwright.

**Notes:** These brigade workshops were usually quite close to the battle areas. For example, in the early afternoon on 19 December 1944, enemy shells commenced falling on 6 Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop located near Nijmegen. The first shells instantly set fire to several vehicles and damaged the building. Craftsman W Olechowski immediately attacked the flames and, by his action, encouraged other soldiers in the vicinity to quickly follow his lead, despite the fact that other shells were exploding in the immediate area. He then entered a 15-cwt vehicle which was burning and loaded with exploding small arms ammunition. After much difficulty, due to smoke and heat, he succeeded in driving the vehicle out of the workshop and on to a roadway where it became a total loss. His unhesitating action assisted in saving other vehicles in the shop from total destruction, in localizing the fire, and in preventing further loss of valuable workshop equipment. Craftsman Olechowski was awarded the Military Medal. The building was opened on 23 November 1998 by his son, Major Dan Olechowski.

## **Corporal William Oliver Pearson, BC (NL) Building.**

The CFSRCEME Welding Training Building.

**Notes:** Canada's Craftsmen distinguished themselves throughout the NWE campaign. Whether on the battlefield or in rear areas their continual support helped provide a steady flow of combat-ready equipment. Often their special efforts to repair, recover, manufacture or modify equipment or bring ammunition and rations forward to soldiers under enemy fire had a direct effect on the course of the battle. Their quick thinking in event of sudden attack frequently saved valuable equipment from destruction. Their work in the heat of battle under fire was an inspiration to the front line soldiers with whom they served and reflected the dependence on equipment for success in battle. RCEME service was delivered everywhere - on the battlefield under direct enemy fire, in unit locations or along the lines of communication. The dangers and work were shared by all ranks, and from these challenges have come the special camaraderie and traditions that are proudly remembered and carried on to-day. As an example, on 25 October 1944, Corporal WO Pearson of 75 LAD was asked to perform a welding job on the regimental command tank of the Governor-General's Foot Guards. This intrepid veteran of World War One worked for two hours in the open, under fire, while the tank remained in action directing the regiment as part of 4<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade's push toward Bergen-Op-Zoom during the battle of the Scheldt. Corporal Pearson was awarded the Bronze Cross of the Netherlands. On November 25, 1994 a new welding training building at the Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering was opened by his daughter and named the "Corporal William Oliver Pearson, BC(NL) Building" in his honour.

## **Colonel Karen Ritchie, OMM, CD, Building**

RCEME School Borden Ontario, Bld S165.

**Notes:** The Karen Ritchie Building is the current home station of the RCEME School. It was officially opened 15 May 2018 by The Minister of National Defence, The Honorable Harjit Singh Sajjan with

family, friends and colleagues in attendance. The first woman to serve as a RCEME Colonel, she was a trail blazer and former Commander of 5 Area Support Group in Québec. She was also the deputy chair of the Committee on Women in NATO Forces and served the wider community with the Girl Guides of Canada.

### **Captain Lloyd George Rupert, MC, Building.**

The CFB Borden Base Maintenance Building.

**Notes:** The teamwork of officers and other ranks and the value of battlefield support is typified by that of 84 LAD attached to 22 Canadian Armoured Regiment, the Canadian Grenadier Guards. In the operation at Hill 195 on 8 August 1944, the regiment suffered several tank casualties and when ordered to pull out there were three serviceable tanks which required recovery. The Hill was still under enemy mortar and shell fire with 88 mm guns covering the area. Captain LG Rupert, the LAD's commander, personally reconnoitred a way in and directed his recovery equipment to the tanks. He supervised the entire operation and the tanks were successfully recovered. He did the same thing on several other occasions during the campaign. Again in Belgium at Wouwsche Plantage near Steenberg in October 1944 he was called on to effect recovery of several tanks temporarily out of action due to mines. The woods north of the railway track contained machine gun positions and mortars. Captain Rupert, without considering his own safety, personally directed and supervised the successful recovery of these tanks. Sergeant Larochelle was awarded the Military Medal for consistently displaying the highest qualities of leadership. His fighting spirit continually drove him to tasks "beyond the normal call of duty, setting an example to every man in the 22 Canadian Armoured Regiment." Captain Rupert was awarded the Military Cross because 84 LAD's excellent record, due to his leadership and executive ability in effecting repairs, recovering equipment, making modifications, improving equipment and maintaining guns, had kept his "Regiment in a state of fighting efficiency by virtue of its being able to maintain in the field a maximum number of fighting vehicles for all operations." On a warm, sunny August day 50 years later, friends and family of Captain Rupert gathered at Camp Borden for the formal naming of the newly-renovated workshop building. As part of a short, simple ceremony his widow named the building the "Captain Lloyd George Rupert, MC Building" in his honour.

### **Colonel NC Sherman, OBE, Building.**

The Richmond, BC, Armoury for 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion.

**Notes:** The Sherman Building in Richmond, British Columbia is the armoury for 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion and is named in honour of Colonel N.C. Sherman. It was officially opened on 10 April 1988 in a ceremony which included his children. In 1910 Colonel Sherman was one of two graduate engineers who were the first engineers to be recruited into the Canadian Ordnance Corps. He served continuously until 1945 including service overseas in World War One. From 1936 to 1941 he was the Chief Ordnance Mechanical Engineer (i.e. Branch Advisor). As the war clouds loomed in the 1930s he developed ideas for the maintenance of equipment in an increasingly mechanized force. For example, he initiated the first Militia Workshops with the intention of developing the concept of workshop vans for mobile workshop repairs. His insistence the Canadian Army trucks be Canadian built and designed lead to the development of the Canadian Military Pattern vehicles of World War Two, a program which ultimately was the largest Canadian industrial war production program.

### **Sherman Block at the former RCEME School, CFB Kingston.**

**Notes:** Opened 19??, and named in honour of Colonel NC Sherman, OBE.

## **Sergeant LA Slumkofske, MM, Building.**

The 1 Service Battalion Building, CFB Edmonton.

**Notes:** Keeping routes clear - particularly in the forward areas - was often the task of the 2 Canadian Recovery Company. For example; from 18 to 25 April 1945, Sergeant L.A. Slumkofske was in charge of a special recovery detachment at a bridgehead over the Rustenkan Canal. His detachment included two tank transporters, two caterpillar D-8 tractors, a carrier and nine Craftsmen. His task was to keep open a narrow muddy road from the main road to the canal. Many of the tanks and other armoured vehicles were bogged down a good distance from the road. Throughout the operation the detachment was under shell, mortar and rocket fire. The detachment worked in the open in unarmoured vehicles and on several occasions tasks had to be carried out within the bridgehead itself. By borrowing vehicles, constantly encouraging his men and efficiently organizing the work it was possible to recover as many as six vehicles, including four tanks, from deep boggy ground in one day. The outstanding efficiency with which the detachment carried out their task was a material contribution to the success of the operation. Sergeant Slumkofske was awarded the Military Medal. The building was opened on 20 October 1996 by his widow.

## **Thompson Drill Hall at the former RCEME School, CFB Kingston.**

**Notes:** Opened 19??, and named in honour of Colonel HG Thompson, DFC.

## **Craftsman Sales**

CFB Cold Lake Maintenance Building.

**Notes:** The building was opened 990910 by his widow, Mrs. Sales, Medley, Alta – to be confirmed.

## *Annex B – Unconfirmed Awards*

During the research, some awards were noted that could not be confirmed. It is known that personnel were recommended for awards that were not approved. It is also known that the DHH records included these recommendations, but without differentiating them from actual awards. Because these records have been used in some of the basic material, the personnel below may have received an award, but so far, the award has not been confirmed in either gazette or in a routine order. No disrespect is intended, and once confirmed, the individual will be moved to the appropriate section.

Unconfirmed OMM and MMM awards are presently included in the relevant section.

WO1 GW Fisher - MBE - Recommendation at DHH, but no record in the Gazettes or CARO.

WO1 HG Nelson – MBE - Recommendation at DHH, but no record in the Gazettes or CARO.

Major HO McInerney – MBE - Recommendation at DHH, but no record in the Gazettes or CARO.

Captain WM Ruddock – MBE - Recommendation at DHH, but no record in the Gazettes or CARO. He says he never received the award.

WO1 V Williams – MBE - Recommendation at DHH, but no record in the Gazettes or CARO.

WO2 BW Cole (P35201) – Mentioned in Despatches

Major J.C. Barbour - Source is RCEME Journal 2012 Edition 1 for an MSM, however name does not come up on GGCHS.

Captain Reginald Frost Fendick, CD - (ZG2644) 23 Infantry Workshop. Source DHH file 96/47. Not Confirmed.

Staff Sergeant Alexander Gordon McBlane, CD - (SM44013) 191 Infantry Workshop. Source DHH file 96/47. Not Confirmed.

Major Charles R. Jansen, CD - (December 2008) Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, Commendations.

Colonel Scott Kennedy, CD - Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, Commendations.

Sergeant Gerald Lefebvre, CD - Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, Commendations.

Captain Andrew Morrison, CD - Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, Commendations.

Corporal Johnny Veilleux, CD - Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, Commendations.