

## A DAY OF COMMEMORATION AT 1 CER

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On 13 April 2018 at CFB Edmonton, 1 CER Maint Tp honoured the legacy of Staff Sergeant Harold Lovelace, BEM and LCol Hodgson Goodfellow, MBE, CD by naming their 2 x LEOPARD 2 Armoured Recovery Vehicle CAN "Lovelace" and "Goodfellow". SSgt Lovelace was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for "meritorious service". LCol Goodfellow, conferred by the King, received the honour of Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for "devotion to duty, initiative, and drive".



"Goodfellow" and "Lovelace".

A parade was held to make the presentation and naming official. Mr Gord Lovelace, son of Harold, wife Barbera, niece Pamela, and great nephew Callum, were present for the ceremony. Gord was presented with a picture of his serving

father, while Callum, a member of The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada Cadet Corps, was presented with a RCEME flag to commemorate the day. Gord was sent a cd with pictures of the day's events as well. The family of LCol Goodfellow were unable to attend, however his family in England were sent a picture of LCol Goodfellow. A memorial will forever hang outside the entrance to the Maint Tp workshop at 1 CER with a picture of each member, each LEO 2 ARV CAN, and a short bio of each member.



SSgt Harry Lovelace was known as a humble soldier and made no deal of his receiving the BEM, often referring to his accomplishment as just "running a repair workshop in England". It was quite evident that this humbleness had worn off on his son Gord when he addressed the soldiers on parade. He, evidently quite honoured to represent his late father, turned the spotlight to RCEME soldiers standing on parade in front of him. He opened by stating how proud his father would have been, and how he was, to be in the presence of such "dedicated technicians". He closed with a display of gratitude saying "you get the boys to the fight" referring to RCEME soldiers as "unsung heroes".

Following the parade, Gord was taken for a ride in his father's LEO 2 ARV CAN by driver Cpl

Memphis Hartwig and Crew Commander MCpl Curtis Wells on the driving circuit in the CFB Edmonton training area. His excitement could not be contained as he could be heard shouting "Whoopee!" over the sound of the 12 cylinder, 1500hp engine. His niece and great nephew also had the rare opportunity to ride in a Bison MRV with driver Cpl Joe Trottier and Cpl Peter Light Crew Commanding. During this time, the Lovelace family had the opportunity to take part in the recovery of the Bison MRV, arguably the best part of our job as RCEME soldiers. Callum even acted as a swamper, to get the full experience!

The LEO 2 ARV CAN and Bison MRV rides were followed by a bbq of burgers, hot dogs, salads and desserts put on by the 1 CER Cooks. To complete the day all members of 18 Admin Sqn and the Lovelace family were invited to the Atrium of the Snr NCO's Mess for beverages. This was the perfect way to cap off a day filled with honour, excitement, and remembrance.

To read more on SSgt Harry Lovelace and his accomplishments, refer to pages 27-29 of RCEME Journal issue 1-2015, at the following web address. [http://rcemecorpsgemrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/RCEME\\_Journal\\_1-2015\\_EN\\_FINAL\\_lowres.pdf](http://rcemecorpsgemrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/RCEME_Journal_1-2015_EN_FINAL_lowres.pdf)

To read the citation for LCol Hodgson Goodfellow, refer to the link below. [https://www.armycadethistory.com/Biographies/biography\\_H\\_Goodfellow.htm](https://www.armycadethistory.com/Biographies/biography_H_Goodfellow.htm)

