President’s Message

As the recently elected president of our Association, it is my pleasure to direct a few comments to the members of the Association as well as to those in the greater EME family that may read our newsletter. I have enjoyed a long association with our Corps/Branch, but always as a reservist. Joining the military as an army cadet in 1953, I remember the troops returning from Korea and being processed at Fort York Armoury in Toronto. Upon graduation from high school, I enrolled in the COTC and was commissioned in March of 1962. I rebadged from COTC to RCEME in the fall of 1963 in Sault Ste Marie where I joined 34 Technical Squadron, RCEME. For the next 30 years, following the reorganization that reduced all the independent RCEME Squadrons to nil strength, I served as a staff officer in various Militia Headquarters in the Soo and later in Toronto. During the 1980s, I spent several summers at CFSAOE and CFSEME on the instructional staff of EMERS (Electrical Mechanical Engineers Reserve School) involved with Militia training. When LFCA stood up I was appointed G4 Ops Coord and filled the SSO CSS billet until I transferred to 25 (Toronto) Service Battalion. I retired from the Reserves when I attained CRA in 1995.

As a civilian I pursued two careers. For the first 22 years, I worked in steel mills and steel fabrication, and actually manufactured the steel portion of road and idler wheels for the U.S. Army’s M-60 tank. I then made a career change into facility management, where I remain active as a consultant/associate for a building systems commissioning firm.

I have been active in the EMEA, having served as president of the Toronto Chapter and as the National Vice-President, and am honoured to have this opportunity to lead our Association. I represented you this past Remembrance Day at the service at the Memorial Gates in Kingston, and I hope to be able to participate in many of the initiatives in which our association is involved. Of particular interest to me is the EME Heritage Committee which is working on behalf of the greater EME family and is focusing on remembrance, education and heritage and history of EME. Gilles Nappert, who represented me at a recent meeting of the committee, lists in this newsletter some of the planned heritage projects. No doubt many of our members will be invited to participate in these activities, because your assistance is important in preserving our heritage for future generations.

I look forward to my term in office and I trust our association will grow.

Arte et Marte
Mike Horn
The New EMEA Executive

At the AGM in October 2009, a new EMEA executive took office. They are shown here with the Branch Advisor and Branch CWO.

- President: Maj (Ret’d) Myron (Mike) Horn, CD
- Senior VP: Col (Ret’d) Gilles Nappert, CD
- VP External Relations: Col (Ret’d) Andrew Nellestyn, CD
- Honourary VP: Col (Ret’d) Murray Johnston, MSM, CD
- Treasurer: LCol (Ret’d) Lucas Hellemans, CD
- Secretary: LCol (Ret’d) Howie Higuchi, CD
- Past President: LCol (Ret’d) Pat Read, CD
Ann-Marie Sturgess Appointed Honourary Life Member
by Colonel (Ret’d) Murray Johnston

This is an edited version of Col Johnston’s submission to the EME Journal.

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

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

Being appointed an Honourary Life Member is the EME Association’s highest honour and it is awarded sparingly. In the past this award has gone only to regular Association members. So this award is special in that it recognizes the support that is so generously given to the Association in helping it to do its work.

Honours and Awards
Member of the Order of Military Merit

The following EME members have been awarded the MMM for their extraordinary service to the CF.

- Capt D.W. Atkinson, MMM
- CWO G.B. Biggar, MMM
- MWO D.W. Coble, MMM
- Adjum D. Dubuc, MMM
- Sgt (now WO) T.W. Hale, MMM
- Adjum J.R.P.T. Tremblay, MMM
- WO M.B. Vandepol, MMM

Meritorious Service Medal

MCpl WT (Tom) Hoggarth (Mat Tech) of CFJSR Kingston, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his actions in Afghanistan.
Senior Promotions

Col. N. Eldaoud, C.S.M., C.D.


Le Colonel Eldaoud et son épouse, Major Sanchez-Maloney, ont trois enfants : Audrey, Émilie et Simon.

Col. J.F. Prévost

Col. Prévost was raised in Beauport, near Québec city. He obtained his diploma in 1981, and then worked for Detroit Diesel Distributor until joining the Canadian Forces in 1983. He has served in Canadian Forces Europe in Lahr, Germany, 5ème Bataillon des Services du Canada in Valcartier, and as the Life Cycle Material Manager for the Light Standard Military Pattern truck fleets, and career manager for EME officers in NDHQ. In 1999, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and employed as the Director Land Engineering Resource Management 4, overseeing the Land Equipment Management System’s operations and policies.

After a tour with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as the Commander, Task Force Golan, he was posted to the J3 Counter Terrorism and Special Operations directorate. On 1 February 2006, upon the formation of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, Col. Prévost was appointed Project Director, then Chief of Staff Support. In July 2009, Colonel Prévost was appointed Director Land Requirements.

CWO NJ (Nivard) Audet, MMM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer Nivard Audet enrolled in the Canadian Forces in September 1979. Upon completion of basic training, language training, and technical training, he was posted to CFB Gatetown where he completed his training as a vehicle technician. He has served with the RCD and 8th Canadian Hussars in Lahr, Germany, and with 119th Battery (RCA), 4 AD Regiment, 210 Wksp, AD School and various appointments in CFB Gatetown and NDHQ. In 2004 he was appointed as a member to the Order of Military Merit in 2004. In July 2009 CWO Audet was promoted to his current rank and has been appointed as the Area Support Group (2 ASG), ETSM.
CWO Ghislain Levesque, CD

CWO Levesque joined the CF December 16, 1981. After completing his basic training and his QL3 at St-Jean, Québec, he was posted to 5th Service Battalion in March 1983. He has served in 12 RBC, Cyprus, 5e Field Ambulance, and the Training Centre Land Force Quebec Area (LFQA). Promoted to the rank of MWO in June 2002, he became ETQMS of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, and from January to September 2004 he participated in Rotation 1 of Operation Athena in Afghanistan in Kabul. In NDHQ, he was a member of the Medium Support Vehicles System (MSVS) project, where he was working on the SEV team. He was promoted to the rank of CWO in June 2009, and assigned as DSVPM CWO.

Chief Warrant Officer H.J. Bransfield, CD

CWO Haley Bransfield enrolled in the CF at CFRC St-John N.B. on 26 August 1981. He commenced his QL3 Metals Tech training at CFSAOE in January 1982 and upon completion of his QL3 training he was posted to the 8CH at CFB Petawawa. Later, while posted to CFB Greenwood he realised that he was more comfortable working with the army than the air force, and transferred to the new Materials Tech trade in January 1987. He has served in the RCR in CFB Baden, Germany, on a UN mission to Iraq, in Bosnia, and as QA representative at Western Star Trucks as part of the LSVW project. He was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer on 10 December 1998 and posted to CFEME as IC Mat Standards. He has served as the LCMM for common tactical equipment, LCMM for bridging equipment, and deployed to Afghanistan on a TAV for add-on armour for nine months. CWO Bransfield was promoted to his present rank on 16 Nov 2009 and posted to his present position as the Senior Technical Advisor for the Mat Tech trade and LCMM Sea Containers on 30 Nov 2009.

CWO Hansen was also promoted to the rank of CWO last year, but a photo and bio were not available at time of publication.

The EMEA Website

by Lucas Hellemans

In previous years, and at various AGMs, the concept of a website for the EMEA was considered, but while formats and content were discussed, nothing further happened. At the most recent AGM (October 2009), the subject was again broached, but no specific action was taken nor a plan of action agreed on.

With that background, I decided to try and tackle it on my own. After some enquiries (Doug Knight provided me an excellent starting point in his draft specification) and minimal discussion with other EMEA folks, a draft website was laid out. This was refined in conjunction with my “expert contact”, and in December, an EMEA website saw the light of day. Eventually, it should pop up in a Google search, but in the meantime, enter www.emea-agem.ca and you can find it. Changes are now being discussed, to make it more useful to the membership at large. It’s NOT pretty, BUT IT EXISTS!

A web master is now needed. Volunteers should contact me.
From the Colonel Commandant
BGen (Ret'd) P. J. Holt, CD

Since the last newsletter, your Colonel Commandant has been visiting EME troops primarily in Western Area and Ontario. The Atlantic Area and Quebec are on my schedule for the coming months, and I will be able to report on them next time.

It is no exaggeration to say that the CF, in particular the Army, is busier now than it has been for years. With Afghanistan, the Olympics, planning for the G8 and G20 summits, and now an unforecast humanitarian mission in Haiti, it is fair to say that our troops are going about as fast as an Olympic bobsledder! And there are probably some curves coming up.

However, there is one amazing thing that I have noticed in my recent visits: our EME soldier-technicians may be over-tasked and working long hours, but their morale is sky-high! For example, the 2010 LFWA bonspiel had to be held in October 2009 instead of Feb 2010, because of the Olympics. Yet it was a great success, with almost as many participants as there would normally have been. And a fair number of the serving EME troops curled, and then went back to their toolboxes for a few hours, before returning to the rink for their next draw.

To me, this demonstrates how committed and adaptable our soldier-technicians are. The simplest thing would have been to cancel the LFWA 2010 EME bonspiel. No-one would have blamed the organizers, who after all were squeezing this recreational activity in between Op Podium exercises and many other taskings. But, as they told me, they did not want to lose an important opportunity for EME to demonstrate Branch esprit-de-corps; so everyone dug deep, and pulled together an excellent event.

Off the record, I did hear a few pointed comments from some of the troops’ family members, which made me realize exactly how over-tasked our technicians are right now. That is an area of concern to me, and I expressed that to the Chief of the Land Staff, LGen Andy Leslie, when I had a chance to meet with him. Needless to say, he is very much aware of this fact, and a few of my fellow Colonels Commandant had been saying the same thing.

On a different note, but still with a focus on EME families, I attended the WO JR Muise Memorial EME Hockey Tournament in Borden last December. This event is attended faithfully by WO Muise’s widow, Marilyn, who watches every game, and presents personal little gifts to the best players of each team. Marilyn is a favourite with the troops, so this year we decided to honour her commitment to the EME Branch with an honorary membership. I was fortunate enough to give it to her at the closing ceremonies of the tournament, and the standing ovation she received rivalled anything we have heard recently at the Olympics! She is shown here receiving her certificate.

So I would ask all EMEA members to keep the families of our serving EME soldiers in their thoughts and prayers, particularly over the next few months of very high operational tempo.
The Chapters

National Capital Region Chapter
by Ken Jones

The National Capital chapter remained active with a series of interesting meetings. In November, the Chapter met by exception at the Régiment de Hull armoury in Gatineau. It was a means of renewing contact with some of our chapter members who live across the river. In particular it was nice to see André Montgiraud and Albert Thibert, amongst others. Two guest speakers entertained the members. Pat Read in his capacity of Past President spoke in detail about the key issues discussed at the EMEA Annual General Meeting (AGM). It was most informative to those who had not attended the AGM. He was followed by Mike Hayes, a reservist with 28 Service Battalion, who spoke about his recent experience as a member of a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Afghanistan. His presentation about his experience and the work being done by members of PRTs was of great interest to those in attendance. The numerous photos he used were enlightening about the local conditions and challenges. His presentation reinforced the importance of the work that is being done by the members of the CF in Afghanistan.

On December 10th, the Chapter met again at our monthly venue at the Walkley Armouries for the annual mixed Christmas Raffle and Bottle Draw. The turnout for this annual event was outstanding as was the generosity of our members. Our Colonel Commandant, BGen (Ret’d) Peter Holt, opened the raffle draw. The proceeds of the event, $540, went to the Ottawa Snowsuit Fund as we have done for many years. The raffles included two sets of Ottawa Senator tickets, and as an added bonus, the bottle draws did not feature any wine with Pat Read’s label! All raffle items and the bottles were kindly donated by our members.

The Chapter held a joint monthly meeting on February 16th with our friends from the Logistics Association (LogA) at the Walkley Armouries. This was an excellent opportunity to meet up with old friends and to hear two excellent speakers. Col John MacKay from CANOSCOM provided a briefing on the Concept of Support for Haiti. He set the stage by walking us through all of the operations and planning which were in progress at the time of the Haiti disaster, and then all of the issues that the planning staff had to work through to plan the Canadian military assistance that was provided to this country. The issues they faced and the results which were obtained in record time speak most highly of the planning and execution capability of our Forces. The next speaker, one known to all of EME and Log, was LGen (ret’d) Bill Leach who provided us with a most informative briefing on the War Museum, and the role of the Friends of the Museum. There is no doubt, once having heard this briefing, all Canadians ought to be very proud of what Canada has achieved with this world class war museum. The briefing highlighted the role that the Friends of the Museum have accomplished in the years leading up to the commitment to build the museum, their role in establishing the focus of the museum, and their continuing role in the operation of the War Museum. The record number of visitors each year, well above the estimated attendance planned for the museum, speaks to both the quality and the relevance of the displays. This joint meeting with LogA, the second that we have held, was a terrific success. We will no doubt see more of these planned in the future.

Coming up, the NCR Chapter will have a regular meeting in March and on April 8th, we will have a mixed event at the Walkley Armouries that will feature Col (ret’d) Graham Lindsay as our guest speaker. He will be speaking about the unique experience he has had as an official in the Vancouver Olympics.
Toronto Chapter
by Mike Horn

The Toronto Chapter, with approximately 50 paid-up members, carries an active program designed for the needs of its members. The executive meets regularly to conduct the business of the chapter and to plan our two annual events which are directed at the membership at large. The highlights of our semi-annual meetings are our guest speakers. In November 2009, the chapter held its fall dinner meeting at the RCMI. On this occasion our guest speaker was Colonel Bob Elvish, Director, Armament Sustainment Program. Col Elvish provided us with an informative presentation, which covered not only what goes on in Ottawa, but also how it is applied in Afghanistan. The Chapter executive is planning our AGM which will be held at the RCMI in Toronto on Saturday, 1 May 2010. (Guest Speaker TBA)

Our chapter emulates the total force concept and puts it into practice. Both our current chapter president (Captain Wade Sett) and our immediate chapter past president (Major Charles Jansen) are reserve officers on full time Class “B” Service with LFCA. In addition to their very busy full time jobs at the Area HQ, they are able to find time to serve with 25 (Toronto) Service Battalion and serve on the executive of the Toronto Chapter. It is dedication like this that has kept our chapter active for so many years.

Vancouver Island Chapter
by Ken Loven

This is not a normal chapter report, but I am including it in the newsletter, with Ken’s permission, because it is a very real problem in the Association, and affects all the chapters. It is extremely difficult to get new members and to find people willing to serve on the chapter and national executives. As EME, we take pride in being able to fix things ... so the challenge is thrown to younger retirees, or reservists of 11 Service Battalion on Vancouver Island, to take over from the "Old Guard" - Ed.

I regret that there is nothing in our chapter life that can be passed as chapter news. While this report may appear to be loaded with Doom and Gloom, it may also be considered as a plea for help. In reading the minutes of the last EMEA Annual General Meeting, and discussing it with our members, it would seem that most of the chapters are having membership problems, mainly due to aging and its resulting inabilities. Although we have fifteen members on our list, we are having a difficult time to get four people, including wives, at our meetings and the remainder are either unable to travel or are geographically challenged (four of us must travel over 200 Km to attend meetings). Only six have paid their 2010 fees. Nine of our members are over seventy years old, four of us are over eighty. We, as a chapter are having a difficult time trying to maintain our chapter status (minimum ten paid members).

Our strategy, at the moment, is to attempt to find new members within our area, failing this we will have to consider the unwelcome option of disbanding. We will attempt to gather on occasion in the future. (Corps Birthday etc). As I am the only executive member available, at the moment, the above is a recap of recent discussion. We are making an effort to amass enough members to celebrate the Corps Birthday.
Bridging The Gap: The Olafson Infantry Footbridge
By John Sliz

One of the more interesting inventions during the Second World War was also one of the simplest. Born out of the need to quickly cross the numerous rivers and canals during the Italian campaign, a series of pipes were welded together to form a lightweight portable footbridge. The original idea was put forth by the commander of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade, Brigadier J.P.E. Bernatchez, who called for a bridge that could be used to quickly reinforce a bridgehead, acting as a temporary expedient until the engineers could get more permanent structures erected. Building a proper bridge could take from four to seven hours after a bridgehead was established, during which time the bridgehead could be lost. With many Italian rivers and canals still ahead of them, the need was great, and several designs were considered.

The final design was a sectional bridge consisting of 15-foot (4.5-metre) lengths of ½-inch (1.2-cm) pipe that were welded into sections 18 inches (0.45 metres) wide and weighing 200 pounds (90 kg) each. It had been designed by Captain E.A. Olafson, commanding No. 3 Light Aid Detachment (LAD), of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) with help from Armament Quartermaster Sergeant Charles Houghtaling. In order to test them thoroughly, the brigadier ordered six prototypes to be built. When three spans were completed, they were launched across the Concha River, and the bridge proved to be light, strong, and easy to assemble - exactly what the infantry required.

The successful design, together with the brigadier’s enthusiastic response, put a strain on the already busy LAD, whose primary function was to carry out minor equipment repairs and vehicle recovery duties in a unit. AQMS Houghtaling was in charge of production and the brigadier diverted welders and equipment to help him. With this support, No. 3 LAD finished the remaining spans in time for a major demonstration.

During this demonstration, which was attended by over by 300 officers including the corps commander, the bridge proved that it could not only support infantry over a 60-foot (18-metre) wide gap, but that a double span version could support a jeep over a 30-foot (9-metre) wide obstacle. The commander of I Canadian Corps, Lieutenant-General Charles Foulkes, was so impressed that he ordered mass production of the Olafson equipment in the field, on a preliminary basis of one bridge set per infantry battalion.

In December 1944, the Olafson Bridge was used for the first time as the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment crossed the Lamone River. The bridges worked perfectly, enabling the infantry to get across the river to reinforce the bridgehead. Finally, the infantry had a usable footbridge.

At the same time, in Canada, the Director of Engineer Development had designed the Canadian Light-Alloy Assault Bridge. This could be assembled by two men in two minutes and was able to span a 100-foot (30 metres) gap. It was a much sleeker design, but the design and test phase took too long, and the war ended before it could be used. Fortunately, thanks to RCEME’s creativity and field production, the relatively crude Olafson Infantry Footbridge was available to fulfill the need.

Editors note: John Sliz is an engineer equipment historian and the author of The Storm Boat Kings - 23rd Field Company, RCE, at Arnhem 1944. He is currently writing a history of bridging equipment in the Second World War. Both Captain Olafson and AQMS Houghtaling were awarded the MBE for their work on the bridge. Anyone who knows of a photo of the bridge should contact the editor.
The Guild of the EME Branch Charitable Trust
by Gilles Nappert

The Guild of the EME Branch Charitable Trust was approved by Revenue Canada last year. As you can appreciate, with all the on-going tasking in the CF and the shortage of personnel, time was needed to set up the necessary governance and procedures for the control of funds and artefacts of this charitable trust.

The EME Branch has set-up an executive committee to oversee the operation of the guild. This committee will be referred to as “The EME Heritage Committee” (Le comité du patrimoine GEM) because this best describes its purpose. This committee is chaired by Col Eldaoud who is also the Commanding Officer of 202 Workshop Depot. The EMEA and the RCEMEA have representatives on this committee. The committee met for the second time on 17 February 2010. Some of the projects that were discussed and launched include:

- The research and publication of a comprehensive list of RCEME/LORE/LEME/EME Honours and Awards. Doug Knight has agreed to take the lead on this project and will no doubt be asking some of the “old timers” to assist him.
- The need to procure a suitable display trailer for the display of Branch artefacts at various events across the country.
- The need to review a large number of filing cabinets of EME historical documents, to digitize some of the contents, and to find suitable storage for them.
- A concerted communications plan about the EME Guild will be launched in May 2010 via a Branch Communiqué, the EME Journal, the EME web site and the annual Bluebell conference. Of note is the fact that the EME Branch has a very attractive web site that will be expanded over time. Go to www.emegembranch.net

As you see there is much to be done and the need for interested volunteers will increase as projects are launched. If you have time and interest in helping to maintain our proud heritage simply mention it to an executive member of your association. You will then be contacted to see how best you can help.

Procedures are now in place to accept financial donations. Cheque or money order payable to “The Guild of the EME Branch Charitable Trust” can be mailed to The EME Guild Charitable Trust; C/O CFSEME; PO Box 1000, Station Main; Borden, ON; L0M 1C0. A receipt for income tax purposes for your donation will be mailed to you.

In time the Guild will accept donations of memorabilia and artefacts of historical value, but time is needed to find necessary space for their storage and controls. You will be advised when the Guild is ready to accept such memorabilia and artefacts.
EMEA AGM 2009
by Howie Higuchi

The 64th Annual General Meeting of the EMEA was held at CFB Borden on 16/17 October 2009. The meeting was hosted by CFSEME and included representatives from the EMEA chapters and several of the reserve service battalions. New EMEA executive members were elected including a new President, Maj (Ret’d) Mike Horn. The theme of the meeting was “The Extended EME Family of the Future”. There was discussion on the subject in talks given by the EMEA President, Colonel Commandant, and Branch Advisor.

A representative of the Army G4 spoke on the National Maintenance Contract, Army reorientation post-Afghanistan, and the EME Reserves, and the Commandant of CFSEME gave an update on current events at the school. EMEA Chapter and Service Battalion representatives provided updates on their activities and senior members of the Conference of Defence Associations and RCEMEA gave briefings on their organizations.

The CO 202 Workshop spoke on the organization and way ahead for the EME Guild Trust Fund and the Guild Committee [see update by Gilles Nappert in this newsletter – ed]. A discussion on the custody and care of the many historical documents relating to EME history led to the formation of the Archives Committee, which will begin investigating and reporting on this important area. A highlight of the Friday evening mess dinner was a celebration, by the young officers of the Phase IV course, of the Branch CWO’s 50th birthday.

Of particular note was the awarding of the Best Craftsman award to Cpl KQ Wong, Vehicle Technician, 11 Service Battalion. In addition, the Association awarded an honourary life membership to Ann-Marie Sturgess, of CFSEME, in recognition of her outstanding service to the Association and the Branch.

The EME Archives
by Doug Knight

With the return of the EME filing cabinets from the Base Borden Museum to CFSEME, EME has again taken possession of its documentary heritage. The cabinets seem to be in reasonable shape and hopefully the documents have survived their years in the unheated sea containers at the museum. The contents will be reviewed and listed later this year.

I am not an archivist, but I believe there are (at least) two main aspects to an archive. One is the preservation of the information for future use – in this case for the EME Historian. The second is to make our documentary and photographic heritage easily available to members of EME. These goals conflict somewhat, because there must be restricted access to the archives in order to preserve their contents, yet they must be available to authorized researchers, and there is certainly nobody who can devote their time to supervising access.

To assist availability, the current digitization project will continue. Shortly, the documentation digitized to date will be available on the EME Branch Internet site at www.emegembranch.net and future documents will be placed there for downloading by interested people.

Volunteers will still be needed to scan and process documents. One project might be to scan the old copies of CAM, and the RCEME/LORE/LEME technical bulletins (under the multitude of names). The EME journal is already available through the Branch website. Anyone with a set of the bulletins and a
scanner who is interested in assisting should contact me. In this case, we will probably go with a page image and not OCR. This is simpler and I have software to join the images together.

Also, I would be interested in talking to anyone who has some technical knowledge of archival procedures and techniques.

A final point. The archives should store experiences of EME personnel in their daily lives, both in Canada and abroad. This will be invaluable to future EME historians. With the common use of email, letters home probably contain summaries and anecdotes. If anyone receives an interesting EME email, please forward it to me. Ensure the originator’s name is on it and I will contact them to get permission to add it to the EME digital archive.

**EME Honours, Awards, and Medals**

*by Doug Knight*

My current project is to create a list of EME medals and awards. This was suggested by Murray Johnston, and has been started several times, so several lists exist, with the latest created in 1994 by Jorge Glaus. They do not agree with each other and I am finding both errors and omissions – two rediscovered OBE, one MBE, three BEM, and about 50 MiD so far. Part of the problem is that the existing lists are based on Directorate of History and Heritage records, which are not complete, and also include awards that were recommended, but never awarded – without indicating the lack of award on the record! The current approach is to confirm the award through the London Gazette or the Canada Gazette.

I am hoping to eventually include the award citation and a photo of each recipient, so anyone who has a decent photo of a member of EME (from the RCOC (E) onwards) who received a medal or award (not the CD or UN medals), please, please, send it to me. I could also use an assistant willing to grind through the London Gazette (on-line) or the Canada Gazette (not on-line, but available in Ottawa and other select libraries in Canada) from about 1938 to about 1953 searching for missed awards. We also have no comprehensive records of awards after the Korean War, so even the mention that “XXX was awarded YYY will be helpful.

**Closing the Work Order**

The newsletter is about a month late because my article collection enforcer went south for a while. My job is a lot easier if other people help with the writing and, as always, I thank all those who contributed. Feel free to continue to indulge your suppressed wordsmith, and don’t worry if you don’t feel confident about the language and grammar – that’s my job. The next issue is tentatively scheduled for August 2010, and I am happy to take submissions at any time.

Arte et Marte
Doug Knight

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