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Vice-President's Message

Planning is well underway for the annual Museum Studies Program. The course will be held at Mt. Allison University in New Brunswick from 13 – 17 June 2022 (COVID-dependent of course). Our host institution is the Canadian Military Engineers Museum in Gagetown.

The schedule will be slightly different this year, with concurrent sessions, and sessions for non-DND museums and affiliated members. We are hoping for a two-day trade show as well! Site visits will include Gagetown, the New Brunswick Military Museum, and Fort Beausejour.

The quality of accommodation is very high and residences have been newly renovated. Each room or ensuite comes with bedding and towels, mini fridge, access to kitchen facilities, iron, coffee maker, etc., complimentary WIFI, free parking and access to the fitness room.

We will be doing a combination of catered meals in our main session room and meals in the dining hall. The dining hall will offer multiple food stations, so participants will have a wide-ranging smorgasbord to choose from. .../

Commentaires du vice-présidente

La planification est en bonne voie pour le programme annuel d'études muséales. Le cours se tiendra à l'Université Mt. Allison, au Nouveau-Brunswick, du 13 au 17 juin 2022 (en fonction du Covid bien sûr). Notre institution hôte est le Musée du génie militaire canadien à Gagetown.

Le programme sera légèrement différent cette année, avec des sessions simultanées, et des sessions pour les musées non-MDN et les membres affiliés. Nous espérons qu'il y aura également un salon professionnel de deux jours ! Les visites de sites comprendront Gagetown, le Musée militaire du Nouveau-Brunswick et Fort Beausejour.

La qualité de l'hébergement est très élevée et les résidences ont été récemment rénovées. Chaque chambre ou suite de chambres est équipée de literie et de serviettes, d'un miniréfrigérateur, d'un accès aux équipements de cuisine, d'un fer à repasser, d'une cafetière, etc., d'un accès WIFI gratuit, d'un stationnement gratuit et d'un accès à la salle de fitness. .../

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Session and meeting rooms are all within walking distance of the residence. There is a campus pub as well as a pool, fitness centre and tennis courts. The town of Sackville has a number of great restaurants as well as the usual fast food joints.

We hope to get registration forms and the program schedule to you by the end of February.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Anne

Suite de la page précédente...

Nous proposerons une combinaison de repas préparés dans notre salle de session principale et de repas dans le réfectoire. Le réfectoire proposera de nombreuses stations de restauration, ce qui permettra aux participants de choisir parmi un large éventail de plats.

Les salles de session et de réunion sont toutes accessibles à pied depuis la résidence. Il y a un pub sur le campus ainsi qu'une piscine, un centre de fitness et des courts de tennis. La ville de Sackville compte un certain nombre de bons restaurants ainsi que les resto-rapides habituels. L'aéroport de Moncton n'est qu'à 30 minutes.

Nous espérons pouvoir vous faire parvenir les formulaires d'inscription et le programme d'ici la fin du mois de février.

Au plaisir de vous y voir tous !

Anne

49th War Graves Passchendaele

By Joe McDonald, Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum

Following the action of the 49th Battalion 'Edmonton Regiment' during the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917, the Battalion found itself severely depleted in strength. Among the 443 casualties were 158 officers and men who were killed during the operation. Given the quagmire conditions of the battlefield, heavy shelling and two subsequent battles that covered the exact battlefield the following year, many of these bodies were lost. Currently, the Menin Gate memorial to the missing in Ypres commemorates 122 men of the 158 killed of the 49th Battalion who remain to this day missing in action. Yet when visiting Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) cemeteries near the Passchendaele battlefield, it becomes apparent there are more unknown graves than known graves, sometimes including details such as the nationality or even the battalion they served with: this includes headstones for the 49th Battalion. Unfortunately, the CWGC does not hold records for their unknown graves so the true number of unknown 49th Battalion graves is currently unknown.

Thus far, I have been able to find a total of 65 such headstones in the Ypres salient alone, 49 of which would have been killed at Passchendaele. Almost all of these are from concentration cemeteries where following the war, exhumation teams were sent out to seek out these soldiers' remains and bring them into war cemeteries. Cemeteries near Passchendaele such as Passchendaele New British Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery, and Poelcapelle Cemetery are where most 49th Battalion soldiers recovered from the Passchendaele battlefield were brought to be interned.

The exhumation teams kept details of each casualty they recovered, including effects found on the body such as a cap badge, dog tags or even letters. In addition, they provided trench map location references as to the precise location the remains were discovered. Locations were provided for both unknowns and identified casualties equally. What's more, in CEF circumstance of death reports, occasionally a similar trench map reference would

be provided showing where said soldier was buried after the battle, if at all. In the case of the 122 49th Battalion's missing after Passchendaele, about one third have map reference attached to their circumstances of death reports. This made an interesting research project to mark out all these locations on Google Maps and see if there were any overlap between any circumstance of death report map references and exhumation report map references. Not only was there some success but it also highlighted the presence of battlefield burial sites. One example of this is situated just behind the 49th Battalion's jumping-off lines for the attack. According to the circumstance of death reports, some 13 NCOs and men of the 49th Battalion killed during the battle were buried here following the battle. A similar burial area appears to have been established 100 meters to the south containing a further five men of the 49th Battalion killed during the attack according to their circumstances of death reports.

Although none of these men were positively identified, several remains of unknown 49th Battalion soldiers were found about 100 meters away from either site. Could these be the remains of any of these men? It is difficult to say but perhaps with more research, perhaps an identification could be possible.



One-Time Event to Military Museum

By Bonnie Monminie, Kingsville Military Museum

The Kingsville Military Museum had their grand re-opening on 16 October 2021. In 1987, a group of veterans from the Kingsville Legion Branch 188 held a Memorabilia Night to showcase local history and their service during the war. From this overwhelming response an idea expanded from a one-time event into a more lasting presentation. A 65-foot semi-trailer that was donated to the Legion was outfitted to house the collection of uniforms, medals, and other memorabilia. This Mobile Museum was hauled to schools and to fairs.



The collection grew so much that an old warehouse that was on this Legion property was refurbished as a museum from 1992 until 1997. When the members were advised that this building had structural defects it was decided to construct a new building. In August 2000, the new Kingsville Historical Park Inc was opened. This Park included the museum, a range light, caboose, and fishing tug. Today, all that remains is the museum. The museum has been re-branded as the Kingsville Military Museum to showcase the military history of veterans from Kingsville and

the surrounding area. There are artifacts from the Boer War, the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War, Afghanistan War and peacekeeping operations.

You will also find a collection of farming and household items, Kingsville memorabilia, and a display board of historic houses in Kingsville.

The museum is located at 145 Division St South Kingsville, Ontario, and is open Tuesday to Friday 9am – 1pm and Saturday 9am – 12pm, closed Sunday, Monday and holidays. You can visit our website at khpi.nmnsi.net.



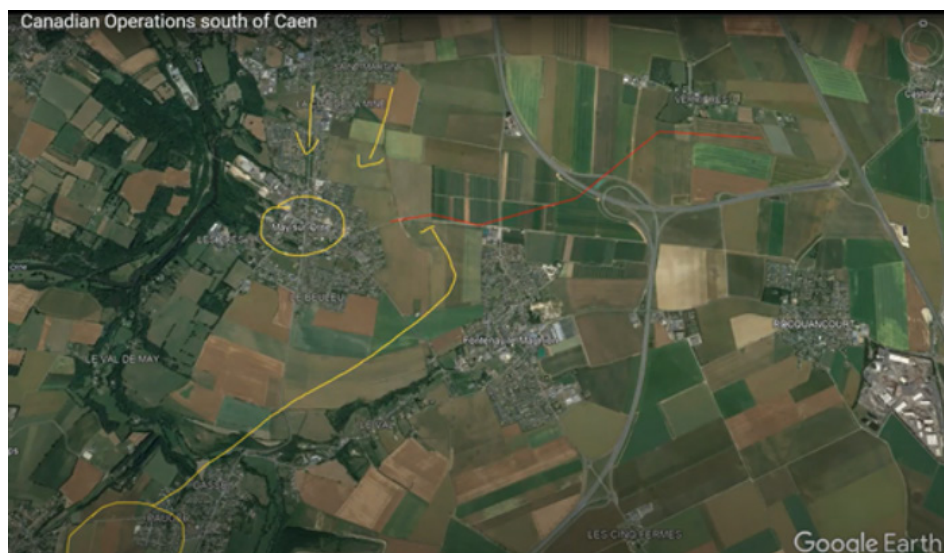
Valour Canada Update

By Aaron Curtis, Valour Canada

For the past few months, we have been busy with Calgary's Field of Crosses, battlefield tours on Zoom, and museum programming for youth.

Guided Battlefield Tours (Zoom)

This autumn, Valour Canada partnered with Normandy Insight's Alexander Braun and Sean Claxton to bring our subscribers a series of Online Guided Historical Tours of Juno Beach. This zoom event was presented in two versions. The youth version (grades 7 and up) focused on the Battle of Juno Beach. The four-part series version covered the following topics: Operation Overlord Preparation & Beach Assault, Beachhead Battles & Taking Caen, South of Caen & Push to Falaise, and Closing the Gap. The presentation series was a big success with over 900 students and 100 adults from across Canada attending!



New Virtual Tour

Valour Canada has launched a virtual tour of Calgary's Field of Crosses that aims to engage and educate youth about Southern Albertans who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Additionally, we are currently in the final editing stage of the Banff Internment Camp

Museum virtual tour (VT). Stay tuned for a VT of the Naval Gallery of Alberta. To browse our VTs, please visit valourcanada.ca/virtual-reality/.



Youth Education in Museums

Valour Canada's The Character of our Canadian Military History (CCMH) program was presented to reduced group sizes over the course of a week at The Military Museums (TMM) in Calgary. These in-person presentations were our first since those we made to cadets and students in Winnipeg back in early March 2020. We are crossing our fingers that this November's sessions were the beginning of a thorough restart of our museum programming.

If you would like to learn more about how your museum can add a free, youth-targeted education option to its education repertoire please contact Valour Canada's lead educator (aaron.curtis@valourcanada.ca).

History & Heritage Scholarship 2021-22

The aim of Valour Canada's History and Heritage Scholarship (VCHHS) is to support Canadian high-school students in their college or university pursuits by providing an engaging, thought-provoking, and memorable scholarship contest. This year's VCHHS competition launched in September and will finish in mid-June 2022. For information about the scholarship (e.g., eligibility, past winners, etc.), please visit our VCHHS page.

Herr Georg Hoegel: Sailor, Prisoner of War & Artist

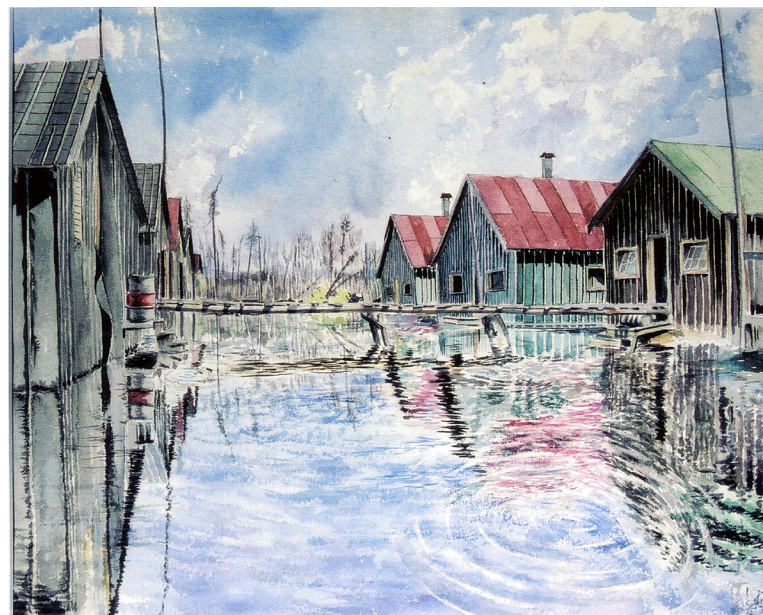
By George Romick, Thunder Bay Military Museum

Mr. George Hogel was born 16 October 1919, in Lauingen, a small town in the district of Dillingen, in Bavaria, Germany, as the oldest of four boys.

After finishing high school in Munich, and due to the hard economic times of the 1930s, it was dictated that he take up a four-year apprenticeship as a typesetter. Knowing that conscription was around the corner, he opted to join the German Marine voluntarily and did so in the fall of 1937, receiving training in intelligence, message/radio systems and U-Boat training. By October 1938, he went on his first U-Boat deployment and continued to go on missions until his "career" as a U-Boat Sailor came to a somewhat wet halt in May 1941, when the U-Boat he was on was destroyed by depth charges fired by an English Destroyer and its Corvettes off the shores of Greenland. Fished out of the water, he was transported via Iceland and Scotland to England, to the first of a long series of prisoner of war camps. Shortly before Christmas 1941, he was transported to Canada to a prisoner of war camp in Monteith, Ontario, from there he was moved to Camp Angler on the shores of Lake Superior, near Marathon, Ontario. Some months later, he was transferred to a logging camp, by Red Rock, Ontario. By this time, it was October 1943, and many of the paintings Georg Hogel did of the Canadian landscapes were from the time the prisoners of war worked for the Nipigon Lake Timber Company. The company's president, Don Clark, quickly saw Mr. Hogel's great talent and allowed him to draw and paint rather than cut timber.

In October 1944, the prisoners were transferred to a camp near Medicine Hat, Alberta, and then onto Lethbridge. After a brief stay in Calgary in 1945, Mr. Hogel was returned to Medicine Hat where he spent his last few months in a prisoner of war camp in Canada. On 16 March 1946, the trip home began, and Mr. Hogel experienced more prisoner of war camps in England and on 27 February 1947, Mr. Hogel was a free man once again.

What followed were five years of Fine Arts studies in Munich and soon after the security of a government job in the Bavarian Forestry Department until his retirement in 1984. He illustrated many books, brochures, theses, made thousands of sketches, graphics, lithographs, not only utilizing his keen eye and sensitive pen and brush, but also his great skill as a calligrapher (he had been requested to write many State documents).



In August 1997, Mr. Hogel decided to donate his collection of 315 pieces done during his prisoner of war years in Canada to the Thunder Bay Military Museum "as a way of saying thank you for the humanity and kindness he and his comrades experienced in the contact with Canadians at the camps and in the population, whether they were speaking English, French, or Finnish." He stated "that if his works can tell the viewers to concentrate on the beauty of life, despite all the evil that may exist, it will have been a worthwhile lesson". Through the respectful treatment given by Canadian prisoner of war guards, to the German POW's, the prisoners learned of a spirit of humanity which in turn helped them build a better and more democratic Germany upon their return home.

Georg & Dora Hogel have one son (Reinhard) and three dearly loved grandchildren. Mr. Georg Hogel passed on 27 March 2014.

Remember to Join the NEW Facebook Group!

In an effort to improve communication between museums and museum workers in our organizations, we now have a private discussion group attached to our Facebook page. This group is intended for OMMC Members and institutional staff and volunteers only; Please feel free to invite your colleagues from member institutions or your own organization and let's get the networking and conversations going on military museums in Canada.

To join you will need to have an existing Facebook account and find the group at the link below. Click "Join Group" and you will be asked a series of short questions which are to verify that you are a member of OMMC Inc.

Click [here](#) to visit the Facebook group.

N'oubliez pas de rejoindre le NOUVEAU Groupe Facebook!

Dans un effort pour améliorer la communication entre les musées et les travailleurs des musées dans nos organisations, nous avons maintenant un groupe de discussion privé attaché à notre page Facebook. Ce groupe est destiné aux membres de l'OMMC et au personnel institutionnel et aux bénévoles uniquement. N'hésitez pas à inviter vos collègues des institutions membres ou votre propre organisation et lançons le réseautage et les conversations sur les musées militaires au Canada.

Pour rejoindre, vous devez avoir un compte Facebook existant et trouver le groupe sur le lien ci-dessous. Cliquez sur « Rejoindre le groupe » et une série de questions courtes vous seront posées pour vérifier que vous êtes membre d'OMMC Inc.

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