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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

NEW BY-LAW "D" The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that By-Law "D", as approved at the 1994 AGM, has received the approval of The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Therefore, in accordance with paragraphs 2,3 and 4a. of By-Law "D", the terms of office for officers and directors of OMMC, Inc. are confirmed as follows:

President:	Prof J.G. Pike (1 yr)
V/President:	LCdr (Retd) F.J. Dunbar (2 yrs)
Secretary:	LCdr S.E. Naismith (1 yr)
Treasurer:	LCol (Retd) G. Bissonnette (2 yrs)

Directors: (Five positions)
Mr. P. Fortier (2 years)
Ms. B. Brownlee (2 years)
Ms. M. Gurney (2 years)
Maj D.T. Yaworsky (1 year)
Mr. M. Wake (1 year)

1995 ELECTIONS It's not too early to start thinking about the 1995 elections. The positions of President, Secretary and two Directors need to be filled in 1995. The Board of Directors will appoint a Nominating Committee and there will also be a call for nominations from the general membership, early in 1995.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE The Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge the grant of \$2,000 provided by the Secretary of State. This grant was specifically designated to provide simultaneous translation services at the 1994 course.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1994

The 1994 AGM was held at Centre Castor, BFC Valcartier, on Monday 15 August 1994. The agenda included approval of the new By-Law "D", election of officers and directors, reappointment of D.P. Johnson as auditor, and discussion of course location for 1995 and 1996. 1995 course information is located elsewhere in this issue; the 1996 course is tentatively scheduled for Regina, hosted by the RCMP Training Centre.

Copies of reports submitted at the 1994 AGM are available on request from the Ex Director.

1994 ELECTION The 1994 election was a learning experience for us all. As a result, for 1995 we intend to send out information on each nominee and provide each one with an opportunity to make a statement at the 1995 AGM, prior to the election.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

After months of intensive work, the 28th OMMC Museology Course has come and gone. This was the first OMMC course to be hosted in the Quebec City area, so there was enough to see and do, to keep us busy for several weeks. The members who attended can attest to the fact that we tried to see and do it all! The local committee of BGen (Retd) Pierre Sénécal and Maj Michel Gagné did a superb job. On behalf of myself, the Board and the members who attended, I would like to thank Pierre, Michel and their support staff, for all their hard work.

POST-1994 COURSE NOTES One of the innovations on this year's course was the use of a critique. Only 40 critiques have been received. Member input is important for future course planning, so any members who attended the course but who have not submitted a critique are asked to forward either the form or a letter with comments to the Ex Director.

Overall, the responses were very positive. One interesting comment made by a few members, was that there were too many history lectures and not enough museum-oriented lectures. In reviewing the course program, however, there were only three history lectures; the remainder were either museum oriented or general interest topics.

Another other general comment related to the high number of field trips, which were included at the expense of lectures. The balance of field trips to lectures was something that the course planning committee considered in depth. The fact that this was the first course ever held in Quebec City, and the wealth of sites to visit, tipped the balance in favour of field trips. In future years, when we visit cities which have fewer historical sites, the course focus will be on lectures and workshops.

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1995 Course Host
CFB Shearwater



Please note: We are still missing one Infra-Red Receiver (#351), from the simultaneous translation on Thursday 18 August 1994. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR POCKETS AGAIN.** The OMMC had to pay for the receiver - a total of \$506.00. If the receiver is returned, we will be reimbursed. So if you find it, please mail it to the Ex Director - no questions asked!

Although the final figures are not yet available, preliminary data indicates that 1994 course expenditures were approximately \$49,500, with income of approximately \$45,500. The primary source of income was registration fees from our members.

MEMBERSHIPS Since the spring, we have added several new members, for a total of approximately 200 members, including 17 Honourary Members. As announced in Vol 1, No 2 of "The Bulletin", any members who have not paid their 1994 fees have now been dropped from the membership list and will no longer receive OMMC mailings or information.

NEW MEMBERS The OMMC, Inc is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Institutional members:

Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum, Brandon, MB;
CFB Calgary Museum & Archives (DND), Calgary, AB;
Canadian Military Heritage Museum, Brantford, ON;
HMCS DISCOVERY Naval Museum, Vancouver, BC.
1 Air Defence (Lanark & Renfrew Scottish) Regiment Museum, (DND) Pembroke, ON; and
12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion Museum (DND),

Vancouver, BC.

Individual Members:

Mrs. Gail Bourgeois;
Mrs Susan Dennison;
Mr Derk Victor Derin;
Maj Lewis E. Grimshaw;
Mrs. Barbara Kee;
Cpl Andrew Loch;
BGen Stuart T. McDonald;
Mrs. Neita Pike;
Maj (Retd) Franklyn Wright; and
MCpl Jordie Yeo.

1995 MUSEOLOGY COURSE

As announced at the 1994 AGM, the 1995 OMMC Course is being hosted by 12 Wing/CFB Shearwater, Nova Scotia and the Shearwater Aviation Museum. The tentative dates are Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August 1995. Registration forms will be sent out with the next (Winter) issue of "The Bulletin".

COURSE SCHEDULE The course schedule is currently under development. The Shearwater Aviation Museum (SAM) is tentatively scheduled to open their new building on 4 August 1995. Our members will be able to participate in the opening, see what the SAM has accomplished, and view some of their restored aircraft. Watch the Winter issue for further information about tentative topics, speakers, dates and times.

CALL FOR LECTURERS & TOPICS The course planning committee would like to hear from the general membership. Do you have an idea for a lecture, a particular topic which you'd like to learn more about, or know of someone who would be willing and able to make a presentation or run a workshop for a course? Two main areas of consideration for the 1995 course are Canada Remembers/the

end of World War II, and the military history of CFB Shearwater, the 1995 host base.

Submissions are to be forwarded to the Ex Director, by letter or by FAX, not later than 30 November 1994. If you're recommending a presentation by another person, please provide that person's phone/FAX numbers and address and indicate whether you have discussed the idea with that person.

EDITOR'S END-NOTES

As noted in the previous issues of "The Bulletin", we'd like to include news and notes from our members. The amount of space that we have available to dedicate to news items will vary from issue to issue, but we'll do our best to include as much as we can. The Editor reserves the right to condense, edit, or amend submissions for style.

So haul out your word processor/pen and paper/stone tablet and chisel/etc and drop us a note. As long as it's legible (either official language) we'll try to include it. Note, however, that this section is for news, not for advertising. The next deadline for publication is 31 January 1995.

A group picture is taken each year at the annual OMMC course. A limited number of the 1994 photos are still available. Any members who did not attend the 1994 course, but who would like a copy of the course picture, should contact the Ex Director. The cost is \$5.00, including mailing costs.

YOUR TURN - MEMBER NEWS

We've received a letter from **BGen S.T. McDonald**, Reserve Advisor to the Commander, Land Forces Command. After attending the 1994 OMMC course, he suggests that museums may wish to consider

developing a peace-keeping display, given the current increased public awareness of CF peace-keeping taskings. He writes: "Almost every army unit, regular and reserve, has members with recent blue beret (or blue helmet) experience in the former Yugoslavia, Somalia, Rwanda or Cambodia. In the former Yugoslavia alone, approximately 12,000 regulars and 2,500 reserve members of the army have served with distinction during the past three years. Their experiences, coupled with memorabilia and archival material, could form the nucleus of a very effective thematic exhibit in the unit museum or at a public site."

BGen McDonald also suggests the idea of seeking co-sponsorship with local businesses or service organizations, to help defray the costs of the exhibit. Such an exhibit could also form part of a museum's outreach program, by placing the display in an existing civic museum, mall, library, etc.

The **Thunder Bay Military Museum** tells us that they've received a special grant from DMTH to assist with the development of a permanent World War I memorial display. The new display is scheduled to open on 1 January 1995.

The Executive Director is interested in organizing a European Battlefield Tour, at some time in the next few years. Any members who are interested in attending such a tour should contact the Ex Director at the OMMC office.