

## A Short Photo Tour of 39 Combat Engineer Museum (North Vancouver site)

Entering the Museum one will see the gallery is named for Brian Seward, who has been tireless in supporting the museum from its very start.



As you enter the museum you will see the medal cabinet in front of you and on your left a display explaining what combat engineers do.



As you turn to the left you will see the unit Timeline with the highlights of over 100 years of history.



Rounding a corner you will find a wall and a cabinet depicting our pre-WW I period.



Turning from the pre-WW I cabinet to the North Wall you will find a diorama of showing WW I training conducted at the armoury during WW I



Turning from the diorama, the east wall continues with WW I exhibits and some interactive displays:

- A kit box with army accessories and a mirror where you can view yourself as a soldier
- A WW II trench periscope



The East wall transitions from WW I through the inter-war years to WW II and features three cabinets of displays and an illustrated wall Timeline covering both wars.



The centre of the museum has 4 eye-level cabinets each with 2 drawers that also contain exhibits.



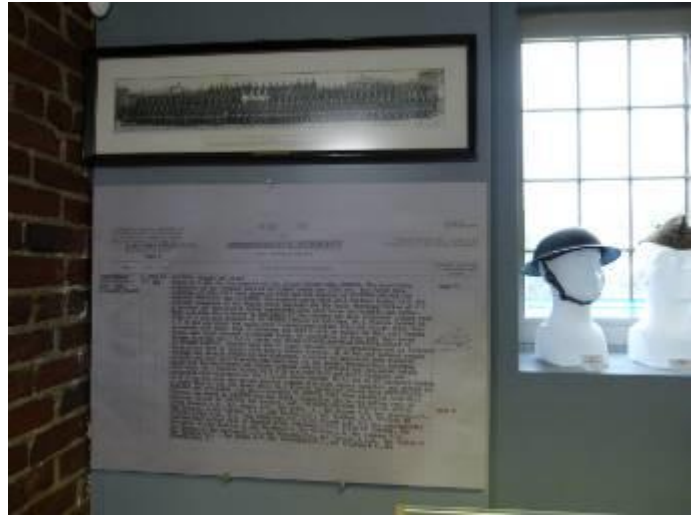
An example of one of the 12 display drawers. This drawer displays personal kit.





The South wall boasts 4 more cabinets displaying the periods WW II through to the Cold War. In addition the aisle has 3 vertical cabinets containing detailed and accurate dioramas of bridges built by the unit over the years.

The South-East corner will find the photo of unit personnel who went overseas in WW II and below the photo is a large reproduction of the unit's June 6, 1944 D-Day entry in the War Diary.



Moving to the South-West corner of the main room we find the medal cabinet and a large display of uniformed mannequins plus other items.





Before moving from the large room to the small room we find our latest addition. This 10-panel display rack contains 20 panels of story boards each 20 inches by 24 inches – a treasure-trove of historical information.

Moving to the small room we find a reference desk with 4 photo-display LCDs and a computer with many interesting files that can be accessed.



The small room also contains a cabinet of UN and NATO missions. This will soon be the subject of updating as we gather information and items from our members.



A dominant feature of the small room is our "Special Sappers" wall featuring just a few of the many outstanding personnel who have served in the unit.



In the same room we find a showcase of Lt Col J.P Fell who was instrumental in forming the unit and was its first Commanding Officer.



Finally we come to the last corner of the museum and find the museum designer, Carla Krens, relaxing on the WW I daybed after more than two years of work and inspiration (assisted by Bob Irvine, Vince Larocque, John Fearnley and Jerry Silva).



There is far too much to show on this brief tour and there is still more to come. **The museum also looks forward to expanding displays to Chilliwack, Trail and Cranbrook.**