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No Nuclear Hazard — Group Captain Ireland

Keen Airmen save Keen



LAC ILOTT



LAC SUDLETSKY

Master Sergeant Kenneth Keen, U.S. Army, probably owes his life to the keen eyes of two airmen from RCAF Station Comox.

Flight Lieutenant Dick Keith, captain of the 121 Rescue Unit Albatross aircraft which found the downed flyer after a week-long search, credited Leading Aircraftsmen Robert W. Ilott and George E. Sudletsky with making the initial detection of Sgt. Keen's distress signals on 27 April.

LAC Ilott, 30, of Powell River, B.C., spotted "something red" at the same time as LAC Sudletsky, 24, of Whitemouth, Man., spotted "something black" on the ice of a river bed. Closer investigation revealed the overturned aircraft and survivor. The Comox aircraft then radioed a Winnipeg based search aircraft which dropped three para-rescue men to aid the Ameri-

can until a commercial helicopter flew him to Watson Lake. The Comox Albatross then flew Sgt. Keen to Fort Nelson for medical examination. He returned to his base near Fairbanks, Alaska, on Wednesday, 30 pounds lighter from his ordeal.

In addition to the Albatross from Comox, which flew 67 hours the search involved five RCAF aircraft from Winnipeg, one each from Edmonton and Cold Lake, Alta., two USAF aircraft and a number of civilian aircraft. Only one who has seen the mountainous country of B.C. and the Yukon from the air can appreciate the tremendous task involved in a search for a small aircraft. The successful conclusion of this search has been a source of great satisfaction to all the personnel of 121 Rescue Unit, whose business it is to save lives.

RCAF Station Comox B.C., May 11 - Group Captain E. G., Ireland, Commanding Officer of RCAF Station Comox revealed today that nuclear weapons would not be flown on RCAF aircraft except during actual hostilities or if a state of war was imminent.

The Group Captain, assisted by Squadron Leader Ron Darnborough, Nuclear Safety Officer at the Air Base, addressed a luncheon meeting of the Courtenay Rotary

Club on the subject of nuclear weapons. The talk, illustrated with colored slides, stressed the safety features and the security measures which are taken to prevent accidents.

"After twenty years of storing, transporting, flying, overhauling, modifying, inspecting, and otherwise working on and with nuclear weapons" said Group Captain Ireland, "the safety record in this major area is

perfect". Any accidents have been due to the carrier of the weapon and the nuclear part has not contributed to the accident or to the injury or damage resulting.

Aircraft on practice intercepts and training missions will continue to fly with conventional weapons and "only in time of war or if war was imminent" would aircraft be allowed to leave the ground with nuclear weapons.

TEXT OF S/L DARNBOROUGH'S SPEECH

The purpose of my talk today is to familiarize you with nuclear warheads. Three areas will be covered in this presentation: The weapon systems that would be used to carry the nuclear warheads; how a nuclear warhead works and its safety features; and finally our security program for the nuclear warheads.

As a by-product of this presentation we hope to clear up possible misconceptions about any dangers that might be associated with the storage of these warheads.

After hearing this presentation we hope you will realize that if an incident involving a nuclear warhead ever did occur, the extent of physical damage and loss of life, would most likely be far less than that of a fire at a neighborhood gasoline station.

In Canada the supersonic CF101B Voodoo interceptor and Bomarc B surface-to-air guided missile are nuclear capable. Both these systems are used in the air defence role and as such are part of Canada's contributions to NORAD - The North American Air Defence Command.

The CF-101B "Voodoo", is a supersonic all-weather interceptor and considered to be one of the world's most formidable fighter aircraft. The high speed, long combat radius and exceptional climb performance makes the Voodoo a valuable defensive weapon. It is able to operate at heights over 50,000 feet and can accommodate a varied load of rockets and missiles.

How does a nuclear warhead work and what are its safety features.

Basically, a nuclear weapon uses a high explosive trigger and a nuclear core. Let us assume, for example that, the core is about the size of a large grapefruit, surrounded in turn by a layer of conventional high explosive much like the skin of a grapefruit.

Instead of using one detonator to ignite the high explosive

as in the case of dynamite, many such detonators are placed around it. When all of these detonators are triggered simultaneously by an electrical impulse an implosion will follow. Here I emphasize the words "implosion" and "simultaneously". You'll see why in the next few minutes.

Each and everyone of the detonators has its own wire that leads to the source of electrical energy (a battery) necessary to activate it. While the weapon is in storage or in the process of being transported, there is no source of electrical energy or battery anywhere near the weapon.

When the electrical current is supplied simultaneously to all detonators. A fast burning wave or implosion is produced in the conventional explosive which travels towards the centre of the sphere, squeezing the nuclear core, from its grapefruit size, into a ball perhaps the size of an orange. The core's mass is then said to be critical, that is, there is an instantaneous chain reaction which releases a small fraction of the mass as energy and in other words a nuclear explosion occurs.

To have a nuclear explosion, each detonator must be triggered at the same instant or a ragged and irregular burning wave will be formed which will blow the nuclear core apart rather than squeezing it into a critical mass necessary for a nuclear explosion.

Therefore, if I for some strange and most improbable reason, one or several detonators were to be triggered, no nuclear explosion could occur.

After 20 years of storing, transporting, flying, overhauling, modifying, inspecting and otherwise working on and with nuclear weapons, the safety record in this major area is perfect. Any accidents have all been due to the carrier of the bomb or warhead. The nuclear part of the weapon has not contributed to the accident or the

injury, or damage resulting. The record to date, no one injured, danger of fall-out or radiation, nil; damage to public property, none.

First and foremost, the nuclear warhead is designed under the so-called "wooden bomb" concept. This means that it is designed for maximum shelf life with as few human operations being conducted as possible. The fewer the human operations, the safer the warhead.

There is also an additional series of safety factors designed into the weapon system. Even if the source of electrical power is connected there is a system of switches used to prevent the power from reaching the detonators until desired. These switches provide positive assurance that the electrical circuits are interrupted between the battery and the high explosive of the weapon.

In many cases the switches are located so as to be tamper-proof. The whole weapon would literally have to be torn apart to get at a switch.

Then under operational conditions still other switches separate and apart from those affording safety during transportation, provide positive means of interrupting the flow of electrical current.

For example, these switches may be activated by atmospheric pressure, gravitational pressure ("G" force) a timer, or proximity fuses.

But before the weapon's switches are activated in sequence there are still external switches which have to be turned on to start the whole series necessary for the release of the electrical energy.

If one of the switches is not thrown in proper order then there is no current flow and no nuclear explosion.

The weapon, therefore, is safe until we intend it to be fired.

Now let us turn to the human element and its associated problems in this safety program.

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F/L Keith, F/L T. Brohman, M/Sgt Ken Keen

Local News

Safe drivers receive awards



Corporal John Harshey receives a Certificate of Merit and lapel pin from Wing Commander G. M. Adamson at RCAF Station Comox in recognition of 14 years' accident free driving. Twenty four awards were presented to service and civilian drivers with from one to four-

teen years' safe driving.

Corporal Harshey, 42, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harshey of 417 Fifth Street, Saskatoon. He is married to the former Mary Kathleen Ryan of Belleville, Ontario and resides in Married Quarters at RCAF Station Comox.

Ten Senior NCO's retire



Construction Engineering Integrated

The construction engineering branches of the three services will be integrated throughout Canada on May 1. The new organization has 532 armed forces and civilian personnel, a saving of 275 brought about by the integration.

The headquarters staff in Ottawa has been reduced by 45 per cent and reorganized to simplify and redistribute duties. Under the new organization, headquarters responsibilities will be confined to policy and overall planning of construction engineering projects.

Friday evening, May 7, a dinner was held at the Sergeant's Mess to honor ten Senior NCO's who have retired or are due to do so shortly.

These were: WO2 W. J. Cherpeta, FS R.L.B. Anderson, Sgt. R. G. Anyst, Sgt. W. P. Perkins, Sgt. F. S. Topping, Sgt. F. Harris, Sgt. F. W. Willander, Sgt. J. E. Rebeck, Sgt. W. A. Thompson, Sgt. H. K. Armstrong.

Presentations were made to each NCO by the Stn. CO, CO 407 or CO 121KU. An interesting feature was the attendance of WO Cherpeta's son, F/L Cherpeta who is a supply officer at Rivers and Sgt. Topping's son, F/O D. G. Topping, who is a Pilot at 1 Wing. Left to Right, F/O Topping, WO Cherpeta, G/C Ireland, Sgt. Topping and F/L Cherpeta.

Search and Rescue - Keen

On Tuesday, April 27th after 8 days of searching mountains and rivers, foothills and dense bushland, two airmen of 121 KU, LAC R. W. Hott and LAC G. E. Sudletsky, simultaneously spotted "Something red" and "something black" which put to an end the long and lonely survival of M/Sgt. Ken Keen of the U.S. Army.

At 9:00 a.m. April 20th a request was made by the Winnipeg Search and Rescue for assistance in two searches, one in the North West Territories and one in Northern B.C. By 10:00 a.m. the crew of Albatross 9302 consisting of F/L R.A. Keith, F/O B.A. Lockerby, F/O J. R. M. A. Martin, F/O J.G.Y. Giroux, F/O C.J. Cormier, Cpl. E. E. Sims, LAC R. E. MacNaughton where airborne and heading for Mount Kennedy, the scene of Senator Kennedy's recent climb. A light private aircraft supplying the survey team on the mountain was reported overdue for 2 days. Fortunately we discovered this plane by means of a telephone call at Whitehorse, the pilot was merely overdue on a flight plan.

At this point the crew had on winter flying gear as the temperature in the area at night was 75 degree different from that Comox, from 50 degrees below zero.

From Whitehorse we diverted to Watson Lake, B.C. to commence a search for a light triplane aircraft overdue on a flight plan from Fort Nelson. Daylight

Upper Vancouver Island Shrine Club Gives PMQ Child a Wheelchair



LEFT TO RIGHT — F/L Standing, A. H. Tilbe, J. L. Vanetta, President Upper Vancouver Island Shrine Club; D. A. Inkster and Ruth Alene Worth.

Ruth Alene Worth, daughter of LAC and Mrs. Worth, is crippled. Unfortunately she could not qualify as a patient in the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital. The Upper Island Shrine Club, however, wanted to do something to help the young girl

and so purchased a wheelchair out of their own club funds.

Last week their generosity was richly rewarded by the beaming smiles of the obviously pleased Ruth Alene and the grateful thanks of Mr. and Mrs. Worth as the wheelchair was presented.

TO SERVE IN EGYPT

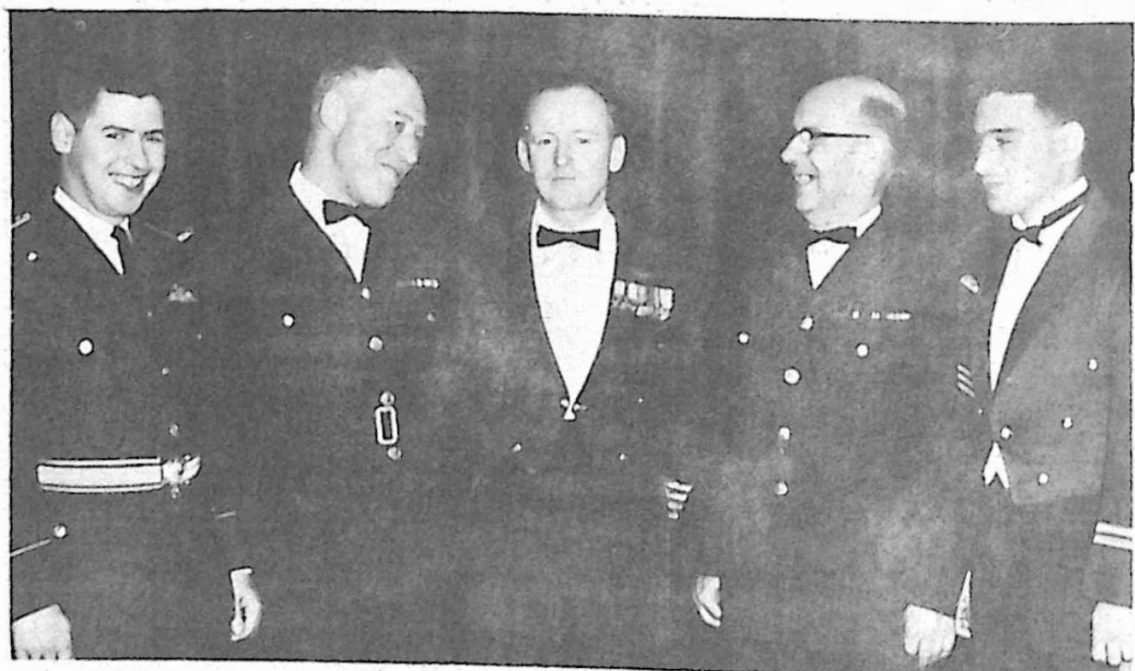
Lt.-Col. Leonard Atack, 49, of Kingston, Ont., will serve for a year in Egypt as chief logistics officer for the United Nations Emergency Force. Beginning his tour in June Lt.-Col. Atack's responsibility will include supplies for the entire U.N. force in addition to the Canadians.

An officer in the Royal Canadian Artillery, he is now stationed at Halifax as senior staff officer at Headquarters, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island area.

wind flipped his aircraft on its back, which was the only damage sustained. As Keen was at one time a bush guide, had completed Arctic Survival, Winter Survival plus numerous Summer Survival, and had a survival pack including rations and flares he was in no immediate trouble. In fact, he had planned that if he were not found he could survive for at least eight to 10 weeks and then if the snow were completely gone, hike out the 70 miles to the Alcan Highway. The main problem he encountered during his solo survival was the mental anguish he suffered when thinking of his wife and four girls in Alaska.

That is to say, two men of equal skill and job knowledge must be together when they have access to the weapon. It is impossible by regulations to have one man alone with the weapon.

The successful conclusion of this search has been a source of great satisfaction to all the personnel of 121 KU whose business it is to save lives.



F/O Topping, WO Cherpeta, G/C Ireland, Sgt Topping, and F/L Cherpeta

Ireland's speech

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We have an inherently safe weapon, but it requires safe and secure storage. How is this accomplished? Basically the same way you keep dangerous drugs away from children. — In secure containers, in a safe location, isolated from reach and guarded.

For our weapons the storage facilities are reinforced concrete bunkers with locked doors. These weapon shelters are so designed and sited as to preclude a fire or explosion in one triggering a sympathetic one in another.

These are our secure containers.

But to keep the weapon and its secure shelter safe from unauthorized access, further precautions are taken.

Each shelter area is fenced and provided with a limited access entrance. That is, even though you enter through one door you still have a second door to pass through before you gain access to the compound of the locked shelters.

In addition to this perimeter fencing and controlled access entrance each area is guarded and patrolled by armed sentries 24 hours per day, every day.

To aid the guards, each shelter is equipped with intrusion alarms and the whole area is flood lit.

All members of the armed forces have to be cleared to have access to classified information and areas. Assuming I've been so cleared, my access to classified areas and information on a need-to-know basis.

Now for the control over the people who are actually required to work with these weapons.

First, they are trained to do their job to the best of their professional ability and even when they are trained they must follow stringent checklists when working on the weapon's systems.

There is no margin for error, so perfection is the only acceptable standard. They are closely supervised and frequent quality control checks are performed.

At this point in our program even with fully trained technicians, we employ what is called the two-man concept of working on these weapons.

That is to say, two men of equal skill and job knowledge must be together when they have access to the weapon. It is impossible by regulations to have one man alone with the weapon.

Each man monitors the other's job and actions. They become, in effect, human checklists.

In the world of today there are many potentially dangerous and explosive complexes such as a chemical plant, petroleum refineries, the corner gas stations and the annual hunting seasons.

All of these potential sources of accidents are governed and regulated by legislation such as the Canadian Explosive Act, the provincial small arms regulations, civic zoning and ordinances.

You have heard about and seen the vehicles that can deliver nuclear weapons, how nuclear weapons work and their inherent safety features, and the safety measures that are taken.

To date: no injuries, no

Canadians discuss health services

A weekly series entitled Healthier, Wealthier and Wiser?, originally scheduled to start April 29, but postponed because of hockey play-offs, began Thursday, May 6, at 9:00 p.m. P.D.T. A related, 90-minute special entitled Cross-Country Checkup: The Cost of Keeping Healthy, will be heard on CEC Radio, Sunday, May 16 at 12 noon, P.D.T. It will have an "open line" format, in which listeners telephone queries about health services to a panel of experts.

Healthier, Wealthier and Wiser? comprises recorded highlights of discussions about health care throughout Canada.

The program of May 13 features excerpts from discussions at a series of luncheons organized by the Community Welfare Planning Council of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba extension department.

The broadcast of May 20 is produced in co-operation with CFCY, Charlottetown. Discussing health care are members of rural organizations meeting at St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown; and, at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., a group of students and local residents.

The concluding program in the series, May 27, originates in Toronto and consists of highlights of an Ontario Welfare Council conference held at Hart House, University of Toronto.

All the discussions concern health services from a national viewpoint, with emphasis on the findings of the Royal Commission on Health Services, as outlined in the report submitted by Chief Justice Emmett M. Hall, Supreme Court of Canada. They also deal with problems peculiar to geographic locations, and with health plans and medicare systems in general.

danger of fall-out or radiation, and no damage to human property.

The effective maintenance of our contribution to the NATO and NORAD alliances requires constant training. However, this is never carried out with nuclear weapons.

An RCAF fighter crew for example being scrambled on an intercept mission would fly with conventional weapons.

Only in the time of war or if war was imminent would aircraft be allowed to leave the ground with nuclear weapons.

Air traffic control news

The ATC Staff assembled at the Elk's Home in Courtenay, Friday evening April 30th to bid farewell to several members of the section and their wives who are leaving the service early this summer. The section entertainment committee (headed by F/L Gerry Mackay) did an excellent job, laying on a cocktail hour, four course dinner and general jollifications after the presentations and speeches to, for and by the four civilians to be. These sad gentlemen were S/L Charles Glauser, the SATCO, Sgts Bill Perkins and Bob Angst and Cpl Mick Standing. More transfers are already with us, although this time to other stations rather than civvie street. F/L Dale Steward has been sentenced to Portage La Prairie, F/L Al MacKenzie and F/O Norm Nielsen are bound for Goose Bay and Cpl. Al Burden, who seems to be involved in a large variety of local activities, is departing early in July for the cool pool. It is to be expected that he will be involved in some sort of business or promotional activity shortly after his arrival. Cpl. Joe Dobko has now returned from Naden and seems to be fairly operational and he will soon be on the road again in the yellow peril. Things generally around the Tower and RATCON are proceeding quite smoothly, which in this business is surely the only way to have it. Our Broomball team made it to the finals, and then were

trounced by a very capable team of gentlemen who proved a might too capable for the RATCON broom artists. Some of our elderly senior NCO's put up a good show, and one Cpl. George Bell distinguished himself by getting flung into the sin bin for a misdemeanor that he is still denying to anybody who will listen to his sad story. With 75 per cent of the fishermen transferred this year, the responsibility for lying about the size of the ones that got away will be upheld by WO2 Ralph Scott, who is also specializing in trying to flog older model English cars. Interested parties can contact him at local 209 for further details. F/L Harper looks very chic in his fitted white bone dome, all he needs is a Honda. F/L Hunt has a Honda and no bone dome, little liaison indicated. We will be welcoming a group of new arrivals in the next few months as replacements arrive for all these transfers, and one of them will be coned into writing the next ATC news, so watch for bigger and better things.

MUTE THIRTEEN

25th Region evaluation very successful

McChord Air Force Base—An extensive biennial air defense test involving more than 15,000 United States and Canadian military personnel of the 25th Region, North American Air Defense Command, was conducted April 29-May 1 by headquarters NORAD. In this operational readiness evaluation, called MUTE XIII, the 25th Region received the highest rating attainable, awarded May 7 by the NORAD Command headquarters.

The activity on the two successive nights involved two attack waves against target complexes from northern British Columbia and Alberta to south of San Francisco, Cal. USAF and RCAF Air Defense Command aircraft plus selected U.S. Air National Guard elements made up the attacking force on both nights. Additionally, subsonic and supersonic bombers of the Strategic Air Command participated on the first night.

Advance information of the attacks was provided by U.S. Navy radar picket ships, USAF airborne early warning aircraft, and the U.S. and Canadian land based radars under Region operational control. Radar and communications jamming measures were employed throughout the exer-

cise for maximum realism in detecting targets in a most difficult environment and reporting on these incoming attackers.

In repelling the attacks, the Region's jet interceptors were dispatched from all fighter bases throughout its area of responsibility. This includes British Columbia and western Alberta in Canada, the State of Washington, western Idaho, Montana, Oregon and northern California.

Close-in defense support was supplied by Army and National Guard missile units—component forces of the Region's Seattle and Portland NORAD Sectors. This consisted in the simulated launching of Nike-Hercules missiles by Washington State elements of the 7th Region, U.S. Army Air Defense Command and those of California's 40th Artillery Brigade.

According to the NORAD evaluators, the 25th Region's Battle Staff Support Center operations was rated highly satisfactory and considered the best to date throughout the command. Generally, this involved quick action on the part of Region staff officers at the command headquarters, handling emergency situations in such areas as bomb

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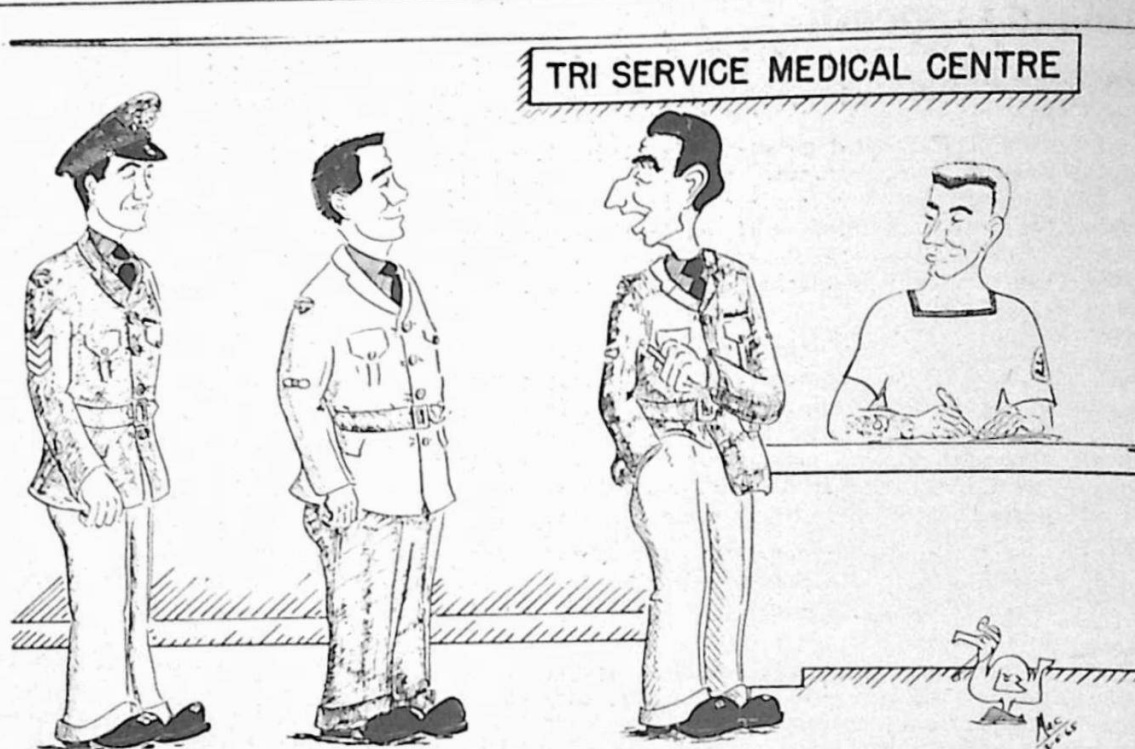
More Information Ottawa—please

Recent reports in local newspapers indicate that they know something that most station personnel don't know for sure and that is that we have or do not have nuclear weapons.

Newspapers it is supposed, cannot refuse to print such a delectable item of news as this. Moreover the rumours (all strictly unofficial) were so strong as to appear to be fact to the reporters. In some instances the editorial staffs changed their reporters story to suit their own needs, omitting or implying facts that could not be substantiated by anyone. Generally speaking though, we were treated fairly and in spite of some glaring headlines will survive to fight other conflicts.

What is annoying is that, by agreement, the Minister of National Defence himself is not permitted to say which bases have or have not the nuclear warheads. Yet, according to the "Sun", high ranking (defence) officials revealed earlier this week that Comox received them over the previous weekend. (Ninety-nine per cent of our unit personnel could not truthfully say "yes" or "No.") If Mr. Hellyer cannot give parliament a definite answer and if we are only permitted one stock answer that "some Canadian units possess a nuclear capability", how can other officials divulge the information? Either the newspapers are guessing and throwing out feelers or else Ottawa did commit an error. In any case it is felt that a more enlightening stock answer could have been given us to use when talking to those who have no "need to know." The statement "some units possess a nuclear capability" is a little ambiguous and is open to interpretation by an unbriefed public. What that answer should be, is hard to say. If you say "I don't know," it implies that you don't know what is going on at your own station, and if you give a flat "yes" or "No" then you have violated security agreements.

Well, it will all cool down in a day or two; the press will get official statements when the time is right, and then all we will have to concern ourselves with will be the "Ban The Bomb" marchers all summer long.



TOO BAD WE CAN'T INTEGRATE THE COLORS IN SUMMER UNIFORMS

FAREWELL TO ARMS

Saw a friend the other day
Stricken in his bed he lay
From his cheery smile so quick
Couldn't tell that he was sick

Never once did he complain
Didn't show a sign of pain
Never moaned about his ills
Chuckled as he took his pills

Talked about the good in life
Of his family and his wife.
Made my visit seem a sham
For the things I think I am.

Drank a toast with sherry wines
Laughed about the better times
Made me think that perhaps
I should be the one in bed.

Would that I could grasp his hand
Tell him that I understand
He is braver far than I
Hard to tell this friend
"good-bye".

From his cheer with no despair
I have gained a lesson there
He would sooner laugh than cry
Over trouble—why not I.

Strange about the Fates of man
And the deeds within his span
Unrecorded perhaps but yet
Kind of things you can't forget.

Dedicated to John

Van (RCAF)

This poem was dedicated to Sgt. John Manko (North

TRI SERVICE MEDICAL CENTRE

SUMMARY FOR APRIL

UNIT *RCAF Comox* MONTH *April* 1965

1-TEMPERATURE		2-PRECIPIATION	
MEAN DAILY	46.5 °F	TOTAL	NORMAL
NORMAL DAILY	46.5 °F	RAINFALL	1.44 in. 2.25 in.
MAXIMUM	Day 15 66 °F	SNOWFALL	7.2 in. 0.4 in.
MINIMUM	Day 24 31 °F	PRECIPITATION	1.99 in. 2.29 in.
MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION IN ONE 24-HOUR PERIOD		0.4 in. - Day	
NUMBER OF DAYS WITH:			
MEASUREABLE PRECIPITATION	11 Days	NORMAL PRECIP	12 Days
THUNDERSTORMS	N/A Days	TOTAL HOURS	N/A Hrs
FREEZING PRECIPITATION	N/A Days	TOTAL HOURS	N/A Hrs

Canadian NATO Brigade To Get New Anti-Tank Weapon

First delivery of a new anti-tank weapon, the Carl Gustav, will be made this summer to infantry battalions serving in West Germany with Canada's NATO Brigade.

Designed and manufactured in Sweden, the 33-pound, will replace the Heller rocket man-portable 84 mm gun launcher as the infantry platoon's anti-tank assault weapon.

The Carl Gustav is already Bay) by W. O. Vanbuskirk when he returned on leave recently. Sgt. Manko has terminal cancer. This is as it appeared in The North Bay Daily Nugget.

The Carl Gustav is one of several infantry battalion weapon systems being purchased under the Canadian Forces five-year re-equipment program announced last December.

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Noting and Quoting

"Our current manned interceptor force was designed to counter the Soviet long-range bomber threat of the late 1950 time period. The long-range bomber with nuclear weapons was considered to be the primary threat although intercontinental missiles were beginning to be of significance.

"Since 1959, the interceptor force of the United States has been reduced in both numbers of squadrons and aircraft. With this reduced force we will have to rely heavily on the Air National Guard interceptor units. Additionally, we will continue to maintain a significant portion of our active force on 15-minute or less alert.

"As a further measure to increase the capability of our interceptors, the dispersal program implemented two years ago has been continued and refined.

"Construction has begun on dispersal bases in the United States and is expected to be completed by late 1965. The dispersal program already provides an interim capability which will permit temporary interceptor dispersal, similar to the action taken during the Cuban crisis, and soon permanent dispersal will be possible.

"However, qualitative improvement to our interceptor force is, I believe, the most effective solution to the bomber defense problem."

—Gen. John P. McConnell, chief of staff, USAF

Air Defense Warfare Pits Machine Against Machine

RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB, Mo. — (NNS) — During the Korean conflict, Communist pilots flew slightly better fighter planes, while American pilots displayed the most skill and initiative. By the end of the conflict, the human factor had clearly proved superior to the mechanical advantage with U.S. pilots racking up a 14-to-1 kill ratio.

Today, pilot against pilot warfare is a thing of the past — at least where air defense is concerned. Aerial warfare is a highly computerized business, pitting machine against machine with man as an integral part of the system.

"In 1953, dog fights were controlled by squadron or flight leaders who were in the air, in the midst of battle, themselves," remembers Lt. Col. James E. McGaw, now fighter division chief at 29th North American Air Defense Command Region headquarters at Richards-Gebaur AFB.

"Today, however, all phases of air defense warfare are controlled from the ground by experienced senior officers who are aided in making crucial decisions by a staff of experts and a complex electronic computer system."

During a typical 29th mission today, the pilot is guided to his target by a ground based weapons team using radar and data supplied by high-speed computers. A small radar set is also carried by the fighter-interceptor.

This set projects a moving electronic beam which sweeps the sky in front of the fighter, bouncing off any aircraft within range and sending back electronic impulses which show up as "images" on the pilot's radar scope.

Once a target shows up on his scope, the pilot stops his sweep beam, fixing it rigidly on the enemy. This "lock-on" procedure and the actual piloting of his aircraft are the pilot's only duties while attacking an enemy.

When locked on to another aircraft, the electronic sweep beam provides range and angle data to a small computer attached to the fighter's firing mechanism.

Using this information, the computer automatically calculates the time to fire air-to-air guided missiles. The pilot merely holds down the trigger over a period of time and, at the proper moment, the computer launches the fighter's offensive weapons.

"Our kill ratio is definitely far greater with the electronic lock-on and firing method," states Colonel McGaw, "but this system is actually slightly tougher on the pilot than the old fashioned dog fight."

Letter to Parents

"Attention Parents . . . here is a wonderful opportunity for your child to have a summer vacation — The Society for Crippled Children's Chehalis Easter Seal Camp opens Friday — July 9th — If your child is physically disabled — or if you know of one in your neighborhood who would wish to attend summer camp write to Camp Secretary, B.C. Society for Crippled Children, 1345 S.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver 14, B.C.

There is still room for girls and boys 9 to 21 years of age for all camps operating during July and August — Everything is provided for at the Chehalis Easter Seal Camp — Supervised fun and recreation facilities including a heated swimming pool — The camp is geared especially for the comfort of the physically disabled — Repeat — Write to — Camp Secretary, B.C. Society for Crippled Children, 1345 S.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver 14, B.C.

TAKES COMMAND OF ESCORT SQDN.

Captain Daniel L. Hanington, 45, of Saint John, N.B., and Ottawa, takes command of the Third Canadian Escort Squadron at Halifax on May 12.

He succeeds Captain J. P. T. Dawson, 47, of Westmount, Que., and Halifax, who in June will become assistant director operational task plans to the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic in Norfolk, Va.

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Europe As We Saw It

PARIS BY NIGHT by R. B.

To go out for an evening in Paris, doesn't mean getting lit on champagne, etc. although some do. The French with their highly developed fashion and art of dramatizing the great buildings, fountains, squares, boulevards and other points of interest have far more memorable sights for you.

At night the city does not burst into hit or miss display of neon lighting. We noted instead, the rather subdued street lights set off as a background for the bright glowing lights around such buildings as Notre Dame Cathedral, The Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, The Pantheon, The Place de la Concorde and many others.

Under Parisian street lighting the cracks in sidewalks, shadows and the all too plentiful "other" stains over the ages, disappear. The beautiful buildings look new, fresh and bright.

Paris "illumine" is indescribable. If you care to walk, it can be a real pleasure, you can also ride a carriage, bus, or take a taxi cab — best of all, we found was to take a "bateau mouche" on the beautiful River Seine.

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enchanted cruising, a really lovely five-course meal with wine and tip included. The waiters were very polite and very efficient. There was no rush to the tables and grimy coffee bar atmosphere. The table was candle-lit and covered in attractive cloth showing a map of Paris.

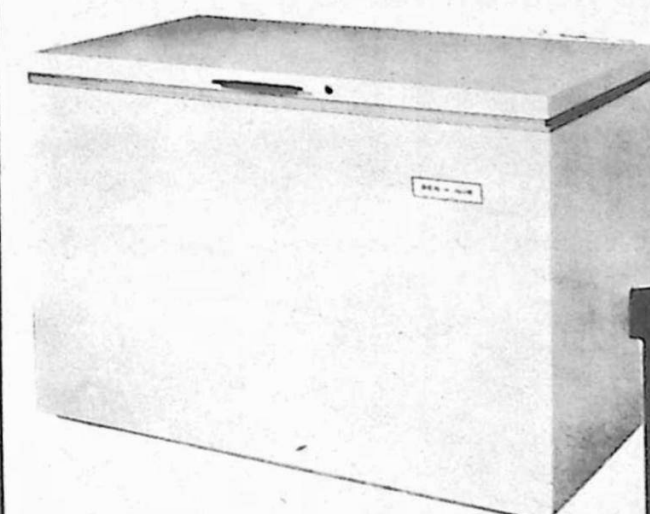
As the "bateau" floated quietly down the River Seine, the captain or crew member put a search light beam on historic bridges that we passed under, such names as the Pont Neuf, oldest bridge in Paris and still lighted by ornate lamps of Henry IV. They have simply been converted from candle, to gas, to electricity. The Pont Michael with huge laurel wreath and "N" carved left by Napoleon, the Alexander Bridge and others. The lights outline such structures as the Louvre to the Palace of Justice and Madeline.

The cruise boat circles the Island for a close up of Notre Dame Cathedral glowing in indirect light, with the great stained glass windows overwhelmingly evident. The Eiffel Tower is also lighted but not so brightly that we could not see the lights of the elevator moving eerily up and down. On shore the beauty of the Place de la Concorde with lighted fountains and sculptures looks bright and gay.

From this point, a steady stream of autos can be seen moving up the Champ Elysees towards the Arch de Triomphe.

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SPORTS NOTES - By Stan

GOLF

Sunny warm weather prevailed on Saturday, 8th May to make it an ideal day for the Inter-station Golf Tournament in Comox with four teams competing.

Station Comox team consisting of Crutchfield, Lattimore, Norman and Furchak won the tournament, beating out Puntzi Mtn., Baldy Hughes and Marpac. F/L Forget, F/S Parker, Cpl. Hansen and Cpl.

Knox of the Puntzi Mtn. team took second place honors.

Low gross was won by Jerry Norman with Major Crutchfield taking second low gross. Major Crutchfield also won the low net and Cpl. Carmichael came second.

Reception was held in the Cpl's Club with F/L Cook presenting individual and team trophies to the winners. The following personnel will

represent Comox in the Tri-Service golf tournament at Chilliwack on the 27th and 28th of May: S/L Hardie, S/L Paradis, Major Crutchfield, F/L Cook, F/L Meinert, FS Withers (Marpac), Carmichael, R. Bailey, Lattimore, Norman, Downey and Furchak.

SOFTBALL

Nine teams are registered in the intersection softball league. The league begins on Tuesday, 11th May with games on every Tuesday and Thursday at 1715 hours and

1900 hours.

Inter-service league opens on Monday, 17th May and they are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays at 1800 hours.

SOCCER

The Station Soccer team will be competing in the B.C. Area Tri-Service soccer eliminations to be held in Chilliwack on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. The winner of this tournament will be representing B.C. in the Zone One playoffs. The winner of the Zone One playoffs will compete in the Canada Wide Peakes trophy championship. We wish the Soccer team the best of luck.

Junior Soccer

Due to the excellent response, the soccer season will be extended to the end of June. All boys 8 to 12 years are invited to attend. Soccer boots are required but runners may be used. Long socks and shorts are also preferable with shin pads to protect the legs. (Pocket books or a folded newspaper may be used as shin pads). Practices are held on the Station soccer field on Monday and Wednesday at 1800 hrs. and Saturday at 1030 hrs.

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COMOX GOLF TEAM TAKES B.C. HONOURS



B.C. AIR FORCE WINNING TEAM — F/L Eric Cook congratulates Comox team captain LAC Gerry Norman. Other team members l. to r. Cpl. Lattimore, Maj. R. Crutchfield and Cpl.

Co-Hoe Downers wind up season

Saturday, April 24 marked the end of the Co-Hoe-downers' season with a square dance party in honour of the graduate classes of Stan and Enie McMullen and Bob and Donna Jackson.

Caller Wilf Clar put nine squares through their paces, ably assisted by guest callers Bob Jackson, Ron Leonard and Stan McMullen.

Refreshments of pie and ice cream was served at the end of the evening by the retiring executive.

Queen to visit Canadian Brigade

SOEST, Germany — The program has been announced for the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group on May 26 during her visit to the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Queen will spend 90 minutes in the Soest area. Many RCAF personnel and their families from southern Germany and Metz, France, who can be spared from their duties will travel to Soest to see their Queen.

"Writingest" Troops

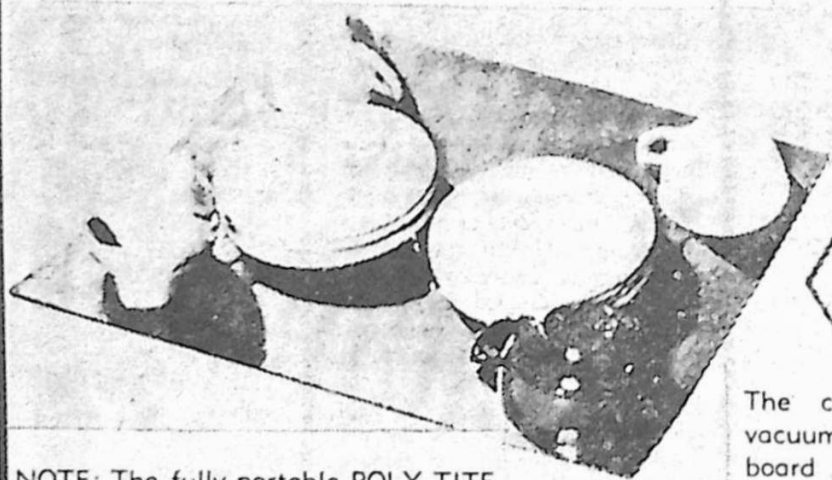
Canadians serving with the UNEF have earned the reputation of being the "writingest" troops in the Sinai Desert. "We handle about 6,000 incoming and outgoing air letters weekly from the Canadians alone," said Private Kenneth Core of Winnipeg and Rimbey, Alta. That's an average of about one letter written and received every two days by each member of the 1,000-man Canadian contingent. The tour in Egypt is Pte. Core's second outside of Canada.

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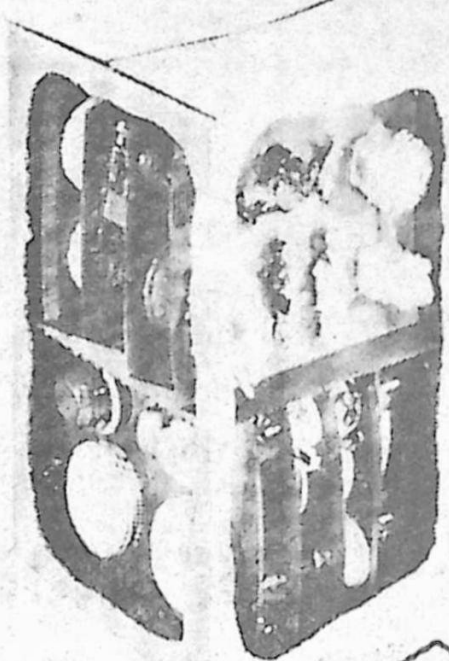
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Meet at 8 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.



Navy gets new Fleet Chaplain

Chaplain (RC) James Anthony MacLean, RCN, of Bay St. Lawrence, N.S., has been appointed Roman Catholic chaplain of the fleet at Canadian Forces Headquarters in Ottawa. He has been eastern command RC chaplain for the forces, at Halifax. (Canadian Forces Photo).

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Totem Inn Info-Bulletin

As you know, Executive Committee members come and go and for many of us it is hard to keep track of who is holding what position, etc. The following list of officers may be obsolete tomorrow, but as of today your Executive Committee is comprised as follows; Honorary: PMC WO2 Ellery; PMC LAC (Gary) Mulcaster; Vice PMC LAC (John) McLeod; Entertainment Officer LAC (Larry) Tyn-dall; Housing Officer LAC (Dave) Betteridge; Bar Officer LAC (Paul) Godin; Vice Bar Officer LAC (Chuck) Steele; Public Relations Officer LAC (Cliff) Anstey; Sports Officer LAC (Roy) Covey; Vice Sports Officer LAC (Al) Watt; Financial Advisor LAC (John) Hope; Financial Secretary LAC (Lorne) Neiffer; Club Committee Co-ordinator LAC (Bob) Kerr; Recording Secretary LAC (Burt) Ve-zina; Vice Recording Secretary LAC (Roma) Marion. There you have them—if I missed any, my apologies.

The writer of this bulletin has only been on this unit for a little over a year (and is transferred already) and to his way of thinking the club has never before had so much to offer in the way of entertainment. It is not the intent here to provide a complete entertainment schedule, however I will mention some of the routine functions as well as delve into some proposed entertainment and sports. Saturday night dances are still kept to the Saturday following day. These dances are normally presented as "Special Feature Dances," i.e. Hard Times, Luau, Hootenay, etc. It must be mentioned that these dances are being made spectacular successes by our members and everyone, it seems, who attends "has-a-ball." It was decided a short time ago to make every Sunday night "Combo Night." So, for regular dancing to popular bands make it a habit to come out on Sunday nights and enjoy yourself in the friendly atmosphere of the Totem Inn lounge. Every Tuesday night is "Happy Hour Night." Between the hours of 7 and 8 beer and drinks are subsidized. Enough said! Wednesday night entertainment is still scheduled as a bingo one week and a movie the following one. Many of our members are helping make Wednesday night functions necessary and at the same time very successful. So, if you are not now in the habit of watching movies or playing bingo, why don't you come out some Wednesday night and do that—just once. Sports Films are enjoyed regularly on Thursday nights by the sports minded (?) of our club. These movies however, are not restricted to the sports minded alone. You too can come out and argue over them. Friday, everyone's favorite, is still comprised of Weepers and games. The Sports Officer has advised me that: Fishing Derbies are in the planning stage; Golf Tournaments will be sponsored by the club; and a Shuffle Board Tournament is being planned for the near future. If you haven't been participating in any of the above functions and events, why don't you come out some time and join the crowd who are having all the fun!

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NIGHT SIGHT—A soldier of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada tries out the new night vision device during training in Germany with the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. The power-operated sight, a development of the Second World War infra-red scope, permits an infantryman to locate the enemy at night. The scope can be used on any direct-fire infantry weapon. (Canadian Forces Photo).



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PMQ Recreation News

Well, baseball and softball are finally underway except for one thing. We're in need of umpires for the girls' softball and Juvenile B baseball. Please, if you can help us out, give me a call at Loc. 372 or 334-3380. Oh, one more thing: Parents, your kids love to have lots of support at these games so let's see a good turnout this year! O.K.?

I had the honor of being a guest at the Ladies' Afternoon Bowling Banquet on May 4 and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies for a very enjoyable evening. It was obvious that the committee and their helpers had worked very hard for this windup session and, judging by the cries of delight and laughter, everyone had a lot of fun throughout the entire season. It's a hard and, sometimes, heartbreaking job to run

one of these leagues and I'm sure I speak for all when I say: Fran, Colleen, Jo and Terry, you did an excellent job! One thing I never cease to enjoy is voting a new committee in. It seems that "railroading" is a better word! At least in the Air Force one is able to get out of it by saying "I'm Transferred" or "I'm expecting a transfer anytime," not so in civilian "jobs!" Congratulations to the new committee for next year and, again, "thank you" everyone for a very delightful and fun-filled evening.

Track and Field will start out soon with a clinic and then the "work." F/O La Blanc, AC Fuller and Cpl. Monaghan will be in charge of this activity. Watch for further information on this.

Demonettes Doings

The mass exodus of "A" flight to San Diego has left 407 Squadron fairly well depleted, but they left lots of wives and girlfriends behind—hence "Demonette Doings."

With the tourist season now getting into full swing, the thriving metropolis of Campbell River seemed to attract many carloads of demonettes this past week. The men had access to the gaiety of a larger metropolis, but we had access to the car keys. How does that old saying go? "Make mileage while the sun shines!"

Judy stayed away from Victoria this trip Brent, so there shouldn't be any more fan mail for you from the gendarmes.

Mary Jacobsen, Cathy Gordon and Lynne Jeffrey spent a very enjoyable evening at the theatre last Friday. Perhaps the general atmosphere was not as elegant as theatre goes in San Diego might encounter but the film might have been the same. Special prices were even in effect for the gala occasion because of this acclaimed film's recent release - one or two years ago.

An attempt to arrange a large poker party was made, but unfortunately not very many people stayed home long enough for anyone to get in contact with them. As a result the numbers were small but the hours were not, in fact, most of the people who attended the formal were home long before the card sharks. The tense game was successful in helping us to forget the formal dance which we had so much wanted to attend. Mireille Bolvin came out the big winner of the evening.

Several of the girls enjoyed a first meeting recently with Mrs. Robert Stewart (Ann) wife of our RAAF exchange officer. We will all remember you Ann for the sparkle in your eye as you reminisced of old acquaintances from home.

SUPPLY SECTION NEWS

Not much to report in the Supply Section! Two new men have reported for work in the persons of ACI Jim Goode and ACI Andy Fortin. Jim hails from Kingston and is working in 2 S.G. Andy comes from Quebec and is working in 6 S.G.

We understand Ray Robert is in the station band. Wonder how the band's supply of drums are holding out.

How the mothers envied Lynne's gorgeous bouquet of glads! Perhaps it was the fact of being remembered from such a distance that made us so envious. Even Jo Ann's report card with its "C's" made most of us feel quite forgotten. Hey Jake close counts in more than horseshoes you know!

During the day, the pace of entertainment was maintained and Barb Pearce and Mireille Bolvin and families spent a pleasurable day at our local version of the San Diego Zoo.

Before signing off for the Demonettes we thought COBOC might be interested in the fact that there will be a "bee" soon to print flyers to be sent out to mothers in Nanaimo who have young daughters, and signs to put up along the road to "the house". "Beware of COBOC"! But all this concern is just because of the cliff - so have fun fellows, you deserve a nest away from your barrack quarters.

TEENAGERS

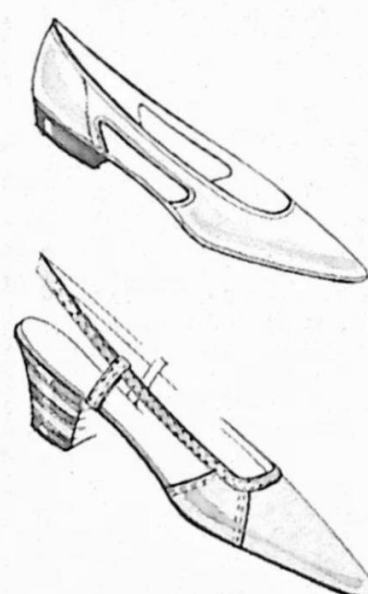
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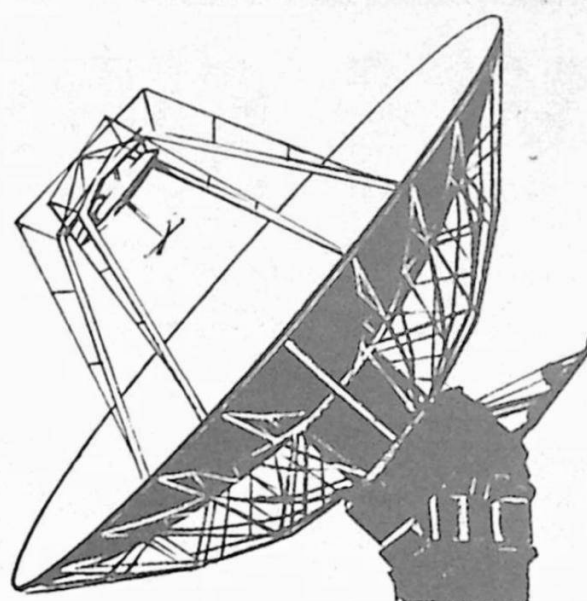
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On the C.E. Scene



by CHARLES R.
Station Comox has been host to 1 CEU (formerly 2 CMU Calgary) runway painting crew from Winnipeg in recent weeks.

The crew consists of the driver LAC Smyth, the operator LAC Jenke and crew chief Sgt. Yendall. Their job is to paint the runway numbers and guide lines. The main runway markings are 36 inches wide and 40 feet long visible up to 10 miles on a clear day. The taxi strip guide lines are done in yellow paint.

The main piece of equipment is a converted White Fuel Bowser. The truck has two mixing tanks with a 135 gallon capacity and an Ingersol Rand gasoline driven air compressor. A trailer is towed behind the truck equipped with seven electronically controlled paint spray jets.

The numbers and guide lines are first laid out using a grid system. When the pattern is established the driver lines up with an electronic sighting device similar to the old Norden Bomb sights familiar to many during the war years and begins the precision run. The operator

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The average runway requires approximately 450 gallons of paint. The crew has done 70,000 square feet of yellow and 34,000 square feet of white to date. Weather permitting it is possible to do 175,000 square feet in an 18 hour day with is not unusual for a CEU crew who want to get home.

Number one CEU based at Winnipeg has two runway painting trucks and crews. These crews repaint the runway markings at RCAF Stations once every two years. The western crew started this year at Comox. When they're finished here they will travel by road to Namao and then to Centralia, Goose Bay (airlift) and then return to Gimili, arriving back in Winnipeg in late October, weather permitting.

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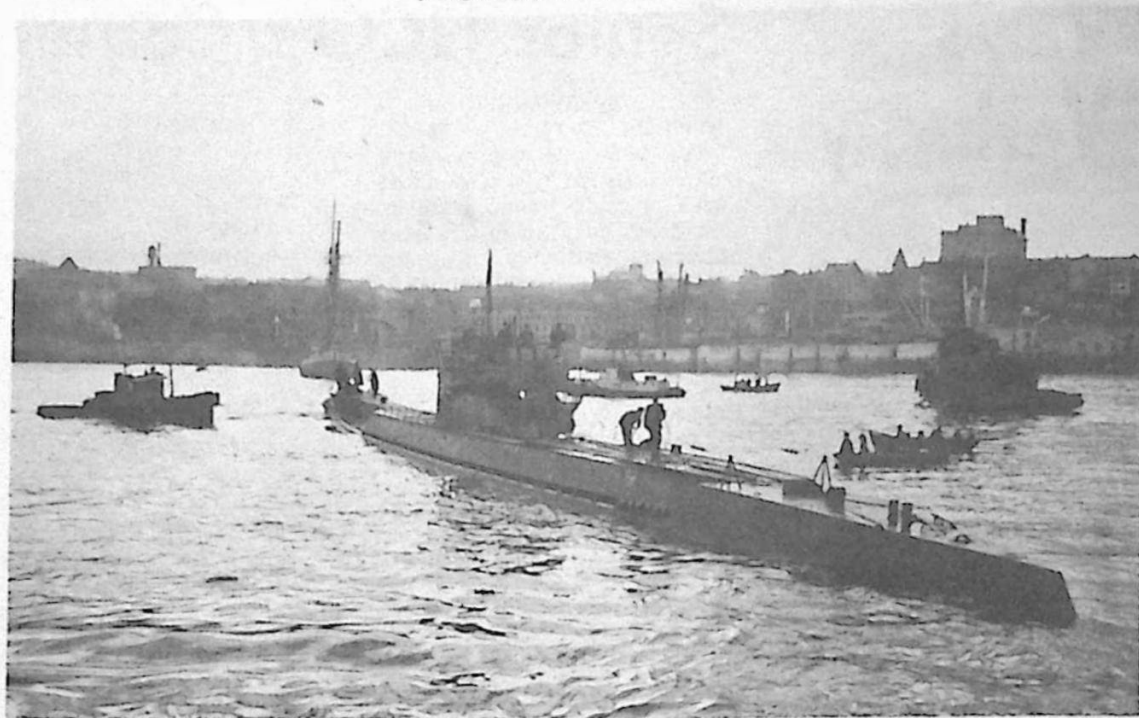
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When I was a boy, the corner drug store was the hang out for us young fellows. There was a phone that you could use to call a girl friend and you could be looking at the funny papers at looking at the funny papers at the same time. You could usually get a laugh from one or the other. Yeh, everyone liked the druggist—I am not sure that his feelings were mutual towards some of us Lucifers. However, he never indicated any different unless you count those little names like: blackleg, diabolic, roughnecks, and things like that.

The old general store was the place we really liked to visit. Apples in the barrel, cheese in the round (exposed so you could get at it) and large boxes of ginger snaps. Wow! Today for about 92¢ you can get an "iddy biddy" piece of cheese cellophane wrapped and no opportunity in the world to break off a little tasting piece. And just try getting an apple for a sampler today. I'll bet they lock them up in the safe at night. Oh well, everything has changed. A little retrospect now and then is fun though—sort of living it over again.

I remember when I used to go rabbit hunting. It was a toss-up who got to eat the rabbit, me or the dog. You had to be fleet footed to win out. The bullet was worth as much as the rabbit, so you tried to run the hare down. I used to handicap the dog by blindfolding him. He would do his best though as I always promised him a kipper (smoked) if he lost. He was a smart dog. We called him Tramp (I think Walt Disney must have heard

Senior NCO's Corner

by BFTSK.

"CRIBBAGE TEAM" PARTY
The Senior NCO's cribbage team finished the season off with a pick-em-up, knock-em-down evening in the Sgts Lounge, Saturday, 1 May. They were joined in the festivities by members of the Fisherman's Lodge and their wives for this bang-up occasion. Approximately 60 people were in attendance. Members of the NCO's Wives' Club put on some very hilarious entertainment with their rendition of "Camp Grenada" and "It's in the Book". Fisherman's Lodge retallied in kind by putting on a ladies' (about him).

Times used to be tough! When I wore the knees out of my pants I just cut them off at that level. I probably was the first boy to introduce Bermuda shorts in my town. Even before I knew whether Bermuda was located in the Atlantic or the Pacific!

No matter how little you had in those days there was always a "hobo" or two calling at the door wanting to share the "little." Terribly hungry and lonesome those chaps, that is until you suggested helping with the chores before eating. Then a quick visit to your hen house and a tour through the apple orchard and they were off again. The dog (on account of his name I suppose), always seemed to have a kindred feeling for those fellows. He would jump up on them and lick their fingers in welcome—he used to lick mine until I dipped them once in benzene.

Old Tramp lived until the age of 14 years and I believe that he spent every moment of it trying to out-smart me. Recalling those years, he never did any work other than flaging off a few flies with his tail. Comparing it with what I had to do at the age of 14, I am not too sure that he didn't succeed. Particularly as the last sign he gave me before slipping away was a "wink."

fashion show, of course the models were all men. The most hilarious models were the flower girl and the bathing suit model.
Presentations were made to WO2 Costin and FS Sparling, the team doubles champion and to WO2 Costin again the team singles champion. Sgt. Vic Samuels was presented with a gift certificate for the highest percentage of wins for the amount of games played. Fisherman's Lodge made presentations to Bob Fitzpatrick and also Ray Fontana. The evening terminated with a splendid meal of chicken and chips and dancing to the See-burg.

"MESS DINNER" - RETIRING MEMBERS

Many years of service were culminated Friday evening 7 May when members of the Sgts Mess gathered to honor 10 retiring members of the mess. Those honored were: WO2 W. J. Cherpetta, FS R. L. B. Anderson, Sgt. R. G. August, Sgt. H. K. Armstrong, Sgt. F. Harris, Sgt. W. Perkins, Sgt. J. E. Rearsbeck, Sgt. W. A. Thompson, Sgt. J. S. Topping and Sgt. F. O. Willander. Making the presentations and giving the necessary eulogy were G/C E. G. Ireland, Commanding Officer RCAF Station Comox, W/C K. O. Moore, Commanding Officer 407 Maritime Sqdn., and S/L K. W. Brown, Commanding Officer of 121 K.U. Also on hand to make the presentation to Sgt. Topping was his son F/O Topping, a pilot with 109 K.U. Marville, France, and F/L W. Cherpetta, a supply officer from Stn. Gimili, Manitoba. After a delicious dinner members retired to the lounge where a sing-song and other entertainment followed.

"ATTENDANCE DRAW"

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"ITALIAN NIGHT" - 29 May

Come one come all to our attempt at an 'Italian Night'. Plans are progressing along smoothly to make this a night not to be forgotten. Italian style music, Italian style drink, Italian style food, Italian style dress. so let's see you out and supporting your committee.

Don't forget the "Vas you dere Ssarile" attendance draw held every Saturday night, this could be quite lucrative.

British Columbia Governor Frederick Seymour in 1864 invited the Fraser River Indians to join New Westminster in celebrating the Queen's

25th Region

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damage assessment and recovery operations, sabotage activities, and personnel, logistical, engineering security and disaster control operations.

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birthday. About 3,500 attended, camping there for a week. They cheered as they left.

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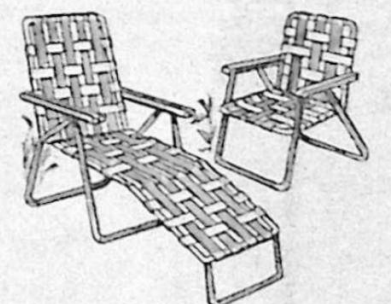
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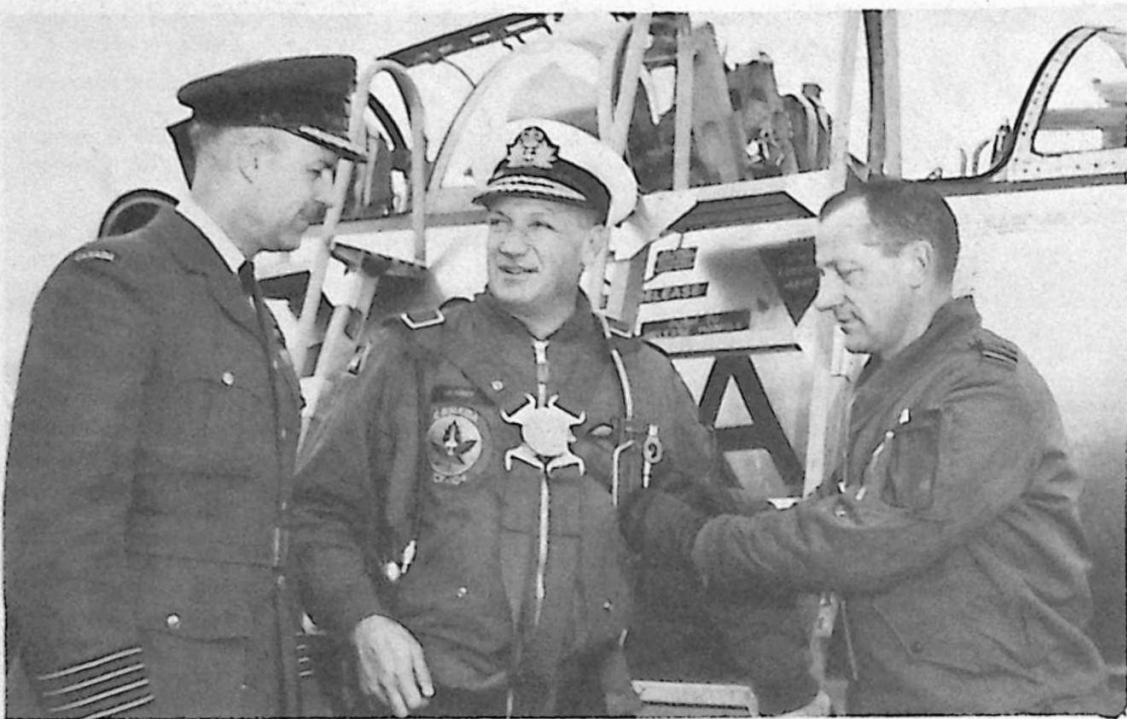
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SPEEDY ADMIRAL — On a recent visit to 1 Canadian Air Division in Europe, Rear-Admiral R. P. Welland, Ottawa, vice chief of operational readiness for the Canadian Forces flew at Mach 2 or twice the speed of sound. Here he talks with Group Captain D. C. Laubman, left, of Edmonton, Alta., commanding officer of 3 Wing as his parachute harness is adjusted by W/C K. C. Lett, of Arnprior, Ont., chief operations officer of the wing. W. C. Lett piloted the aircraft.

Clearance divers in RCN are elite group

You're apt to find a Royal Canadian Navy clearance diver on a high Arctic ice-floe, or in the azure waters of the Caribbean.

The RCN career diver — there are 70 of them — is taught to dive under all conditions and the many tasks this elite group carry out amply prove it.

The career diver in the RCN is a volunteer officer or man who has passed the basic two-week or one-month courses, is physically and psychologically fit and is recommended for further training. About half make

Luxury liner had shady reputation

Ever wonder how the word "Posh" found its way into our language? "Posh" is another word for luxury, and its origin is an interesting one. The Pacific and Orient Steamship Line between Great Britain and the Orient used to charge a premium for cabins on the shady side of the ship.

Since the shady side was the port, or left-hand side, of the outward voyage, and the starboard, or right-hand side, when homeward bound, the cabins were referred to as Port Outward-Starboard Home, or P-O-S-H. Words are fascinating creatures. They have so many faces. Take the word "bank," for example. It can mean the ground near a river, an establishment for the custody of money, or, when it's used as a verb, security of feeling, absolute reliability. "You can bank on it," we say.

These last two meanings bear a connection that is far from coincidental. The fact is, a bank represents security and reliability, especially the Bank of Montreal.

And of course, savings at the Bank of Montreal doesn't only mean your money is safe. It also means that with money in the bank you can often take advantage of unexpected opportunities that might otherwise pass you by.

the grade. In his first career course of 17 weeks he learns more about diving equipment, including that used in "hard-hat" deep diving. He learns to do minor repair work on ship hulls, saving the navy many thousands of dollars annually in drydock fees.

From the time he is accepted as a trainee to the end of his service career, the navy diver is always a volunteer.

Part-time divers also have a vital though secondary role. About 350 officers and men who volunteer from other branches are trained in the aqualing and limited to 50-foot dives. If a ship gets into trouble they can locate and evaluate the problem and if damage isn't too complicated, even repair it. They also safeguard the ship hulls from sabotage by mines or other explosives.

An underwater handyman as well as the sort of warrior who excites the public imagination, the RCN clearance diver has taken on a variety of challenges. He's gleaned jet aircraft fragments from the deep silt of a lake whose surface was frozen for many feet, sawed through river and lake ice to find drowning victims or retrieved them in almost impossible places along the coast. Each year he works in the Arctic, surveying and clearing obstacles from landing beaches during the annual re-supply of the DEW Line and other northern outposts. Last year divers made temporary repairs to a ship whose hull had been gashed by ice on the annual supply mission.

Last summer another team began clearing 150-pound

bombs from the broken and shifting wreck of the S.S. Clare Lilley, put out of action during the Second World War near Portuguese Cove, N.S. Cordite washing ashore on neighbouring beaches gave the first clue that the elements were having their way with the dangerous cargo.

The divers (frogmen to the public) maintain a vigorous program of education on the dangers of souvenir war weapons such as grenades or shells and have defused or destroyed hundreds of these lethal curios. They travel to schools and exhibitions to spread the word.

Decompression chambers on each coast have been used to save the lives of both service and civilian divers suffering from the "bends." Amateur SCUBA enthusiasts learn of safe methods and equipment from the navy.

The post-war mine disposal problem added war-experienced frogmen to the naval rosters in 1949. They combined in 1954 with regular divers to form the clearance diving branch of today.

A little more than a decade, RCN research and development in diving have been significant. Canada contributes knowledge of cold water diving to an American-British-Canadian pool of knowledge. In addition to progress in thermal suiting, a "wet suit" flushed through with hot water may be ready for fleet-wide use next winter. A noteworthy Canadian development is the pneumatic analog computer which the divers wear on his visit. It monitors his dive and tells him how quickly he can ascend safely.

Physiological research for the navy unit is carried out at the Institute of Aviation Medicine in Toronto in close co-operation with the RCAF and Defence Research Board. A major project now in hand

Rifle Club news

The winter activities of the station small bore rifle club has come to a close, all the scores have been added, and individual averages for the season promulgated. Our congratulations must be extended to F/O Doug Fraser of 409 Squadron Arm't who attained an average of 98.75 for his best 20 targets fired during the winter league shoot, winning him the station commanding officers trophy. Cpl. Les Snelgrove of 407 Sqdn. placed 2nd with an average of 97.85, and LAC Mike Hooley of 407 Sqdn. 3rd with 97.75.

High average winner for March goes to Sgt. R. Limin of Met Section with an average of 97.0 and the best improved shot over previous months average goes to LAC Dalley with 6.1 average increase. April produced two more lucky winners, F/O L. Salminen of 407 sqdn, high average winner with 97.5, and a member of the fair sex, Mrs. A. Limin, who is very handy with a rifle, won the best improved shot prize with 4.0 average increase. Our other lady shooter, Mrs. E. Fraser, who never missed a match throughout the season, finished with an average of 92.7, nice shooting ladies.

The final team results after everyone fired 20 matches, are as follows: first, 407 squadron team, Captain, Cpl. Snelgrove, 87 pts; second, team No. 8, Captain F/O Fraser, 67 pts. third, team No. 6, Captain, LAC Darling, 65 pts.; fourth, team No. 7, Captain, Mr. Hodgkinson, 60 1/2 pts.; fifth, team No. 3, Captain, LAC Szabon, 59 1/2 pts.; sixth team No. 5, Captain, Cpl. Brown, 59 pts.; seventh team No. 2, Captain, LAC Torchuk, 27.

Though LAC Bill Torchuk's team finished seventh, we should congratulate his team for their good turn out, and the great improvement in their scores as they were all, with the exception of Bill, green shots at the beginning of the season.

We entered three teams in the DCRA services, and RCMP, across Canada and Europe postal

is to find means of diving with self-contained apparatus as deep as 1,500 feet.

With his varied jobs making him chums with the Arctic char in chill northern waters, or the octopus lurking in coral reefs, the RCN diver is an open-minded expert. His training with the tools of his trade encourage quick, sometimes novel solutions to underwater problems and projects. And he constantly seeks new gear, new doctrines, to make the job easier and safer. There's no danger that he'll ever make it easy enough so that he'll run out of things to do, in peace or war.

shoot, and all three teams did very well, placing well up in the prize lists. A ten man team was entered in the ADC postal league, results of which are not available.

The full bore season has started once again. No doubt Comox residents have heard the dull thuds coming from the Navy Goose Spit on Saturdays. Have no fear, it is not an invasion, only the boys practicing for the British Columbia rifle meeting to be held at Blair Ranges in North Vancouver at the end of June. This year we have one of our friends from south of the border, M/Sgt. Smith shooting with us. If all goes well, we should have a promising team to represent Comox at the Provincial shoot.



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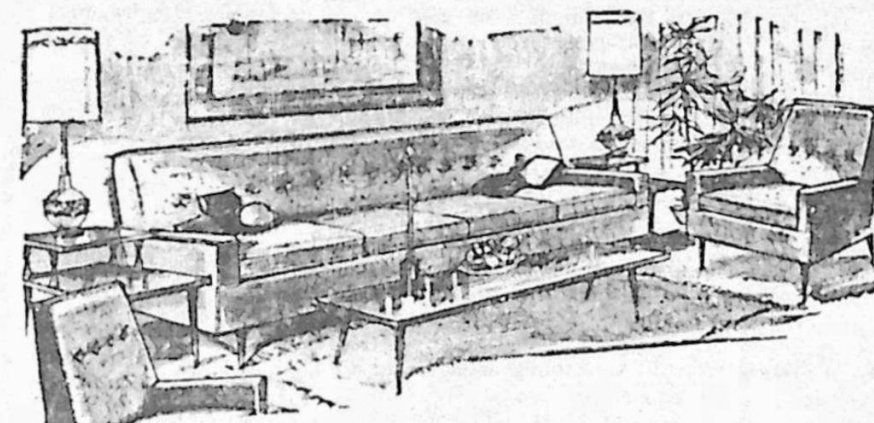
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EXPO 67

FUN AT EXPO 67

by GARRETT PATTERSON
Orchestras, folksingers, majorettes, choral groups, pianists, guitarists, all Canadian amateur performers are being invited to participate in the Festival of Arts planned for the 1967 World Exhibition in Montreal.

The invitation was issued at the Music Educators Convention in Calgary last week.

Entertainment organizers at Expo 67 are confident of an enthusiastic response from amateur entertainers in communities large and small, in all quarters of the country.

A panel of judges will make the preliminary selection and the performers chosen will take part in the gala entertainments planned.

At least five band-shells will be constructed to accommodate the crowds which will be attracted to every part of the Expo site.

Applications should be directed to Mr. Gray Sperling, Head of Amateur Entertainment, Cdn. Corp. for the 1967 World Exhibition, Place Ville Marie, Montreal.

Details of Man the Creator, one of the four aspects of the over-all theme of Expo, Man and his World, were revealed last week.

More than \$2.5 million is to be spent on a fine arts program which will include international exhibitions of art, photography, sculpture and industrial design. They will be housed in a \$1.5 million gallery which will be a permanent structure to remain after Expo.

The art exhibition has been described as one that many museums around the world have long awaited.

It will consist of 170 works of art from many eras and many countries. They are being selected by Canadian and European committees of art experts.

More than 400 bilingual hostesses and guides will be needed by Expo 67 for the summer of 1967.

Recruiting is expected to start in the fall of 1966 and the selected personnel, about 325 hostesses and 75 male guides will be hired and trained a number of weeks before the opening.

Young men and women from every province will be sought through the National Employment Service, which has offices across the country, including 34 located at Canadian universities.

Candidates should be single, high school graduates, between 18 and 25 years of age. Requirements will include an agreeable manner, an aptitude for dealing with the public, pleasing appearance, good physique and good posture.

When it comes right down to having "fun" at the Exhibition in 1967, Expo's amusement area, known as "La Ronde," will be tops.

Thrilling and inventive amusement rides are being planned, with gaiety in store for the young and not-so-young, in this 15 to 20 million dollar complex 15 to 20 million dollar complex covering some 134 acres on the eastern tip of Ile Sainte-Helene.

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Teenagers will be entertained in style by whatever groups are all the rage in 67, and delightful recreational rides are to be set up for the younger children.

In a more restful mood, pleasant, verdant areas for peace and quiet are to be set aside, not to mention a number of inviting restaurants to be interspersed throughout La Ronde.

An "International Crossroads" of shops will display original and unusual products from many countries of the world.

Discussions have been launched by Montreal service clubs to consider the financing of Expo's "La Ronde" which will be operated as a permanent attraction after the Exhibition closes.



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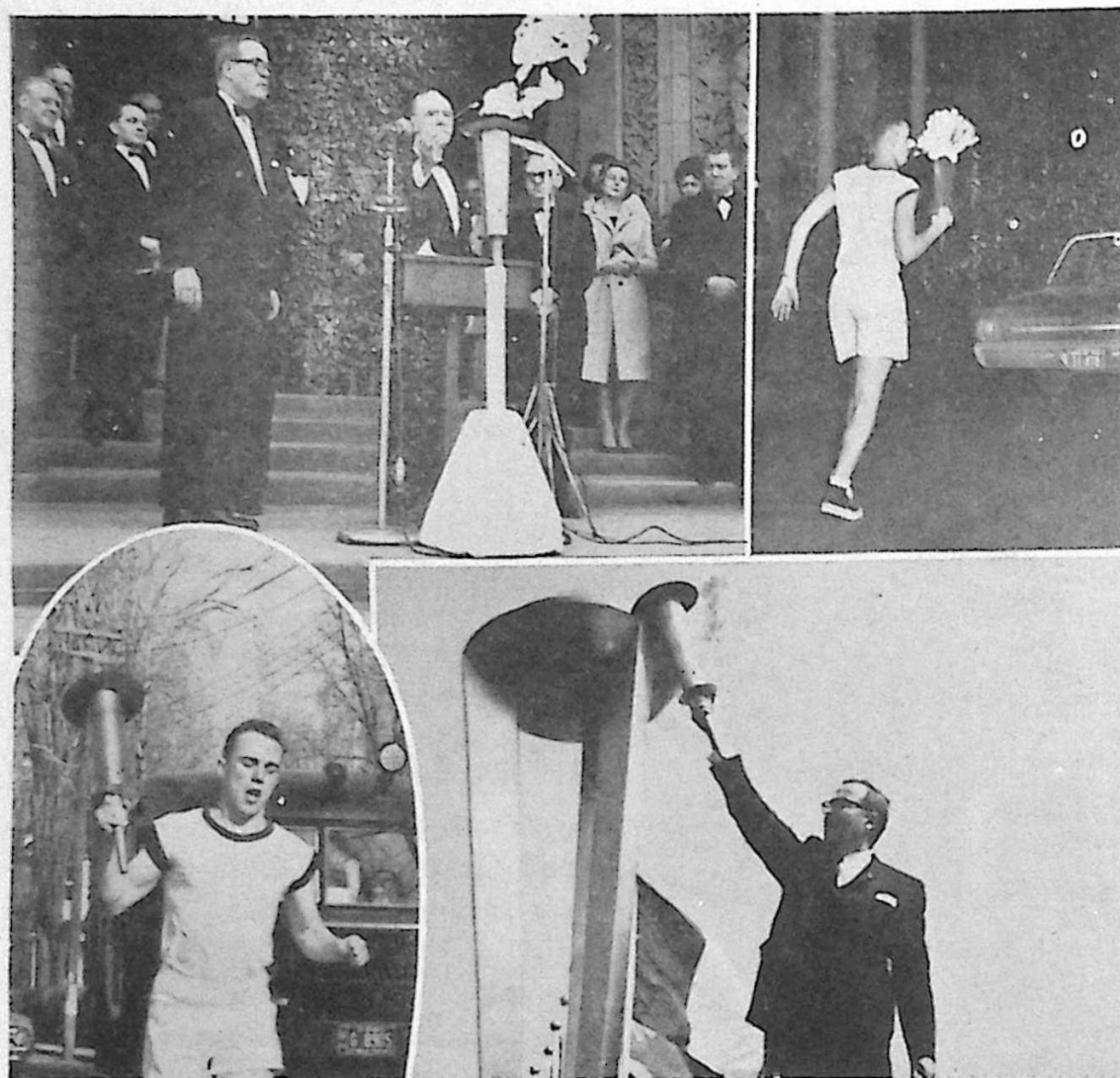
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EXPO LIGHTS UP — The two-year countdown for Expo 67 was started last week when Trade Minister Mitchell Sharp lit a torch on the steps of the Parliament Buildings. Cadets from College Militaire Royal in St. Jean, Quebec, and from Royal Military College in Kingston, carried the torch for Expo 130 miles to the site in Montreal. It was received by Expo's Deputy Commissioner General Robert Shaw who lit the flame which will burn till the starting date, April 28, 1967.

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Tues., 18 May — 1715
409G vs USAF-Hosp — 1
1715

Armt. vs HQ — 2
1900

409-11 vs 407A — 1
121G vs 407G — 2
Thurs., 20 May — 1715
Teens vs HQ — 1
409G vs 407A — 2

1900
Armt. vs 407G — 1
409-121 vs 121G — 2
Tues., 25 May — 1715
USAF-Hes vs 407A — 1
Teens vs 407G — 2

1900
409G vs 121G — 1
Armt. vs 409-121 — 2
Thurs., 27 May — 1715
HQ vs 407G — 1
USAF-Hosp. vs 121G — 2

1900
Teens vs 409-121 — 1
409G vs Armt. — 2
Tues., 1 June — 1715
407A vs 121G — 1
HQ vs 409-121 — 2

1900
USAF-Hosp vs Armt — 1
Teens vs 409G — 2
Thurs., 3 June — 1715
407G vs 409-121 — 1
407A vs Armt. — 2

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HQ vs 409G — 1

USAF-Hosp vs Teens — 2
Thurs., 8 June — 1715
121G vs Armt. — 1
407G vs 409G — 2
1900

HQ vs Teens — 1
407A vs USAF-Hosp — 2

INTER-MESS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Mon., 17 May — 1800
Cpls vs Sgts — 1
Totems vs Officers — 2

Wed., 19 May — 1800
Officers vs Cpls — 1
Sgts vs Totems — 2

Wed., 26 May — 1800
Cpls vs Totems — 1
Officers vs Sgts — 2

Mon., 31 May — 1800
Officers vs Totems — 1
Sgts vs Cpls — 2

Wed., 2 June — 1800
Totems vs Sgts — 1
Cpls vs Officers — 2

Mon., 7 June — 1800
Sgts vs Officers — 1
Totem vs Cpls — 2

Wed., 9 June — 1800
Cpls vs Sgts — 1
Totems vs Officers — 2

Mon., 14 June — 1800
Officers vs Cpls — 1
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Wed., 16 June — 1800
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The award is given to the production centre responsible for producing the winning film and it remains in Toronto for the second year.

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THURSDAY, 27 MAY
SATURDAY, 29 MAY
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Dolores Hart
Colourscope

MATINEE SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, 15 MAY
WONDERFUL LIFE

Cliff Richards
and The Shadows

SATURDAY, 22 MAY
THE GREAT ESCAPE

Steve McQueen
James Garner

SATURDAY, 29 MAY
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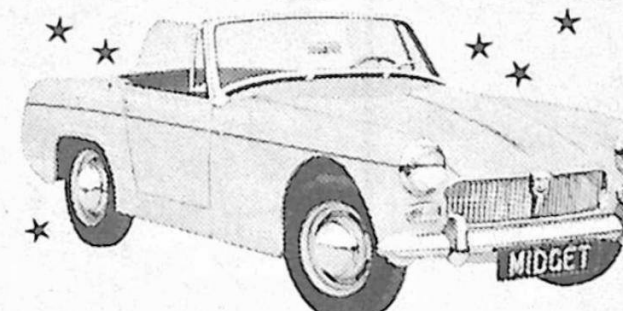
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