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Eight Officers and Six Airmen Receive Promotions at Station Comox



F/L Howden



F/L Lee



F/L Graham



F/L Jeffery



F/L Scott

New COPSO for Station Comox

Wing Commander Walter L. Drake has arrived at RCAF Stn Comox to assume the duties of Chief Operations Officer.

W/C Drake, a pilot, came to Comox from Moscow where he was Canadian Air Attache. Prior to going to Russia he had served as an Operations Officer at NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs, USA.

Including his wartime service in a "Mosquito" night fighter squadron overseas, W/C Drake has spent 14 of his 29 years' service outside Canada.

W/C and Mrs. Drake have taken up residence in Wallace Gardens, the Married Quarters Community adjacent to the Airport.



F/L Marsh



F/L Pattison



WO2 Ackland



F/S Bumby



W/C W. L. Drake

Armed Forces Day held in Victoria on 26th - 27th of June

On June 26th the first Tri-Service Armed Forces Day, in conjunction with annual celebrations, took place at Esquimalt, Victoria.

During the morning a parade and march past of men from all three services including 48 members from RCAF Station Comox took place.

At noon there was a beach clearing demonstration at Saxe Point. Included in this demonstration were Navy divers and a RCAF Labrador

helicopter crew. Following this there was a simulated Air/Sea rescue exercise conducted again with the Navy divers and the RCAF Helicopter and para-rescue team.

During the afternoon there was a commemoration ceremony held with Reeve A. C. Wurtele and Rear Adm. R. A. Sterling, Flag Officer Pacific Coast, unveiling a cairn commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Esquimalt Harbor. During the un-

veiling three CF 101 Voodoos and three P2V Neptunes staged a flypast.

On the following Sunday afternoon Utility Sqn., VU-33 held open house with static displays including a Neptune and an Albatross aircraft and a para-rescue layout.

Appreciation was extended to RCAF Station Comox by Rear Adm. Sterling and A/V/M Lister for our participation.

Promotions

On July 1st eight officers from RCAF Station Comox received their promotion from Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant. The list includes: from 409 Sqn. F/L Sibbert, Tech Tel; F/L Lee, Air/RN (AI); from 407 Sqn. F/L Graham, Air/RN RO; F/L Jeffery, Air/RN RO; F/L Marsh, Air/RN RO; F/L Scott, Air/RN LR; F/L Pattison, Air Pilot; and from 121 KU F/L Howden, Air Pilot.

The six Airmen promotions were: WO2 Ackland, Flt. Eng.; FS Bumby, Aero Eng.; FS Forman, Mse Ops; Sgt Simon, Cook; and Act Cpls Barry and Meyers, AFP.

The newspaper congratulates all of these men on the hard work and determination they have shown the RCAF.

We regret that photos of all personnel were not available.



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S/L Binq presenting certificate to Mr. Piercy

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Local Employees Retire

Two familiar faces are missing from the civilian personnel employed at the Headquarters Building, RCAF Station, Comox.

On June 23, Mrs. Hannah Wilson retired from her position at the Station Switchboard after 13 years service. She plans to reside in Royston. Mrs. Wilson is the wife of Mr. James Wilson and has two children.

The next day, Mr. J. Leslie Piercy retired from his work as a cleaner at the Headquarters. He had been employed in this capacity for 10 years. He plans to enjoy his leisure with his wife Jean, at their home on the Campbell River Highway. Mr. Piercy served in the Army overseas in the First World War.

Mr. Piercy is shown receiving his Certificate of Retirement from Squadron Leader Patrick S. Binq, Chief Administrative Officer, and Mrs. Wilson receives hers from

Charlie-Five celebrates birthday

A very special 15th birthday party was celebrated at RCAF Station Uplands, Ottawa, on June 21.

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To cut the cake at the birthday party held in the 412 Squadron hangar at Uplands, Sgt. "Beau" Beauchamp was called out of retirement.

Wing Commander Glenn M. Adamson, Chief Technical Services Officer at Comox.

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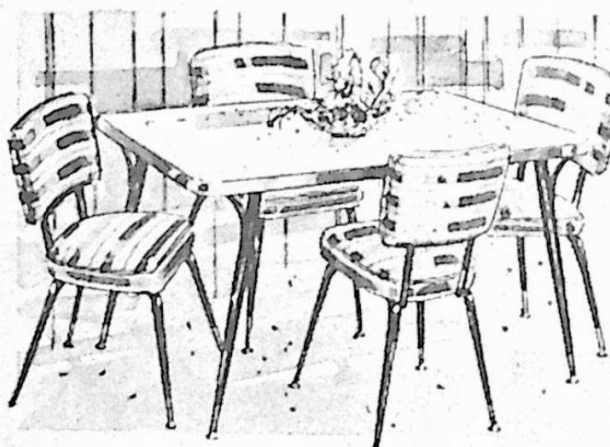
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BY BFTSK

The activities in the Sgts Mess have been greatly curtailed in the past two weeks. There have been a couple of get-togethers for WO2 Costin who is leaving for I Wing in the near future. Red and Grace will be missed around the Mess. Red for his joviality, congeniality, humour and what have you, Grace for her charming personality, and ability to organize the woman and get a difficult job done. These are qualities possessed by few, and in the Mess (and probably other Station and PMQ activities) these qualities will be greatly missed. A small gathering also said "Good by" to one of our ever-smiling bartenders, St. Pierre. He, also, will be missed. A smile and a bit of wit from a bartender at times in our Mess goes a long way.

The Sgts' Mess members and their dependents threw all their cares away and poured out to the Air Force beach for relaxation and a bit of fun on Thursday, 1 Jul 65. The children enjoyed the pop, ice cream, hot dogs and what-have-you. There were assorted type races with prizes of silver dollars, fifty-cent pieces, and quarters. The water was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Sgts Mess Stake-Out is still in the planning stage and details will be forthcoming. Watch for a flyer. Also in the planning stage is a get-together (STAG) for the Commanding Officer, G/C Ireland, before he leaves for Staff College.

The writer would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Sgts Mess, to welcome any Sgts, FSs, WOs to Stn Comox and our Mess. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy your stay here at Comox. To those who are leaving, we wish you all a happy and safe journey to your new homes and stations, wherever they may be.

Totem Inn Entertainment for July

Bar Hours — 0200 Saturdays.

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10 July — Bel Cantes, no food, no admission, reg. dress.

11 July — Versailles, no food, no admission, reg. dress.

17 July — Farewell dance, G/C Ireland, Frank Moore Quartet, chicken, 75c admission, reg. dress.

18 July — Bel Cantes, no food, no admission, reg. dress.

24 July — Beach party, Bel Cantes, hot dogs, no admission, beach dress.

25 July — Versailles, no food, no admission, reg. dress.

31 July — Mid-summer dance, Trend Styles, sweet and sour spareribs, 75c admission, reg. dress.

MOVIES

7 July — Dr. Strangelove — Peter Sellers.

14 July — Man from Diner's Club — Danny Kaye.

21 July — Pay or Die — Ernest Borgnine.

28 July — Horizontal Lieutenant — Jim Hutton.

Showtime 8 p.m.

SALMON DERBY — 17 and 18 July — Weigh in at Fire Hall. Closing 10 p.m. Sunday 2 prizes, largest and second largest. For information call Local 243 — LAC Covey.

Distemper is commonly considered a form of influenza.



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Comox Queen

At a meeting of the Comox Day Committee held on Tuesday evening, June 29, it was announced that a "Comox Day Queen" and two Princesses had been elected by

the students of Comox Junior Secondary School. Miss Elizabeth Verreett, 15, will be crowned on Comox Day, August 21. Her attendants will be Miss Janice Se-

guin, 15, and Miss Joan Kendrick, 16. Elizabeth is the daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. J. G. Verreett, Tyee Park; Janice is the daughter of WO2 and Mrs. B. A. Seguin, Croteau Beach; and Joan is the daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. J. E. Kendrick, Wallace Gardens.

Mr. Ron Ellis, who chaired the meeting, reported that plans were well underway for the day-long festivities which would include a band and honour guard from the Sea Cadets at HMCS "Quadra". It is not yet known if the cadets could perform their colourful "sunset ceremony".

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Terror and the Afterthought

We have become so accustomed to the daily record of death in our news media that we have developed mental blinkers to prevent the pain that is the root of compassion. We all agree that to allow the natural feeling for human life to hold sway would subject us to such a state of emotional chaos that normal living would be impossible. The crash of the CPA DC-6B is a case in point. We read and heard the accounts. We asked friends and acquaintances if they had heard. We wanted details. The smoke and fire were described. The tail fell off, the other part of the plane was more or less intact. Some bodies were still strapped in, their humanity burned beyond recognition. A man came to help and left in tears at the horror of it. Officials came to inspect, report, and conclude on the why. What had happened? A husband had lost a wife and child, a father his son, a mother her daughter, a friend a friend. When we shut ourselves out from feeling these facts we should remember a young woman in New York stabbed to death over a period of hours while upwards of 30 people watched. We should remember the man who had a heart attack in a populous suburb who lay for hours in his car only able to get the odd glass of water from children playing nearby. Compassion does not come from rejecting but accepting the natural feeling for life.

We who are directly involved in flight as a vocation find it more difficult to accept tragedies of this nature because they are closer to us. We are interested in the mechanism of the event; type of aircraft, speed, altitude, weather conditions, terrain, etc. But there is something more than the professional interest and the rejected pang of compassion. To a man who flies there is something inherently disturbing in a crashed aircraft. Perhaps that feeling has its roots in that impulse which impels a grown man who has flown thousands of hours to go to a window to look at a passing aircraft. The sights, sounds and sensations of flight are unique in combination but not individually. Perhaps it is the fact of being above everyone that creates this special feeling for aircraft and flight. As a result there is a certain disturbance, regret or fear or wonder, that accompanies the news that an aircraft has crashed.

In the case of this crash there is the possibility of sabotage. Possibly the most frustrating aspect of an event like that is the fact that a human will could choose randomly to destroy 52 others. When we consider that it takes one man to destroy the creation of hundreds of others and the lives of 52 it is a matter of wonder that man has come so far from anarchy. It also reminds us that we have not come that far.

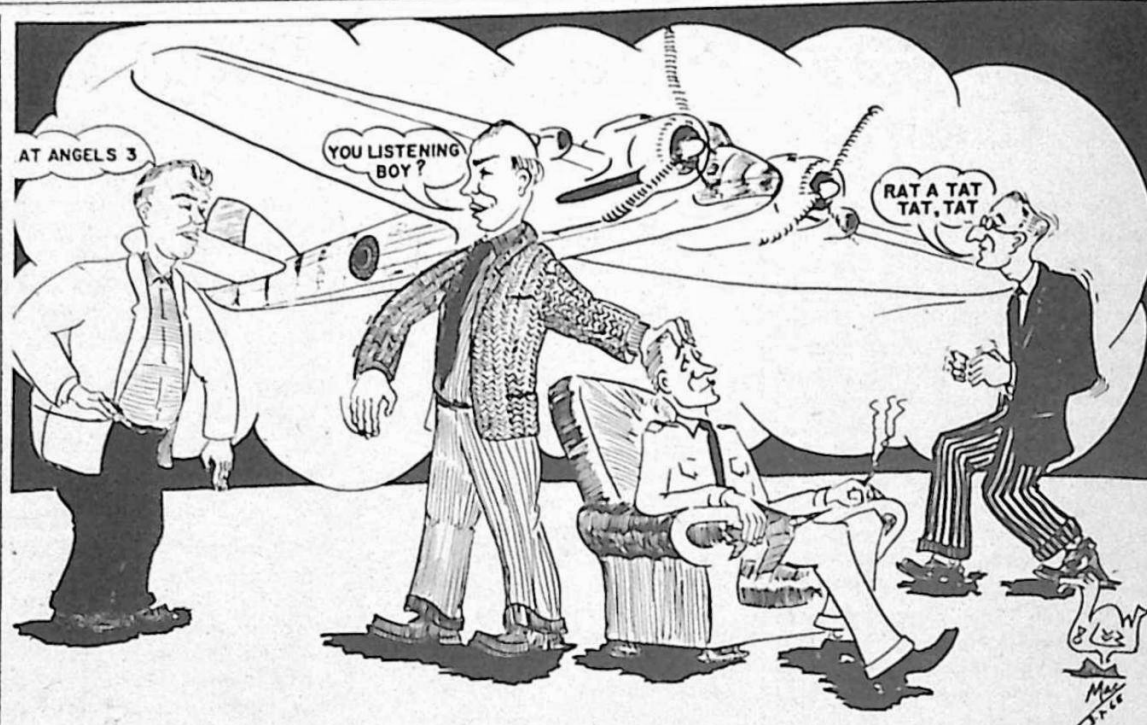
The question that poses itself is: "Shouldn't we accept our afterthoughts?" We suspect that a world in which we ignore the meanings and feelings of events will have its revenge on us when we look for understanding and compassion.

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Summer programme starts today but there is one change. Due to the school being repainted and the gym floor getting a facelift, we will only be able to operate on the sunny days as we can only work outside. I was also told that in the fall we will have one less room to operate in!

This is getting off the subject that I started out with but, WE NEED A COMMUNITY CENTRE, so let's pull for one! It would be a perfect project

for Centennial Year and, as you will find out this fall, we need it.

Now, I'll try that subject over again! The Summer Programme starts today, the fifth, and will not operate on rainy days. My office will be in the kitchen of (Continued on page 6)

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Hospital News

by LAC BRIAN TURNER

That Assistant Editor feller is bugging us again. I must agree, though, that it has been far too long since our last Hospital News appeared in this downright upstanding publication. (Or is it up-right downstanding — or upstand downwriting?)

I have to tell you about this Assistant Editor — he gets my nomination for "Most Persistent Assistant." We gave him a real hospital run-around — like the kind you are all so sure is carefully planned. He would come in to the MIR and say "I'm from the Totem Times and . . ." before he could state the purpose of his call we would have him started on an Aircrew annual medical. Well, one day after four or five medicals, an M.O. asked him to say "Ahh" and he blurted it out all over the tongue depressor — and soooo — here I am.

My thanks to F/L John Kuzyk for writing us up in a previous issue while I was away on course — it's all part of our therapy programme.

We recently said farewell to our Matron, F/L Pauline Shields. Everyone here wishes her and Hubby Roger the very best of luck in the future.

Bashes were also held for a couple of departing dental types, Cpls Pat McCoy and Ian McLean and for a Med A, Larry Switzer.

Others who are leaving soon —

121 On Tap

Well I don't know about the rest of you squadrons but we've got our new F/L Jim Howden week. Says he is going to become one of those scowling mean types. Do you know any other kind? Anyway congratulations to you Jim. There has been a bit of internal shuffling going on these days. Brian Atkin has taken over in practice flight and Dick Keith has joined transport flight. Hear there's a few more people shuffling their feet around, in more ways than one.

The para-rescue boys deserve a tip of the hat for their efforts in conjunction with the crash of the CPA DC-6. As soon as word of some trouble was received, a crew was dispatched with 3 jumpers on board. They were dropped at the crash scene immediately and aided in many not so pleasant ways.

Boat school has concluded another first officers course last week. It is understood that everyone managed to struggle through. The next course doesn't begin until the 17th of August but don't make the mistake of accusing them of doing nothing. Seems they're busy rewriting a good portion of the syllabus. It was suggested that they forego anything to do with water landings but this was frowned upon.

Well now that half the year has passed us by, we can reminisce and see what we have accomplished. We've had two major aircraft searches which is about par for the course. But there were at least half a dozen "near searches." That is, aircraft have been dispatched but recalled because the missing aircraft have been located. Missing person and mercy flights have increased over last year to 46 for 6 months. Marine searches are always the most numerous and this year has been no exception. There have been about 10 major searches for boats and dozens of smaller scale searches. Within the next couple of months there undoubtedly will be dozens of other marine searches.

Sgt Joe Mandin, a brand new Hygiene Technician, Cpl Carl Johnson, Lab Technician (and dirty wrestler) and LAC Pete Fuller, Hoboy, more parties! Best of luck boys, we shall miss you around here. Oops — just reminded (by Larry himself) that Cpl Larry Marcell, who operates a Fanny Bay shell game in his spare time, is also leaving soon — same best wishes, Mr. M.

We all congratulate F/L Dottie McClelland on her recent promotion, which apparently doesn't affect her status as the dishwasher in quarters. She complained that mention of her arrival here was clipped from the end of our last entry. (I suspect by a snarly assistant editor).

Some new names around the place are Cpl Barney Newport from Stn Pagwa (pag — wha??), Cpl Lou Cusson from Portage, P/O Steward who arrived, didn't like the barracks, so immediately got married, (it is said that he chopped down all the trees around his Kye Bay cottage when his bride mentioned that she would like to have a little SON), and finally, LAC John Drover from Cold Lake.

Speaking of sons — LAC Marc Bujold and wife Armande are celebrating the birth of their first.

That's about all the changes to date. The rest of us just sit around planning arrival and departure parties and telling rotten jokes — like the one about the new Med A who thought that Hepatitis is a loss of "hepatite." And you guys think YOU'RE sick?

That last part is clipping material, Snarly Assistant Editors!

Madurodam - Holland's Smallest City

by BOB BARLOW

When my wife and I visited Holland as we frequently did when in Europe, we looked over a map in an effort to locate Madurodam. However, we were unable to find it. The reason was quite simple. Madurodam is Holland's miniature city situated outside of The Hague.

As we were camping just outside of this city we decided to take a trip and see for ourselves all the wonders of this fascinating tourist attraction and learn a little of its background. After our arrival we discovered that Madurodam came into existence as the result of three circumstances. The first was that the Netherlands Student Sanatorium required money, not only for nursing, but for post-discharge care. This method followed along the lines adopted by the town of Beaconsfield England, which founded a miniature city and opened it for visitors, charging a small admittance fee.

The second circumstance was the willingness and preparedness of a Mr. and Mrs. JMC Maduro of Willemstad Holland, to make capital available for the building of the town, as a permanent memorial to their son George, whose bravery in 1940 during the German invasion of Holland earned him the country's highest award for bravery, the Willemsoorde Decoration (Military). He died in Dachau Concentration Camp near Munich.

The third circumstance was the co-operation of the Burgomaster, Aldermen and the city of The Hague generally who exhibited an example of initiative, assistance and guidance throughout the plan-

ning of this unusual attraction for the public.

It was interesting to learn that one Canadian contributed to this miniature city by giving a Canadian pine copse in memory of her son. This was Mrs. John E. Read, wife of a Canadian member of the International Court of Justice. Her son, John James Chitty Read was a member of the Governor General's Footguard. He fell at Falaise France in August 1944.

Madurodam was built to show the public how the typical Dutch town has developed through the centuries. The miniature castle for instance represents Oost Boorne Castle built around the year 1000 on the island of Voorne. Princess Beatrix is the Royal Burgomaster to this tiny city and it was she who performed the official opening on July 2, 1952. The quaint little city has all the picturesque beauty of other Dutch cities. It has windmills, canals, barges, ships, oil storage and even an airfield. It has shops but my wife and I could not enter them to shop, nor could we buy anything. It has theatres which are impossible to enter and churches, but no services are conducted in them. A few years ago this Lilliputian sized city drew a total

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On the C. E. Scene

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The CE Section called on 121 Squadron and its Voyageur helicopter to assist in lowering the 140 foot metal tower. John Grieve, CE electrician, climbed the 140 foot 12 inch triangular tower and lowered a rope, then pulled up a 1 inch steel cable and secured it to the top of the tower. The wind direction was constantly changing as the work progressed adding to the hazards of perching atop the tower.

After returning to terra firma John and the CE crew, under the supervision of WO2 Yendall, prepared to unfasten the base plate bolts of the tower as the Voyageur went aloft to take the slack. The guy wires fastened to the mid point of the tower were then freed from their anchors. The three remaining guy wires atop the tower and the helicopter kept it in a perpendicular position.

It was agreed that the three anchor pins would be driven free simultaneously with the Voyageur taking the weight of the tower.

With F/O L. Gibson directing ground operations via portable radio to the Voyageur crew, F/L R. B. Rasmussen and F/L D. M. Campbell, the signal was given to release the three guy wires. The helicopter took up the strain as the guy anchors were driven free; as luck would have it, only two of the pins were released at the same time causing the tower to veer over at a precarious angle. The remaining guy wire became taut and was finally freed, but not before the tower began to buckle and twist at the 100 foot level.

Once the tower was free the crew were prepared to

air lift it to Comox as planned. The damaged sections of the tower made it unsafe to carry out the airlift and the tower was eased to the ground, to be dismantled and brought out by truck.

The four sections damaged during the operation are repairable and the job was considered a success, thanks to the co-operation of 121's 'copter and crew.

Dependants Doings

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the school for July and August and the telephone number is 339-3743. Please do not confuse this with the school phone as it is separate. Also, it's an unlisted number so information will not give it to anyone.

Every Friday the parents are invited to view the work. Preferably from 2 to 3:30. In this space of time, the fun has begun! There were approximately 300 registered of which we have around 150 now. We have quite a few who have decided they would like to be Jr. Leaders but not all will make the grade. Only if they do a good job during the trial period as some, very obviously, are there to "have some fun." Parents, would you please make sure that your little 4, 5 and 6 year olds are here on time as they are taken to other playgrounds. For those who are late because of swimming lessons, there will be someone to take them.

We have some excellent quality T-shirts, valued at \$1.50 wholesale, on sale for the tremendous price of \$1.00. By tremendous I mean they are a very good buy! Give me a call or go up to the Dry Canteen and see them.

Egads! I've been informed that it's time to do some "winter thinking" and the plans should

Detachment 5 News

Psst! Hey, buddy! Know a good remedy for fallen arches and tired feet? You do? Good! I got these four guys, see, NCO's from Det 5, who could sure use any help you can give.

What they did is walk about 18 and a half miles playing 101 - that's right - 101 holes of golf. The footsore foursome was MSgt Walter R. Turner, TSgt John W. McGinty Jr., SSgt George Broadnax, and SSgt Edward R. Darreff.

These are really dedicated golfers, buddy. The first man, MSgt Turner, teed off at 4:37 a.m., and the last putt dropped in at 8 p.m. If that's not a record for this part of the world, I'll eat my golf cart.

They turned in some pretty fair scores too. MSgt Turner shot 528, TSgt McGinty a 515, SSgt Darreff a 514 and SSgt Broadnax went around in 432. Not too bad considering these are scratch scores over a 394 total par.

Scores were pretty consistent throughout the match. First and last nine hole scores totaled up like this: Turner, 46 and 51; McGinty, 49 and 46; Darreff 44 and 48; and Broadnax, 38 and 36.

Have you heard about that coffee that's good to the last drop? Reminds me a lot of these golfers. After playing 100 holes, they decided to play one more just for kicks, and three of them parred the hole while SSgt Broadnax birdied it. (A birdie, for you water skiers, is one under par).

I don't think those fellows could have made it without a lot of moral support from the finest group of caddies this side of the Atlantic. Lt. Billy Joe Womack, SSgt Jim Funkhouser, Ray Norte, and Lloyd Locke, and Airmen Nephi Simmons and John Clayton.

Anyway, this caper is over, but it brings lots of possibilities to mind. Suppose on one of these weekends while we are still having these 1-o-n-g British Columbia summer days, we all get together and tee off as soon as the first bird starts to chirp, and don't quit until it's too dark to find the balls. Shades of a dange marathon! Maybe the Roaring 20's are coming back!

100,000 watch parade

Crowd estimates went as high as 100,000 spectators and many thousands more watched on a coast-to-coast TV hookup as the first National Armed Forces Day was observed with a parade in Ottawa June 12. Soldiers, sailors and airmen marched to the tune of nine bands while equipment the forces use or will obtain passed in review.

Prime Minister Pearson took the salute.

Start forming. Oh, boy. Always one jump ahead they say, but it seems to me that sometimes everyone around sort of takes a leap ahead of the plans!

All the happy little "Tads" have come from the other playground a little early so we must keep them busy. Hope everyone is saving their garbage for our craft projects. You'd be amazed at the uses.

Anyone who has children's story books around that they have no more use for, we would appreciate having them donated for use in a Story Hour for the pre-schoolers starting in the Fall. We would also appreciate any old crayons that you have laying around.

Demon Doins

It all started on a bright sunny morning on the 25th of June. The 407 All Weather Maritime Patrol Interceptor Squadron Olympic Games were just getting underway. The golf tournament and the fishing derby were to be the highlights. The day went on with competitors of all calibre.

With the day over, the judges began to assemble all the points to decide upon the winners, while elsewhere stories were circulating about the one that got away and the near holes in one.

On the following night at the Squadron Dance, the prizes were given to the winners. F/O Nunnikhoven won first prize in the fishing derby.

In the golf tournament FS Vivian won the low net with a striking 71 and Cpl. Bailay came out with a 74 to take the low gross. Mrs. Donaldson came out with flying colors with the low gross on the women's side with an astonishing 115. Congratulations to all the winners on behalf of the squadron.

You might find the squadron a bit empty, it is only because a few of the crews are on leave. I finally found John Sefton's address on leave. Try the Comox Golf Club if you're looking for him.

The retiring room for flyers and non flyers alike, so commonly called the "Snake Pit", has of late been filled (Continued on page 10)

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MSE Headlights

by DIPSWITCH

After a spell of personnel leaving the MSE Section we are progressing to the plus side of the ledger. Recent arrivals to the Section are Sgt. Paton MSEOP (known to all as Pat) reporting from St. Huberts Que., LAC Sutherland, MSEOP, from St. Huberts, LAC Monckton, MSEOP from Holberg; LAC Brown, MSE Tech from Puntzi Mountain B.C. and FS Begley from AMCHQ Ottawa, Ont. To each and his family the MSE section extends a welcome to sunny British Columbia. We sincerely hope that you enjoy your stay here.

Don't forget the MSE Section Fishing Derby (salmon) and Wiener Roast at the Airforce Beach, Saturday, 10 Jul 65. The fishing derby will commence at daylight and end at 1900 hrs. The weigh-in will take place at MSE Despatch at 2000 hrs. Instead of trophies there will be three gift certificates of \$10, \$7 and \$5 respectively and also a prize donated by the MSEOP for the hidden weight. There will be a charge of 50¢ per person attending, either or both of these functions. This is to cover vi-ners, buns, etc. Bring your own refreshments and musical instruments.

Air Traffic Control News

By WO2 RM SCOTT
THE DEVELOPMENT OF
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

(Second in a Series)

With the addition of GCA in 1948, the Flying Control Trade, as it was known then, entered a decade of change and development. The addition of radar introduced a more positive and faster form of control, and provided a

WORDS OF WISDOM

(By Safety Sam)

With the outdoors season upon us, lives could be saved if everyone learns the applicable call for help. "Maidez" or "help me" in French, Anglicized to "Mayday" on radio phone. Groups of three are the basis for international distress calls. SOS is three dots, three dashes, three dots. With a flashlight, practise making three short flashes, pause, three long flashes, pause, three short flashes. In shooting it is three evenly-spaced shots repeated every half hour. This signal is more effective after dark, when hunting has ceased for the day. Boating: upside down ensign or three toots of whistle or foghorn. Hiking: three spaced fires at night or three smoke fires by day. Water skiing: hand of skier palm out.

much more interesting and worthwhile career field.

Prior to the acquisition of GCA, Air Traffic Controllers functioned mainly as air traffic policemen, with a somewhat parochial attitude toward the actual flying program. Most of the flying was of a visual nature (within sight of the ground) since relatively few pilots had the training and practical experience required for instrument flying, out of contact with visual reference points.

The Berlin air lift provided proof that qualified radar controllers could greatly increase the volume of traffic which could be landed safely. During this phase of the "cold war", the Berlin airdrome handled one landing every five minutes, 24 hours a day for a period of months. This figure does not seem impressive unless the weather is taken into consideration. According to records, visibility for several days of the period was under one half mile. The success of the Berlin air lift must have provided a considerable stimulus (if any was needed) to the further development of a world-wide scale of air traffic control using radar procedures and equipment.

GCA in the RCAF were provided initially at Edmonton (48), Trenton (49), Fort Nelson (49) and St. Hubert, functioning briefly as a school during '49 and '50. Other units were later established at Whitehorse, Gimli, Portage, Saskatoon and Comox. GCA training in Canada was undertaken at London (Dorval) and St. Hubert briefly and in that order later at Aylmer, Ontario and finally at Camp Borden. The first qualified RCAF controllers were trained at San Bernardino, Cal. in July, '57, and for several years courses were provided at Biloxi, Miss. The decision to establish a full-time GCA school as a part of the School of Flying Control (now School of Air Traffic Control, Camp Borden) was not immediately forthcoming. Of the first ten qualified radar controllers who took the course at San Bernardino only two are still in the service - both warrant officers.

The Korean air lift accentuated the need for enlargement of Air Transport Command. Transport type aircraft mainly RCAF North Stars proved invaluable during this crisis, carrying a much larger payload, on a more favourable time than the slower, underpowered C54's which were the workhorses of the USAF at the time.

Again GCA responded with notable results. USAF radar units in Alaska and the Aleutians provided the margin of safety without which the air lift to Korea would have been extremely hazardous and would doubtless have resulted in losses of men, material and valuable time.

As it was, the RCAF did participate in the largest air search up to that time - "Operation MIKE", for a lost C54 enroute to Fairbanks, Alaska. The crashed aircraft was not discovered for several years - at the foot of a mountain at Whitehorse in a deep gorge.

In all these activities air traffic control played an important role, and one which provided the experience and spade work for future developments, particularly in the field of radar.



G/C IRELAND being presented with a farewell gift by Cpl. Percy Mulholland, PMC of the Cpl's Club.

Corporals Club News

The club held a goodbye stag for Group Captain Ireland on the 18th of June. During the course of the evening our PMC, Percy Mulholland presented Group Captain Ireland with a small token of our appreciation, a travel bar, the ideal gift for all Group Captains and Corporals.

There is no scheduled entertainment for the club this weekend but for all you people who wish to get away from the heat drop into the lounge and enjoy a cool drink among friends. If this isn't what you want bring your friends with you and hold a party, it sure saves on the furniture at home. If you play a piano, use the club's. If you play any other musical instrument bring it along, or leave it at home and dance to records.

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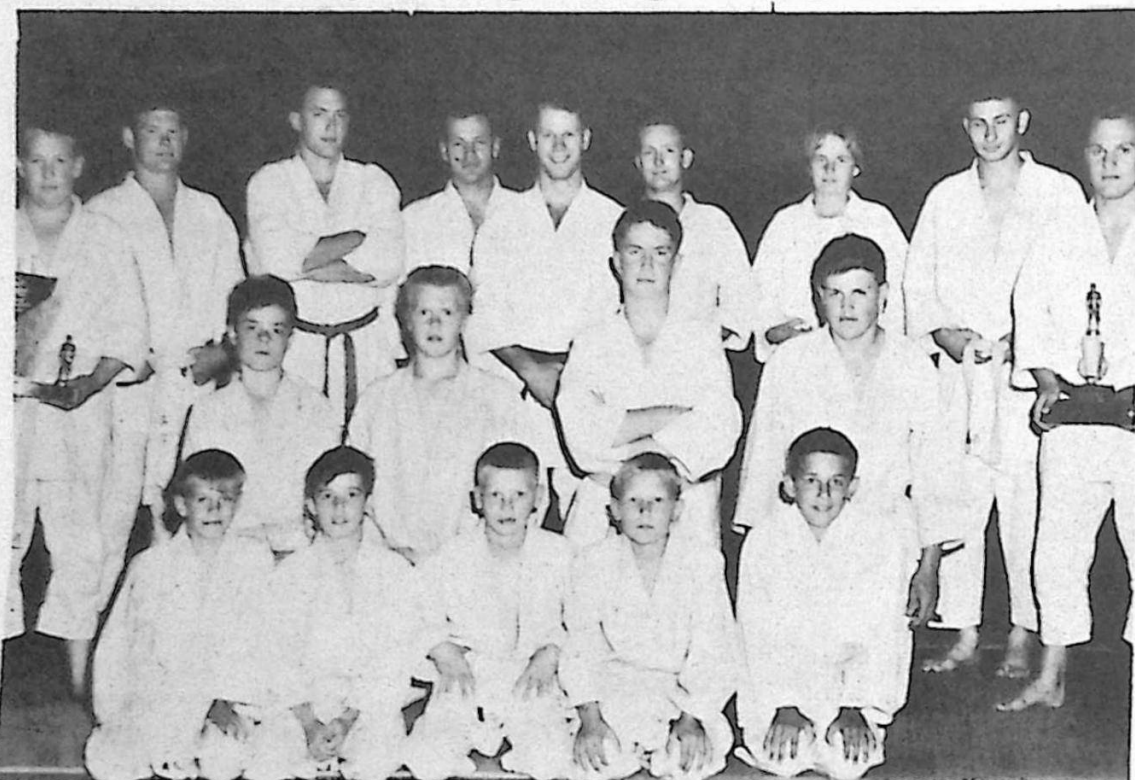
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Judo Club News



The station judo club last week presented trophies to two very surprised and deserving members. The junior award was presented to the person in the club who has made the most progress during the past year as well as displaying all around good sportsmanship. It was a difficult award to give out as the competition was keen between Bruce Balfour and Ken Milne with Ken finally getting the trophy. The other award is to the individual, RCAF or civilian, who has done the most to promote judo on the station. This was won by our hard working secretary and junior class instructor LAC Ed Ball. Ed has devoted a great deal of time and energy to the juniors and proved to be a first class instructor; a small thank you for a job well done.

The juniors on the Station and Robb Road clubs have been graded and the following are the promotions: To 6th Kyu (white) are Duncan Brown, Gary Stevenson and Frank Lloyd; to 5th Kyu (yellow) Scott Fraser, Llewellyn

Purnell, Ken McRae, Don Stewart; to 4th Kyu (orange) Ken Milne, Bruce Balfour and Brian Moncrief.

The club is busily getting ready for the arrival of Mr. Nagashi Uryu, 4th degree black belt of Kelo University, Japan. Mr. Uryu, who is one of the most highly qualified judo experts ever to visit Canada, is being employed by B.C. Judo players to raise the standard and calibre of judo in this province. Classes will be run from Monday thru Friday, starting July 26. This will be a real shot in the arm for local judo players as well as the hardest most condensed training program any of them will ever have without

Van's Verbality

TO COIN A PHRASE

A fellow asked me recently, "Are you interested in numismatics?" "I'm not sure," said I, "do you eat or wear it?" "No!" he explained, "I mean coin collecting." If I was a keen at coin collecting as some of my anxious creditors are in bill collecting I would have a treasure trove.

Nevertheless, coin collecting seems to be the rage these days. Many people have catalogues advising of the wonderful opportunities to cash in with this hobby. Everytime I get any more than six kinds of nickels together, I am "conned" into paying for the newspaper or some other trivial household account. So I've abandoned the coin collecting business. I am no doubt letting a lot of valuable ducats slip through my fingers but only because I am a victim of circumstance. In any event I am quite willing to let my coins go at face value.

I'll bet if a fellow could bail out one of those old wishing wells where every one has thrown a coin in some time or other, just to please a girl friend and make her curious as to what he had wished, there would be some dandy coins unearthed. Probably a lot of slugs and buttons too!

The lowly pennies and nickels get a careful scrutiny these days. In the good times of the doubloons and gold rust, we weren't involved with all this nonsense.

The part that makes me

Pee Wee Baseball

It was a rainy start and a gloriously hot ending. Again the Blackhawks were victorious but look out next year fella's. As there were only 3 teams from PMQ's this year we decided to take in a team from Comox to make everything even. This seemed to work out very well and I think we will have our work cut out for us next season, judging by the talk I've heard.

COMETS

Coaches: LAC Watt, LAC DeLong. Players: Jimmie Noonan, Mark Ehman, Gerry Comar, Grant Steadman, Daniel Dunbar, Alan Lewis, Mike Noonan, Barry Steadman, James Hawkins, Ken Comar, David Reid, Lloyd Franks, Allister MacIntosh, David Gialster, Grant Edwards, Robert Webb.

Coaches: LAC Pearcey, Cpl. Landsburg.

Players: Mike Birch, Barry Craig, Russ Yates, Terry Rutherford, Norman Leuzler, Bill Hope, Mike Bellefeuille, Greg Moore, Paul Douglas, Terry Bailey, John Hershey, Alex Carruthers, Garnett Tim Mooney, Gary Ditchburn.

Coaches: Cpl. McPhee, Sgt. Armstrong.

Players: Gordon Clark, Ricky Ackland, Mark Rouse, Pat Kendrick, Billy Grandage, Keith Manning, Paul Dingman, Billy Ackland, Mike Smith, David Rushton, George Cartwright, Ross Miller, David Blythe, Llewellyn Purnell, John Monohan, Michael Geneau.

feel bad is when you pass coins to someone in payment for merchandise or service, they examine them and perhaps find one they have been seeking. Their eyes light up and they leer at you as they tuck the coin safely away where it won't get mixed with other change and get spent. I always feel that I have been taken.

Oh well! Maybe one of these days I will stumble upon a windfall through some other medium that doesn't require me to carry a catalogue in an inside pocket. If my great grandfather had kept his money in the proverbial sock instead of sinking it in brew-y stock, I might have had some old coins; and some new

Sports by Stan

SOFTBALL

With Inter-section and Inter-mess leagues drawing to the end of the season, formation of a station team is well underway. Players who have registered their names during the first practise are requested to continue coming out so that a team can be picked. The Station team has been scheduled to play in the B.C. finals at Holberg on the 10th and 11th of July. The winner of this playoff will compete in the Zone one finals to be held in Kamloops 17 and 18 July. Anyone else who wishes to try out for the Station Team is requested to attend practises held every Wednesday at 1630 hours on Diamond no. 1.

Inter-section League standing as of 5 July 65

	W	L	T	Pts.
Headquarters	10	2	0	20
Armament	9	3	0	18
Teens	8	2	1	17
121 G	7	4	1	15
409 G	7	5	0	14

Stan's Slants

The people up in Postings and Careers are causing havoc to the Rec. Staff. F/L Steadman has retired from the Service and has taken up residence in the local area.

As to this date he has made no plans for the future, just plans to take it easy for awhile. Cpl. Stevens has departed for Portage la Prairie a shock to Steve when all along he expected to go to Clinton, Ont. On the day he went to pick up his clearances, they notified him of the change in transfer. Oh well, wherever you are Steve, best of luck. Max Premisler packed his bags, including his new wife, and bid bon voyage to sunny B.C. to take up his new post on the Sandy coast of the St. Lawrence River at Station Moisie, P.Q. No sooner had Max left when Scott Fuller was transferred to Station Dana. Stn. Dana is situated in Sask., and is approximately 35 miles northeast of Saskatoon (Just a bit of info for those who may be going up there.) One thing good about all these transfers is the farewell parties. In the past few weeks parties were held like they were going out of style.

Cpl. John Drummond has joined the staff here in Comox after spending two years in Moisie. It is hoped that he and his wife enjoy their stay in Comox. F/L D. Hill is expected in very shortly to replace F/L Steadman.

ones too! However, such wasn't the case. If beer had been bottled in those days and capped, I would have one of the largest collections of bottle caps you have ever seen.

No! I am not a numismatist. I don't have coins or examine them either, other than to establish the denomination. Some times I am not too bright in this direction either as every once in a while someone slips an old Newfoundland 20 cent piece or a shilling over on me for a quarter. But maybe there is some hope for me as I haven't taken any wooden nickels yet!

How about that!

USAF	6	6	0	12
409/121 A	4	7	0	8
407 A	1	12	0	2

Inter-mess League standing as of 5 July 65

Cpls. Club	10	2	0	20
Totem Inn	8	4	0	16
Sgt's Mess	5	6	0	10
Officer's	0	11	0	0

GOLF

Zone One Golf playoffs held in Namao on the 22 and 23 June are as follows:

1. Namao — 1002; 2. Comox — 1041; 3. Cold Lake — 1145; 4. Penhold — 1151; 5. Alaskan — 1236; 6. Whitehorse — 1288.

Low gross was F/L Edwards, 78, 77, 36-hole total 155 and runner-up was LAC Andrews 84, 74, 36-hole total 158, both members of the Namao team. Station Namao will represent zone one in the RCAF Dominion Championships to be held at Station Summerside on the 11th, 12th and 13th August.

Members of the Station Comox team are to be commended for their fine skill and sportsmanship, and for placing second out of six teams.

FISHING

As mentioned in the previous issue, fishermen are needed to compete in the Tri-service Salmon Derby. The derby will be held here on the 23, 24 and 25 July. Twelve names are required, 4 Officers, 4 Senior NCO's, and 4 other ranks. Registrations are being taken now at the Rec office. Drop in and have a chat with the Rec Staff. We'll tell you about the big ones that got away!

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Demon Doins
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with a batch of unsung flying aces. We have a full choice of colors. You'd be surprised at the discussions that come out of there; a/c flying habits and problems, WWII fighter approach procedures, more recently the problems

of air traffic control procedures and limitations vs energetic pilot habits has taken the fore. After hours of discussion the Bud Sterlings issued form the "wild blue yonder," or what we could call the eccentric drivers were asked to prove their theories. Telephone calls couldn't solve the argument. A test flight was scheduled for the next day. Apparently the discussion was never solved due to the absence of one party.

Last week a PSM from VP 48 of Norris was hosted by the squadron and crew 4 was the host crew for the week-end.

We have to say, with regret, goodbye to some of the fellows on the squadron in the coming weeks. F/L Carroll has been transferred to Ottawa, F/O Jacobson is going to Val d'Or, Quebec, and F/L Patterson is returning to university and civilian life.

Madurodam

(Continued from page 5)

of 750,000 visitors from all over the world.

It has a municipal council composed of 30 boys and girls elected annually from the pupils in the schools in The Hague. This council selects from among its members the deputy burgomaster and aldermen. A large income is derived from the admission price paid by visitors and local people, but all the profits go to "The Netherlands Students Sanatorium at Laren."

It was interesting to walk through the promenade leading in and around this miniature city. Its total length is two miles. At night the little city is illuminated with 26,000 lamps. There are over 18 miles of low voltage cables and 1 and one half miles of high voltage cables used to supply electricity. We learned of the painstaking work involved in discovering that 180,000 screws were used in building the 2 1/2 mile railroad track. 174 Dutch firms aided in various ways in making a success of this Fairland venture.

A tour of Madurodam is akin to a journey back to the days of one's childhood. All the dreams, fascinations, wonders and delights of those days are contained, not

only for children, but for adults as well. We found that the best way to see this wonderland was to walk across the town walls, which then gives one the impression of seeing the entire city. The old castle where the river Maduro branches out and flows to the sea is there to behold. You can see the miniature steamships, barges and other river craft. Along the shore are miniature dry-docks, oil refineries, fishing places and various industries. As visitors we walked along some of the wider streets. Toy pedestrians, cyclists and motorists are on some of the narrower ones. Strolling about one can see tiny department stores, theatres, and various other shops. Near a tiny Reformed Church the choir may be heard. Within this city is a Portuguese Synagogue. It is a replica of the actual building in The Hague.

We saw an actual model of "De Bijenkorf" (Bee Hive) the largest and most beautiful department store in Rotterdam. They even had a miniature "Grote Kerk," the Dutch Reformed Church of Middelburg just as it was before it

was destroyed in World War II. We considered one of the feature attractions was the little city's canal bordered by miniature palatial homes. It is a copy of such a canal and homes in Heeren-gracht in the city of Amsterdam. Dutch bakeries, taverns, windmills and a water pumping station are also there to be studied and marvelled at.

The pumping station built just like the large ones throughout Holland actually controls the flow of water through the canal gates. On the outskirts of this tiny city is a Frisian Farm and in the tiny port rides a replica of the 21,000 ton "Willem Ruys," flagship of the Royal Rotterdam Lloyd and other ships at anchor.

There are other replicas of coast steamers, two tugs and three craft from the Royal Dutch Navy. A large efficient staff keep this tiny city in full operation and proper order for the hundreds of thousands of visitors who like us, marvel at the ingenuity of the Dutch planners.

Madurodam is much, much more than just a memorial to a gallant Dutch soldier — when visited it brings back memories of childhood to those who long ago had forgotten those carefree days.

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Firemen win bowling tournament

Congratulations to the boys of RCAF Stn. Comox Fire Department (especially No. 2 crew), who on the 25 June 65 were guests of the Sydney Vol. Fire annual Van. Island Fire Dept. Bowling Championship.

The fellows came through with flying colours and for the first time brought the trophy to the RCAF Fire Hall. This fine trophy was won with a total pinfall of 5887 (five games). The names of the fellows who represented the hall were: Bob McConnell, Vic Foggitt, Willy Williams, Merv Ireland (Capt.), Nick At the presentation, which was held in the Sydney Fire Dept., a lunch was served by the wives of the firefighters of Sydney. Congratulations fellows!

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Unfortunately, it all happened too fast to get the license number; but if the driver of that car is reading this article instead of his obituary, I hope his conscience is a little bit disturbed, if not for his own sake, at least for the sake of his passenger, the unsuspecting hitch-hiker.

But drivers are not the only menace on our streets and highways. The other day I was descending from Courtenay's first stop light toward the bridge and observed a little old lady, (who could have been mistaken for anyone's kindly old grandmother), standing on the left curb as if to cross. Anticipating this possibility, I coasted forward, foot lightly resting on the brake until approximately 25 feet away. Seeing no further intent from the dear soul, I moved from brake to gas and gently accelerated. At this moment, "Granny" suddenly decided on action and briskly began striding across the intersection. Although I would have been well clear of the corner before she and I would have met, I felt sure the law would not be on my side so I brought my faithful '51 to a sudden and jarring halt before the intersection. Surveying the tumble of five young bodies in the back and one with a slightly bumped forehead in front, I mopped a suddenly damp brow with relief and with Herculean patience breathed to Granny as she passed in front, "gosh, lady, not quite

such a sudden decision next time, please!" In the next instant, Grandmothers and all little old ladies the world over lost their charm for me for evermore. Her only answer was a glaring look of utter disdain, almost of haughtiness, and a jerking of her head and hand downward to the obvious and protective diagonal yellow lines beneath her.

And now, having so harshly spoken of drivers and pedestrians, a kinder word about baseball coaches, umpires and organizers, Little League, that is.

It's not that they don't get paid, or that they're necessarily subject to criticism from all corners, or that there's no real, tangible recognition of their services, or that they weren't badgered or pushed into the responsibility, it is that they did such a spanking good job of it, and the league is better because of them.

Well, the season's faded for another year, I hope the memory of those who contributed so much of their free time and effort, and made it possible, hasn't.

Congratulations and thanks to you all.

Current newspaper headlines are still much concerned with the problems caused by "teen-age gangs" and "young hoodlums". This space, last issue, was concerned with it, too. Locally we have some problems, but this for another issue.

Just as a closing thought, it occurs to me that society's biggest mistake is the erroneous conception that has crept in slowly over the past 20 years that "young adults" are more than what they really are, and consequently are being prematurely hastened, on their own, toward the responsibilities of manhood and womanhood. But young adults, or teenagers, are exactly that, young and, so far, inexperienced, to be guided toward their eventual maturity and not given their heads to find it, floundering, on their own.

Then again, maybe it hasn't just crept in.

Maybe we adults just don't care.

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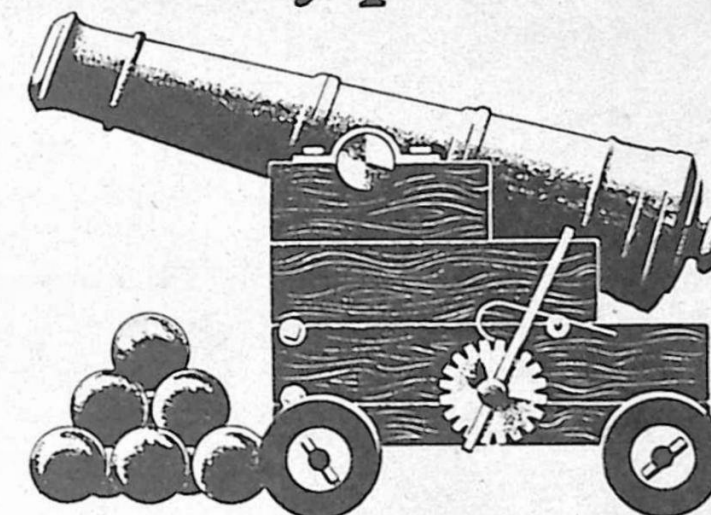
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