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## 407 Demon Squadron Returns After Twelve Day Deployment



First arrivals being greeted by VP-2 hosts

The 407 Maritime Patrol (Demon) Squadron has returned to Comox from a two week deployment at Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington. The Demon Squadron was one of the participating elements in the joint U.S.-Canadian Exercise designated Button Hook.

Exercise Button Hook was designed to test the operational readiness of units having coastal defence and anti-submarine responsibilities within the Western Sea Frontier. The Western Sea Frontier is an anti-submarine defence zone which stretches along the Pacific Coast from Central America to Alaska. The Canadian Maritime Command Pacific is responsible for the security of the West Coast of Canada and 407 Squadron based at RCAF Station Comox on Vancouver Island is the only Canadian anti-submarine squadron in the Western Sea Frontier.

Operating from Whidbey Island, in conjunction with 407 Squadron, were USN Patrol Squadron Two and USN Reserve Detachment Bravo with crews from all over the USA. All units were equipped with Lockheed P2V Neptune aircraft.

The USN supplied the "enemy" missile launching submarines to provide training in the locating and tracking of unidentified submarines during peacetime as well as evaluation of advanced anti-submarine techniques. The missile launching submarine is a formidable threat and it is only through realistic anti-submarine exercises that 407 Squadron can maintain a high capability in detection and destruction of this elusive quarry.

Moreover, 407 Squadron demonstrated the mobility, flexibility and effectiveness of a combat ready unit. The Demons flexed their operational muscles and once again proved the aircraft a lethal adversary for the submarine.

The tedious over-water sorties, tense hours of ready alert and the twelve hour work day of the groundcrews were rewarded by a performance second to none.



Aircraft on the tarmac "at the ready"



Top level meeting of the operational chiefs



121 offered tactical support during exercise



Briefing of Canadian and American crews



What a way to repair aircraft!!!





**PRESENTATION CEREMONY** was held at RCAF Station Comox recently at which nine airmen were honoured. Awarded were five Canadian Forces Decorations, signifying 12 years service, three first clasps to the Canadian Forces Decoration awarded in recognition of 22 years meritorious service, and a Certificate of Award, which also carried with it a cheque from the Suggestions Awards Committee, for a suggestion that will create considerable savings to the Crown. Shown in the photograph are, front row (l. to r.): Cpl. G. L. Budgell, Sgt. D. C. Roberts, G/C R. S. Turnbull, Commanding Officer of RCAF Station Comox, FS M. S. Denton and LAC W. K. H. Knudson. Rear row: Cpl. M. LeBrun, Cpl. T. W. Bangay, Cpl. R. McGrath, LAC L. G. Gardner and LAC E. C. Carter. Receiving first clasps were: Cpl. McGrath, Cpl. Budgell and FS Denton. Awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration were: Cpl. LeBrun, Cpl. Bangay, LAC Gardner, Carter and Knudson. Sgt. Roberts was awarded the Certificate.

## MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN

The New Year is already one month old, but probably most of us are still paying for the last one.

There are at least three effective ways to keep out of the red at Christmas time, according to Art Mellin, manager of the Courtenay branch of the Bank of Montreal.

"You can follow the Scrooge technique and just ignore the holiday. But it's not the best way to win friends and influence people. You're not likely to have much fun, either," he adds.

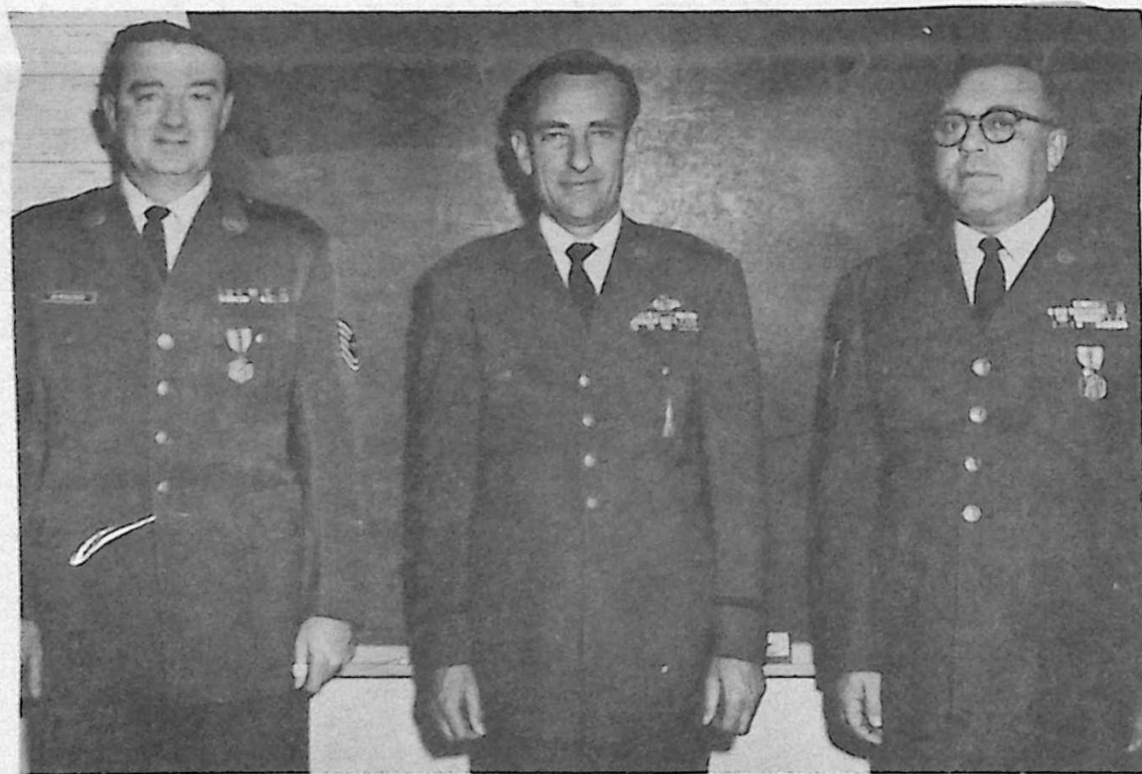
"Another way, and perhaps the best method, is to plan ahead and have sufficient to cover the additional expenses. This can be achieved with a special Bank of Montreal Christmas Account."

However, as Mr. Mellin points out, "this is hard for most people to do, so we find that an effective convenient way is to borrow money to pay off last year's bills."

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**TSGT PATRICK BOWDRIDGE** (left) and **TSGT James Clobaugh** (right) were presented the Air Force Commendation Medal recently by Lt. Colonel Herbert C. Burton, Commander of the 425th Munitions Maintenance Squadron, Stewart AFB, New York for their outstanding service during the period from 1961 through 1965.



**FILL 'ER UP DOC.** — Tigers may often be seen at filling stations these days but it's rarely you see a tiger getting a filling at a service station. However, it did happen recently at RCAF Station Comox, where the tiger mascot of 439 (Recco) Squadron, had a chipped tooth filled by Army dentist Major Yosh Kamachi, New Westminster, B.C., and Air Force dental assistant Leading Airwoman Sandra Kirley, Edmonton, Alta. The Army has been filling the dental needs—and teeth—of airmen since 1939 and everyone agrees with "Fang" that the arrangement is the integrity-atest. Quipped receptionist F/O Scott Clements of Scarborough, Ont. who held the patient's paw, "It's different, denture think?" (Canadian Forces Photo)

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## Air Marshal C. R. Dunlap visits Comox



Air Marshal C. R. Dunlap saying farewell to G/C R. S. Turnbull

Air Marshall Dunlap visited RCAF Station Comox last Monday. This is the first visit to Comox by the Deputy Commander of NORAD since taking over his new post in August of 1964. His itinerary included a visit to 409 Squadron, tour of the station, and a luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

Air Marshall Dunlap, second in command to U.S. Air Force General Dean C. Strother, is the senior Canadian member of NORAD; a bi-national force of over 200,000 personnel includ-

ing elements of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Royal Canadian Air Force.

Air Marshal C. R. Dunlap was born in Sydney Mines, N.S. After attending Acadia University and the Nova Scotia Technical College he joined the RCAF in 1928.

For a number of years prior to the war Air Marshal Dunlap was engaged in the RCAF's aerial photography work. At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was serving as Director of Arma-

ment at Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, an assignment he filled for three years.

In 1943 he took command of a medium bomber wing engaged in daylight operations as part of the newly-formed 2nd Tactical Air Force. He flew on 35 operational trips while commanding the wing, which, besides scoring outstanding successes against German V-1 and V-2 sites, operated in support of Allied ground forces. He was awarded the American Silver Dart in recognition of his work in supporting USA ground forces.

Air Marshal Dunlap was appointed Commandant of the National Defence College, Kingston, Ont., in August 1951, a post he held until August 1954 when he was appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff. In June 1958 he took over as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), where he was later appointed Assistant Chief of Staff.

In April 1962 the Minister of National Defence announced the appointment of Air Marshal Dunlap as Chief of the Air Staff, to be effective September 15, 1962. He held that post until August 1964 when he was appointed as Canada's senior member of NORAD.

## A/V/M Lister makes farewell visit



A/V/M M. Lister speaking with G/G R. S. Turnbull

### AIR OFFICER VISIT

Air Vice Marshall Murray Lister, Air Officer Commanding Air Defence Command, visited our station on the 28th of January to attend a Mess Dinner held in his honour prior to his retirement from the RCAF later this year. The AOC visited Holberg during his busy schedule, and also found time to make an interesting extemporaneous talk to 409 Squadron. A V M

Lister was accompanied by members of his staff, one of whom, the Staff Officer Accounts and Finance, gave an interesting, if wholly uncomprehensible, discussion on pay raises.

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## Experts...

They're at it again. All the experts, that is. They've been able to read a newspaper that nobody else has read and the little information they garnered makes them incandescent with the fuel of argument. They know the inside dope on the F-5. Integration poses them no dilemma; they're able to spot its strengths and weaknesses and are proud to enumerate them. The pay raise? Promotion policy? Permanent commissions or CFR procedure? Got it solidly, man.

They're the ones who know what that annoying knock is in your car engine when you give them a ride to work. Or how much grain neutral spirits there is in rye whiskey. What was wrong with the particular set of golf clubs you thought you got a bargain on last summer. Why you caught so few salmon. Which stock to play in the market. When and with whom we're going to war.

They operate from a base of exuberant confidence. They have friends in Postings and Careers, freezers full of oily salmon, golf handicaps of three, large cars, and unhappy wives.

The word is that they can't inherit the earth, though.

## SPRING CLEANING

When we were wee lads our parents used to clean and paint our homes every spring. At that time home was definitely not the place to be, especially if work was involved.

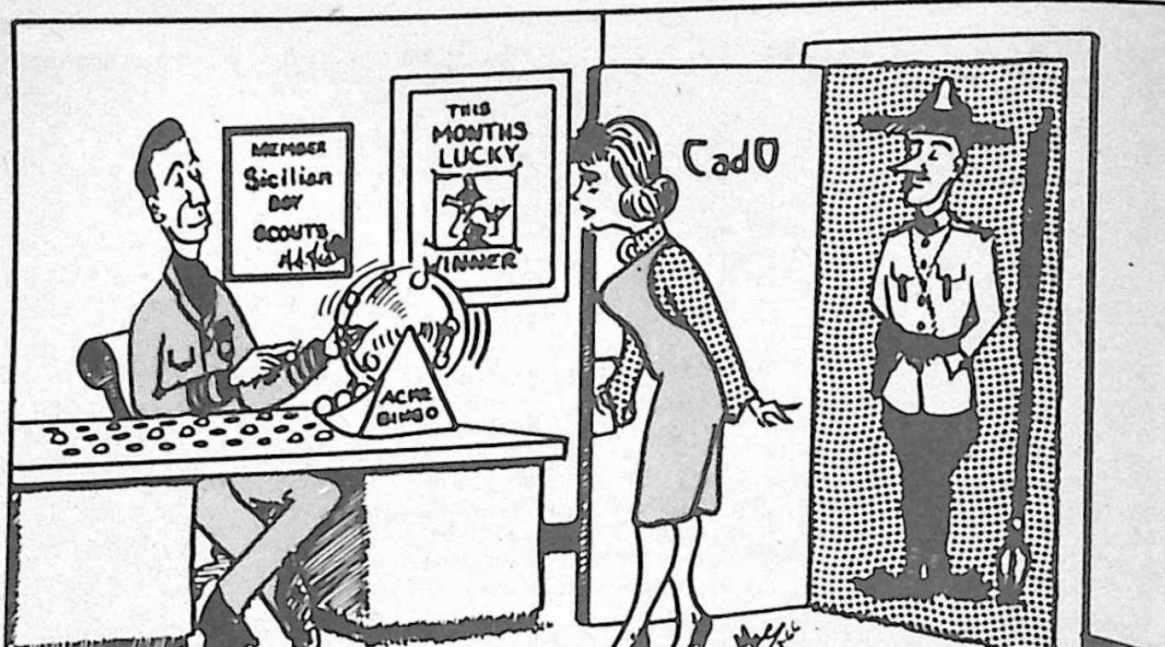
Now we are big boys and the service is our family. But things haven't changed very much. The service is just as authoritarian as our parents ever were, especially when it comes to painting.

As anyone within muttering distance of the officers' barracks in the past two weeks they are being painted. The rooms have been done in a lovely, pale yellow, or a light sea-green, or a mauve grey. A person can have a choice if he wishes—all he has to do is change rooms!

However, there were some problems encountered during the time that the painting crews invaded the barracks. It is a good thing that most living-in officers haven't accumulated very many personal effects over the years, or there might have been even more problems. Most rooms contain a desk and chair, an end table, easy chair, a chest of drawers, a

floor lamp, a rug, and a saggy bed. All of this material can be stacked in the centre of the room quite easily. But some fellows created problems by having bookshelves, TV sets, stereo sets, electronic equipment, chest-erfields, skis, framed pictures, golf clubs, musical instruments, bars, etc. etc. After all, the service does provide the room with all the comfortable necessities of life free, well, almost free! It is almost as if some living-in fellows are trying to make themselves feel at home.

Most of the 407 types were lucky, for they were down at Whidbey for the duration. They came back surprised to find that everything had been done. All their clothes had been laid out on their beds so they wouldn't get paint on them, their pictures and posters had been carefully taken down from the walls and stacked on their clothes. Then the Venetian blinds and curtains were taken down and placed on top of all this and everything was covered up with a canvas tarp so paint wouldn't get on it. Such a good job was



**SOMEONE TO SEE YOU ABOUT THE BINGO SIR.**

done that there has not been one known complaint so far about paint getting on anything except the floor.

The unfortunate fellows were those who stayed, who did not run away or move down-town.

The painters were doing such a terrific job that they got ahead of schedule. The top floor of BB79 was told to move out by Thursday morning. Wednesday night there was an exodus downstairs and over to BB80. However, BB80 was an awful long way to carry your gear, besides there was a slight paint odor lingering about the rooms. The smart ones decided to take their stuff (personal effects and worldly possessions) to the second floor in BB79. The painters took till Friday to start painting in BB79 and did half the top floor before retiring for the week-end.

Monday the painters were back again, and the fellows who had moved to the second floor in BB79 came back from work that night and discovered what they had been attempting to avoid, had been did!! Their suits and uniforms were piled faithfully on their beds under the blinds, lamps, and tarps. They thought that they would keep their clothes uncreased and free from the perfume of fresh paint. It goes to show, you cannot win them all!

The painters are almost finished now, and in a few weeks all the inconveniences will be forgotten. And the mumblings and grumblings will have died away, all that will be left is two newly-painted barrack blocks full

of contented souls, and a large dry-cleaning bill. After all, the living-in types have been complaining about their quarters for a long time, well, not everyone gets his room painted, and most people have to pay for the privilege.

## SPRING CABARET

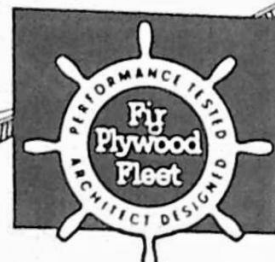
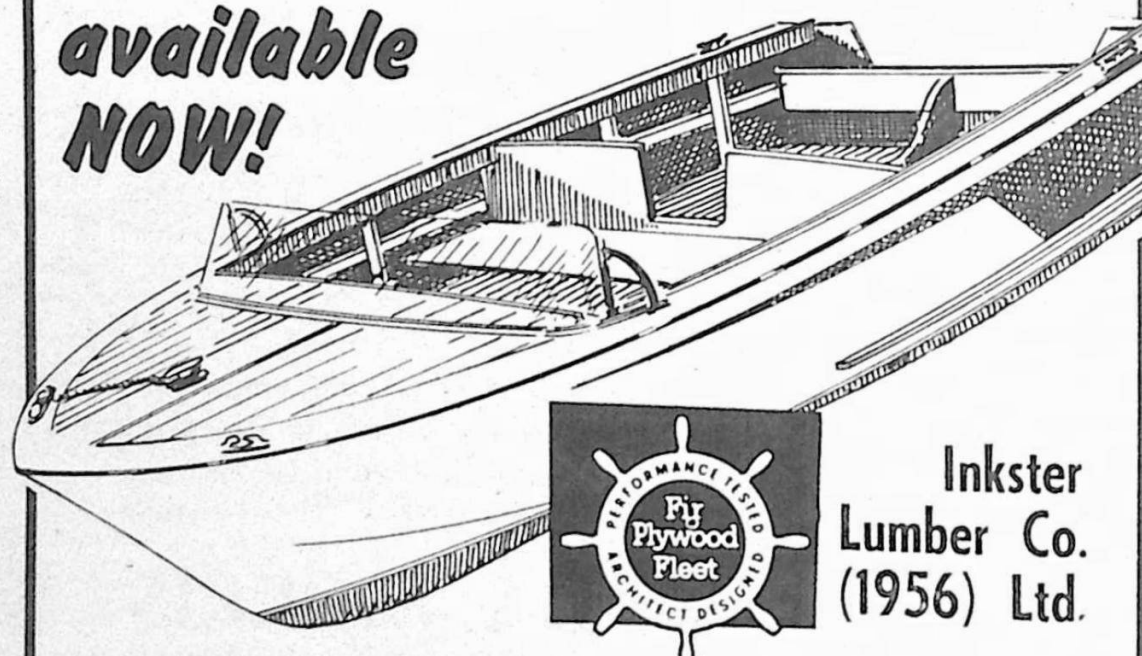
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# The Royal Canadian Air Force History

In June, 1919, the Canadian government established an air board of seven members to regulate the control commercial and civil aviation throughout the country. The board was also charged with the air defence of Canada, including the organization and administration of a new Canadian Air Force, which was authorized by Order-in-council, February 19, 1920, with a provisional establishment of 1,340 officers and 3,905 airmen. This second, home-based CAF, was designed as a non-permanent organization, the only function of which would be to give 28-day refresher courses, biennially, to former officers and airmen who had served during the war.

The uniform of the CAF was navy blue in color, but otherwise it resembled that of the army. Silver stars and crowns were used to indicate rank, and at first no distinction was made between army and air force rank. Distinctive badges were designed for the CAF, the cap badge being a maple leaf with the monogram "CAF", flanked by two wings and surmounted by a crown, above a scroll bearing the motto "Sic Itur ad Astra".

Major-General Sir Willoughby Gwatkin, who for many years had served as chief of the general staff in Ottawa, was appointed inspector-general with the rank of air vice-marshal, and Lt.-Col. A. K. Tylee, OBE, was named air officer commanding, CAF. A small headquarters was set up in Ottawa, under the air board, and Camp Borden, Ontario, was taken over to serve as the CAF training centre. Operations began there in October, 1920, using hangars and installations that had been erected by the RFC during the war and aircraft and equipment donated by the British government.

While the CAF of 1920-22 was given service training to its part-time personnel, other branches of the air board were carrying out flying operations for the federal and provincial governments. Six stations were opened, at Vancouver (Jericho Beach), Morley, Alberta, (soon moved to High River), Winnipeg (Victoria Beach), Ottawa (Rockcliffe), Roberval, Que., and Dartmouth, N.S. In the summer of 1920 they began a wide variety of air operations, including forest fire patrols, aerial photography, anti-smuggling patrols, "treaty money" flights, and general communication and transport work.

The first Trans-Canada flight started from Halifax, October 7, 1920, and, using relays of aircraft and crews, ended at Vancouver 10 days later. Elapsed flying time over the 3,341-mile course was 49 hrs. and 7 min, for an average speed of 68 miles per hour.

In February, 1923, King George V approved the prefix "Royal" for the Force and on April 1, 1924, "The King's Regulations and Orders for the Royal Canadian Air Force" were promulgated. This date is the official birthday of the RCAF.

Under the new organization the RCAF was administered by a director responsible to the chief of the general staff. It had three components: A permanent active air force, a non-permanent (or auxiliary) active air force, and a reserve. The permanent establishment was a modest 68 officers and 307 airmen in RAF pattern uniform, insignia, ensign and badges. "Sic Itur ad Astra" gave way to the RAF's motto "Per Ardua ad Astra".

**INFANCY**  
During its first eight years the

RCAF expanded slowly but steadily. Its strength grew to 906. Several new stations were opened, including Trenton, Ont., as the major air centre.

In May, 1923, the first course of cadets (or provisional pilot officers) began training at Camp Borden - the first new service pilots to be trained since November, 1918.

Before 1932, the RCAF was unique among the air forces of the world in that the greater part of its work was essentially non-military in character. Military aircraft were few in number and of obsolete or obsolescent types.

**CUTBACK**  
In the "big cut" of 1932 the force's strength was slashed by almost one-fifty; leaving only 103 officers and 591 airmen, and its annual budget was reduced to \$1,750,000 for 1932-33. However, the first three auxiliary squadrons were authorized at Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg late in 1932.

In 1935 the appropriation was increased and the strength started to rise again. At the same time the character of the RCAF underwent a major change. On November 1, 1935, the department of transport was formed, absorbing the civil aviation branch of the department of national defence. Thereafter the RCAF's civil role was limited to aerial photography and some transport work. Service formations (squadrons) which had seldom been used in the past, reappeared and efforts were made to obtain more military type aircraft.

## WAR CLOUDS

New growth under the clouds of war led to the creation of three air commands during 1938: Western (Vancouver), eastern (Halifax) and training (Toronto). The development of airfields on both coasts was hastened.

On Nov. 19, 1938, the RCAF became an independent arm, directly responsible to the minister of national defence. An air council was created to advise the minister, and the head of the force, known as the senior air officer since 1932, became chief of the air staff.

By Sept. 1, 1939, the RCAF had reached a total strength of 4,061 officers and airmen, of whom three-quarters were in the regular component and the remainder in the auxiliary. There were eight regular squadrons—two general purpose, two general reconnaissance, one fighter, one bomber, one torpedo-bomber, and one army cooperation. Three more had been authorized, but not actually formed. The auxiliary force consisted of three wing headquarters and 12 squadrons—four fighter, four bomber, two army cooperation, and two coast artillery cooperation—but five of these units were still organizing. The RCAF had 270 aircraft of 20 different types and over half were training or transport machines.

## SECOND WORLD WAR

During the Second World War the RCAF expanded into the fourth largest air force of the allied powers. Its little group of obsolescent aircraft was replaced by thousands of the latest training and operational types; its personnel increased more than fifty-fold to a peak of over 206,000.

In May, 1940, a separate ministry of national defence for air and the formation of a new air council to advise the minister were created. To accommodate the thousands of new recruits a special reserve was added to the force. In July, 1941, a women's auxiliary air force (subsequently renamed women's division) was formed to release men for combat duties. Over 17,000 WDs were enlisted and trained in more than 40 trades. Many served overseas at RCAF headquarters and on stations of the Canadian bomber group.

Formed in June, 1941, as a voluntary civilian organization, the Air Cadet League was subsequently incorporated in the RCAF in April, 1943. In its 380 squadrons over 30,000 schoolboys, between 12 and 18 years of age, received preliminary instruction during the war. Many later served with distinction in operational squadrons. Preliminary training was also given in university air squadrons, a wartime organization set up to provide instruction for air-minded students and relieve the crowded ground schools of the air training plan. The civilian members of the aircraft detection corps, originally designed as part of a great network for the air defence of Canada, were often instrumental in rescuing the crews of lost or crashed aircraft.

**COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING**  
Representatives of the governments of Britain, Australia, New

Zealand and Canada met in Ottawa and signed an agreement, December 17, 1939, to set up a British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, thereby converting Canada into what President Roosevelt later termed "the aerodromes of democracy". The original agreement expired March 31, 1945.

The plan eventually produced eight different aircrew categories - the pilot, navigator, navigator B (bombing training in addition to navigation), navigator W (additional wireless training), air bomber, wireless operator-air gunner, air gunner, and flight engineer.

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## VAN'S VERBALITY

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### IN THE DARK OF THE NIGHT

I like a good mystery story! Not a real eerie, uncanny yarn that leaves me all shook up and hesitant to answer the late door bell, but an intriguing story with a practical plot. Butlers and gardeners have been carrying the brunt of the blame too long. It's got so now, if you get halfway through the story and there is no servant in the cast, you get extremely vexed and disappointed. It throws you out of kilter! However, I do think that it's time that writers take a new approach to mysteries and ring in some different characters. Say the milkman or the laundryman for instance. They both have threatened me a couple of times about delinquent accounts and I would think that they would make ideal suspects. I always suspected the milkman anyway, to tell the truth!

To really appreciate a mystery story you have to be alone. Preferably with no one else even in the area. The Fall of the year makes the best setting with a hard wind blowing. And rain helps too. Then when a branch scrapes against the water trough and the noise filters in through the open bathroom window, imagination can really get to work in earnest.

First you get up and assure yourself that all doors are locked. On the way back to your retreat you pick up some form of stimulant (mixed or on the rocks). After a

sneaky bracer in the kitchen you take a small confidence builder with you back to the easy chair. Besides, it's lonely as blazes being alone!

Now back to the plot. You are at the page where a reaching hand slithers along the wall towards the light switch and you can't help but glance in that direction. (This would be one awful time for a light bulb to burn out). Wom! Or the part where an upstairs window is being carefully and silently eased open. This blends in well with the wind blowing and the branch scraping...

But I guess that I still like the part best where the D.A. calls it murder. Usually he is running for high political office and is prepared to besmirch any good suspect in order to clinch the votes. I always get curious as to who he is going to pick on because he's a headstrong chap as a rule and can't be easily influenced by our hero. (Private eye).

Those vendetta stories are the most squeamish. Here is a guy plotting and scheming to get revenge for a relative's death or injury. He is sneaking and spying on you unbeknownst to anyone but himself. Watching you furtively from outside a window or through binoculars; learning your habits and schedules so he can strike at an opportune moment. For what? Just because your

Dad beat his Uncle in a horse trade.

When reading a real spooky story, I pull all the blinds and turn down the heat so the hot air doesn't keep moving the drapes. There is

nothing more disconcerting than to catch a bit of movement out of the corner of your eye when you are just reading the part about the assailant sneaking up on the victim. It's hard to get any reading done if you got to continually keep turning your head left and right to check movements. It's worse

than watching a "ping-pong" game. Far better to be a bit cold and put your gloves and muffler on.

Sure! I like spooky mystery stories. But I want to be holding hands with somebody at the same time and have the radio turned up loud to drown out all foreign noises. How about that!

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by ART COLLINS

121 has had a few internal transfers lately, and we have so many transfers, releases and courses scheduled that the chart we use for keeping track of this looks like the traffic control board at Idlewild Airport. Cpl McNeil has moved from Log Control to 121 Orderly Room and has been replaced by LAC Murphy. Cpl Mac McCaffery now has an office of his own and it's rumoured that you must make an appointment two days in advance if you want to discuss a mod with him. LAC's King and Wilson are away on the ignition analyzer course, and Larrivee, Hudson, Collins and Smedley are learning all about the Albatross. Sgt Bob Smith and LAC Pete Kury have gone to Rivers where they will soon be joined by Cpl Nygren and LACs Hopkins and Lewis. No, they haven't gone for the winter sports. They want to be helicopter experts.

Then there are releases! A steady stream of requests has been coming in and the crowning touch for F/L Pyatt, our STechO, was when he received a pair of memos from Cpls Bill Russell and Phil Trofimuk. They are both the proud owners of new GM cars and they're so pleased with them that they're getting out to start a GM dealership themselves.

Speaking of cars, Sgt Jim Baker has upped his status by getting a new car. He unloaded the old 61 Chev and is now the happy owner of a 66 Volkswagon painted a delightful Boy Scout green.

To a cynical observer it seemed odd the way "Soup" Campbell and McNutt and the others were crowding around "Dutch" Franks the other day, lighting his cigarette and offering to take any poor trips he might get in

the future. Perhaps they had suddenly discovered what a great personality he has, but with his wife winning that bingo jackpot, I just don't know!

The Electrical section was a study in contrasts today. Jerry Nicklas and George Sudletsky were flying high. Both have acquired baby sons in the past few days. Congratulations to both, and to their happy wives. Sgt Jerry Verrett was slightly less elated. He's been walking around with a gimpy leg lately because he'd tried to apply water skiing techniques to conventional skiing. Using one ski just doesn't work, especially when there's a stump coming at you.

Cpl Bob Smith and "Rocket" Phillips, our twin disc jockey/librarians, are doing a terrific job and demonstrating the value of co-operation while they're at it. "Rocket" is expert at depressing the button on the microphone while Smitty's voice sounds much better over the blower. "Rocket" is good at filing things while Smitty has more luck at finding them later. "Rocket" does well at locating the page and paragraph of an EO to be amended but Smitty can better handle the difficult job of dismantling and re-assembling those pesky EO binders. One complements the other and it's the Service that benefits.

Another example of co-operation was given by Cpl Don Bowen who spent four days minding the kids so his wife could go away for a holiday. He did this, apparently, to compensate her for the holiday he's soon going to have when he spends five weeks in Rivers.

Modern antibiotics, by forcing bacteria to develop an immunity, have made these bacteria

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## Demon Doins

The Fighting 407th Squadron has returned after a 12 day deployment at Naval Air Station Whidbey It is rumored, probably from our own sources, that the Canadians out-performed all other squadrons during the exercise, but only the wash-up will tell for sure. The whole operation was well-organized from getting bedded down on the first night to final departure arrangements.

There were few incidents during the stay. The only one of a serious nature was the burial of Don (Duck) Hanson. It happened rather suddenly after a return from a night on the town. It must have been early in the morning though my memory becomes a little clouded here, as we marched (would you believe swaggared) into our quarters and discovered Don lying horizontally on the floor. We made a hasty diagnosis of the situation, that is, since he was stretched out on the floor where he shouldn't ought to be, he must be dead. Being men of sound intellect and quick resolve, we decided to bury him as expeditiously as possible. To this end we proceeded to hoist him onto a mattress and laid him outside on the lawn. After mumbling a few solemn and unintelligible words we covered up the body and wound our mournful way back to our rooms to grieve the loss of a dear friend.

But Don showed his true mettle, for later he returned to his own

room and slept the rest of the morning. So he wasn't really dead after all, but he should have been after lying outside in the cold for two hours.

The only other minor incident that comes to mind happened on the first night of our arrival. The Canadians, here I make a subtle distinction began to regroup their forces at the bar to advance a little social intercourse with our American compatriots. Things began to get a little dull so we decided to commence a little carol singing. Led by our maestro Bud (Tiger) Taggart we began to fill the room with boisterous, rollicking melody. The volume and tenor increased to such awesome proportions that at any time I was expecting we should all be evicted from the premises. But it was all in good fun. Do the Americans still think 407 owns their mess, Bud?

Two postings and a transfer have hit the Squadron within the last month. F/L Denny Fillion has been transferred overseas to Kinross, Scotland. I can see it now, a kilted Canadian bellowing out French curses in fine brogue, F/O Dan Graham and F/O Denny Thomas will both be travelling to Winnipeg to take the combined Rad/Nav course. To take the family, or not to take the family; that is the question!

Weekend Rumor: Only single F/O's will be receiving a 20 per-cent pay raise in March.

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## SENIOR NCO's CORNER

by BFSTK

The "Bingo" held Saturday 29 January was very well attended by approximately 175 members and guests. Winner of the "Jackpot" was Mrs. Buchan. For this evening there were prizes for ladies' novelty hats. Winners were as follows: most colorful, Mrs. Plewes; most original, Mrs. Blythe; simplest, Mrs. Bob Chapman. Music provided by Mr. Johnny Johnstone's quartet. A meal of delicious chicken and chips with tossed salad was enjoyed by all. I understand one of the larger members of the mess was practicing Mexican-type dancing around a somewhat large sombrero when someone's large foot came into contact with the centre of it. This action seemed to have a deflating action on the so-called floor show. To Mr. "Largess," better luck next time.

The Mess cribbage team had their individual play-offs on Wednesday evening 2 Feb. Sgt Nellow emerged the team singles champion and Sgt Long and Sgt Samuels the team doubles champions. Sgt Sutherland was the singles runner-up and WO1 Smythe and WO2 Yendall the doubles runner-ups. WO1 Smythe, FS Sparling and Sgt Fisher attended the Captains, Secretaries and Sponsors Night at the BPOE hall in Courtenay on Friday evening. The boys had nothing but hard luck and consequently the trophy the team has gracing the shelf in the bar at the Sgts Mess, will be leaving for a new home. To all of the unlucky, better luck next time.

COMING EVENTS  
"Bavarian Nite" 19 Feb 66, Sgts Mess, 2100 hrs. German music, food, beer, wine, and what have you. \$1.00 per couple.  
"Bowling Tournament" 1300 hrs. 26 Feb 66. Open to REGULAR and ASSOCIATE members only. Trophies and prizes.  
"Bingo" 2130 hrs., 26 Feb 66. Cash prizes, jackpot. Novelty music, food. Prizes for bowling to be presented at this function.

The mess committee have looked into the possibility of Sunday evening movies with the following results. The movies available are in cinemascope, which requires the purchase of a wide lens attachment, also a wide screen would have to be purchased. There are not many months left until the good fishing weather will be here and people will be proceeding on leave. This is to be tabled for the fall session at which time the committee concerned will be asked to look into it.

The mess committee wishes to welcome all recent arrivals and their families to the "Beautiful Comox Valley" and Stn Comox, B.C. May your stay in the area be a pleasant one. Don't forget the Sgts Mess is your mess and we solicit your attendance at as many of our functions as possible. Support your committee.

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## "PEOPLE AND NOT THINGS"

On July 17, 1948, we had a fire in a hotel room occupied by a husband and wife. It was caused by smoking in bed. The couple were smoked up a bit, we gave them a few whiffs of oxygen and a lecture on the evils of smoking in bed, cleaned up the mess and returned to quarters.

On June 8, 1949, at 12:22 a.m., we had a fire in a hotel room occupied by a husband and wife; in fact, it was the same hotel, the same room and the same couple as our fire the year previous. This time the couple got smoked up at bit, the woman was burned. We gave them some whiffs of oxygen, shipped the woman to the hospital, gave the man a lecture on the evils of smoking in bed, cleaned up the mess and returned to quarters.

On June 19, 1949, at 5:35 a.m., we had a fire in a hotel room occupied by a husband and wife. You guessed it, it was the same hotel, the same room, and the same couple. This time the woman was dead and the man died three days later from shock and burns. There was no chance for a lecture this time.

So endeth the story of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lander—three fires, two lectures, two funerals. It seems that people and not things really cause fires.

—A letter from assistant Fire Chief, Bob Rogers, Seattle, Wash.

## More Hercules

The Canadian Forces' air transport capability was increased on Jan. 24 when ATC's 436 "Elephant" squadron, based at RCAF Station Uplands, took delivery of its seventh C130E Hercules aircraft at the Lockheed Factory in Marietta, Georgia.

This was the fifteenth "E" model delivered to the RCAF out of a total order of 20. The sixteenth will go to 435 "Chinthe" squadron in Namao, Alberta, in February and will also be its seventh aircraft. The other two Hercules are based in Trenton for conversion of crews to the new aircraft by No. 4 Operational Training Unit.

Further deliveries will take place early in 1967, when each squadron will get two more aircraft.

One of the most versatile aircraft of its type in the world today, the Hercules can be used economically on short hops or trans-continental routes.

Barber Shop  
Quartet?

Should Courtenay give birth to a Barbershop Quartet Chapter in the very near future, it would be the first on Vancouver Island. Local druggist, Ad Clements, and F/L Bob Hughes, 121 KU, who are ardent enthusiasts of this type of music arranged for a meeting of interested men in and around the area. More than twenty turned out. F/L Hughes introduced "The Howe Sounds", of the Vancouver chapter, a highly successful group, which has recently toured the European continent.

The Howe Sounds sang numerous barbershop evergreens and other novel interpretations much to the delight of the appreciative audience.

During the interludes F/L Hughes directed the attendance in two simple four-part harmonies. The favourable result impressed both the visiting quartet and the participants, which is an incentive for greater effort by those present and any interested male singers.

A very entertaining evening was highlighted by a concluding novelty number called "Dan McGrew" which literally "brought the house down".

Any, and all, interested persons wishing to participate in forming a chapter are invited to attend the next meeting at the CRA Hall in Courtenay, Wednesday, February 16 at 8 p.m. For further information contact F/L Hughes 121 KU or Mr. Ad Clements at Courtenay Drugstore.

## TARMAC TALK

This is the first of a continuing column on CFC (Comox Flying Club) activities. The club is organized as a non-profit recreational flying facility to provide safe and economical rental aircraft and flight instruction to interested station or civilian personnel. A complete ground school course is held each Wednesday night during the winter months at the Courtenay High School. For the remainder of the year lectures are given on the station.

The general meeting for the election of officers was held Jan. 16/66. Members elected to the board are: Joe Scoles - president; Gord Johns - vice-president; Robbie Robertson - secretary; Clay Arnell - treasurer; Rick Coulter - civilian director.

The directors have renewed a lease agreement with Island Airlines to keep a new Cessna 150 commuter aircraft at the CFC for two months on trial basis. This is the latest model. It is equipped with a 90 channel VHF transceiver, Omni indicator and an extra jump seat for children up to 75 pounds. Pilots, this is the aircraft to take the family on an evening pleasure flight so get your membership renewed, obtain a check flight and entertain the kids with an airplane ride.

In addition to the new 150, arrangements have been made to lease a 4-seat Cessna 172 aircraft for club members. It is available on prior notice at a cost of \$18.00 per

hour. From the Club Tarmac — Mo Jolleymore, who recently retired from 407 Sqn. and the RCAF, was back Sunday booking time on the Fleet Canuck. Mo is now employed as a CPA navigator on the International Air Routes of the World. See you in Hong Kong, Mo!

Bob Wheeler was the most recent pilot checked out on the new 150. A current CF-100 jockey, Bob is enthusiastic about this modern aircraft. Doug Armstrong and Dave Dyke have added a night endorsement to their private licences.

New members, all AB Initio students are: Harry Emerson, Bob Howland and Lloyd Graham. Dennis Neil solo'd early in January. Congratulations Dennis.

Do you know the CFC recorded over 1000 hours total time last year? The month of December chalked up 106 hours despite the heavy round of parties. It is doubtful if the fighting 409th could boast of this, or do I stand corrected? If we counted take-offs and landings we would be the station's most active flying unit.

Remember, we now have a new Cessna 150 ready to go, a Fleet Canuck trainer recently equipped with better radio gear, and an Ercoupe for the week end traveller who wants to stay away for a couple of days. We hope this and a programme of competitive flying will interest you in visiting our club.

See you on the line,  
The Spy Pilot

121  
On Tap

This has been a quiet past two weeks for the fighting men of one-two-one. The lounge is slowly transforming itself into a Victorian men's club in the order of a Norris cartoon! There have been some smashing dart games and some jolly good chess matches. The "News of the World" which some thoughtful soul has contributed rounds out the scene perfectly. However, training and transport flights continue the same as other months. Actually in our role in search and rescue it is agreeable when there are no searches because it means that no one is lost or in trouble.

There was a great deal of rush involved in getting 121's Don Juan, Ivan Giroux, away to the Congo. Within a day of receiving news of his posting old 'IV' was packed and shot full of holes. We hope that he enjoys the weather and environment in the deepest part of darkest Africa.

121's hotshot volleyball team has not been able to get off the ground yet. Last week's attempt ended up with Terry Small spraining his ankle. Good start for the P.T. exercises that are coming up! However it would be great if 121 could come up with a good solid team of six men every Wednesday. Speaking of sports, old "Pudge" Martin has been bragging about 121's hockey team. Apparently we are doing very very well. Let's give the team some support on their playing evenings. It should be worth it just to see old Pudge or "Eddie Schack" Henwood on the ice.

This week Bob Reid and Terry Small had the opportunity of practicing the unique art of "wing walking." This is an experience only for R.O.'s and NAV's who fly in Albatross aircraft. A great deal of pride is involved in just staying on. However, it is great for chasing out the cobwebs between the ears on a Monday morning. This was accomplished on Pete Semak's check ride on the "Albert". Congratulations on getting your captaincy Pete; it was a pretty good beaching!

The gang was out in full force last Friday for Mike Moles mug party. He will be leaving next weekend to seek his fortune with CPA. It is too bad that you quit smoking Mike, especially after receiving that lovely cigarette box. Everyone joins in expressing the very best to Michael, he has been a 121'er for his entire operational stay in the airforce. Good luck, old man, and write and tell us when we can come over for your apartment-warming party.

Till next time, keep smiling!

Plan your  
retirement

Retirement from a lifetime job can be a happy event if preparation for the leisure days has been made well ahead of time.

There should be substitute interests, even another occupation if financially necessary, to prevent a feeling of frustration and uselessness.

Plan this program well in advance — even ten years ahead if it will be necessary to study or to learn a new skill.

## Nighthawk's Nest

The 409ers hold a "HATS OFF" tribute this edition to F/L Andy Anderson and F/O Gil Heon, for their recent accomplishment of what may have been the first successful approach-end engagement in the history of the 101. The crew experienced nose gear difficulties just out of Klamath Falls, Oregon, during a night cross-country mission. They circled Comox several times and assessed their situation over squadron operations radio. An approach-end barrier engagement was elected. F/L Anderson initiated his night approach to the airfield through the eight hundred foot overcast and put the forty-ton bird onto the runway for a perfect hook-up with the barrier arrester gear. There was no damage to the aircraft. We salute these two intrepid aviators, and thank them for the benefit of their new experience. We may find it very valuable some day, if we ever have to try it ourselves.

Air Marshal Dunlap, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, NORAD, last Monday visited the Nighthawks' Nest. The former Canadian Chief of Air Staff, spoke briefly to the squadron aircrew in our briefing room.

W/C Vincent revealed recently that some ground work is under way in the acquiring of official colours for this, the 409th

twenty-fifth anniversary. He explained the paper work and protocol to be a feat in itself, but that some of the initial overtures are in progress.

F/L Fred Brittain, it was announced officially, is being elevated from squadron haberdasher to Flight Weapons Officer; and a fine one we have no doubt he will be. However, it will take a little time to convince him that the missiles are not for sale, even though they may have the squadron crest on them.

The squadron flight room walls, it seems, are experiencing the mid-February explosion of coloured charts, as empire builders gird themselves for the eve of annual R-211 time. A new suggestion for this year has been added — a chart for those without empires or charts — a small eight by ten foot job, that anyone can degrade the empire builders on, in whatever colour grease pencil they may select.

Most Frenchmen leave the de luxe hotels for foreign visitors. Says the B.C. Automobile Association. In one-star hotels, a low rating, 80 per cent of the guests are French and 20 per cent foreign. In the de luxe hotels, the comparison is 32 per cent French and 68 per cent foreign.

## USAF News

by MSgt Walt Turner

"Recognition" for a job well done plays an important role in a relationship between the "supervisor" and those who work for him. All too often, a man's efforts are unrewarded or taken for granted and the seed of doubt and insecurity is unknowingly planted within the laborer. A "pat" on the back or a congratulatory word for a job well done has proven its value to those who have taken enough time to follow this practice. Two of our Non-Commissioned Officers received such "recognition" for meritorious service by being awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal — an honor that any airman is proud to achieve.

In essence, this award is an expression of gratitude from a man's supervisor who recognized the untiring efforts of the recipient day after day, month after month and year after year. It's a "pat" on the back — personalized, so to speak. Our congratulations are wholeheartedly extended to Tsgt's Patrick Bowdridge and James Clabaugh for their awards. Their outstanding efforts in their Air Force assignments have brought a deep sense of pride to our unit and I'm sure to themselves as well.

And while we're on the subject of "recognition," our Detachment Volley Ball team has suc-

cessfully emerged the victor in six consecutive matches and are undefeated thus far in the season. The team, coached by Tsgt's Mick Maassen and Frank Niccum has high hopes of winning the Class "B" Volley Ball League title.

Our basketball team is also running in high gear and could cop the tide if their prowess on the court remains the same. Our bowling team though unsuccessful in their endeavors to provide competition among their Canadian counterparts, must receive some recognition for their team spirit and attendance, while steadily losing. We've contemplated hiring a witch doctor to provide us with some sort of a "winning" incantation, but decided it wouldn't be "cricket." Actually, if we could enlist the aid of the Canadian Pin Boys in not gluing down that "counter pin," we'd have a fighting chance — but despite our bribes, the pin boys have proven themselves to be a loyal brood. Ah me — maybe next year?

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## Dependants Doin's

Flash - There will be a station bingo at the Rec Centre every 2nd Wednesday. 5¢ a game. First bingo at 8 p.m. on February 16th.

Jr. Hockey - First game at 8 p.m. on February 19, Royal Roads Cadets vs Comox Jr. Totems at Glacier Gardens. 50¢ Adults, 25¢ children.

Dance - Station Spring Friclie, March 4th 26 piece troupe from HMCS Naden (Victoria) including 5 bands, 2 floor shows 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$1 per person.

Reservations through the Rec Centre.

I've heard several remarks on the amount of money PMQ Council "Must" be making on the Stay At Home Bingo and "how come they don't give bigger prizes." I hope I can answer this to the questioners satisfaction. This money is to go to Special Projects such as: The Centennial Project for which we have to raise \$1500. The Notice Board for PMQ's that will cost approximately \$150. The Community Centre, which looks very, very promising. Where does your tax money go? Yes, we would use some of that but it would mean a cut in activities or re-registration fees that would cover each activities expenses! Do you know that Baseball cost over \$200 last year? Softball close to \$100? Hockey over \$400? Summer programme was close to \$800? Then there's the other things such as Soccer, Track and Field, Arts, Judo, etc. Oh yes, there are also the Special things like Halloween, Xmas, Easter, Comox Day, Winter Carnival, etc. Approximately \$400 goes to the Scout and Guide Movement. I don't think I need go any further as to where you tax dollar goes, do I? Much, much more money is needed and we do have a dire need for that Community Centre. Each time you buy a Bingo Card, don't think of it as \$1.00 spent, think of it as \$1.00 closer to a better community in which to live.

The YAAC's held their first party, a "Farewell" party for Valerie Terris. Helen Foster and Maureen Doonan assisted the girls with entertainment. Debbie Mitchell and Leslie Thompson were in charge of the special cake to be baked and it turned out very lovely. The other girls provided sandwiches, cookies, cake and freshies.

Let's all get our thinking caps on for the up and coming elections to be held next month in PMQ's. I still am of the firm opinion that there should be at least one woman on council, after all, females make up half the population! It is a well known fact, even if few men will admit it openly, that, when it comes to raising money the women are hard to beat. Seriously though, there should be a woman's point of view.

This year there will be something added to the day of the election. That is, a big Election Dance to be held at the Rec Centre on the 25 of March. Plan to attend as it promises to be a lot of fun. I know there will be surprises for a few.

I hear that there were a lot of people groaning on the last Bingo. So many had just "one number to go" for so long. How I envy you, my cards never even get close! I just sell some of the winning cards - three last month. Someday, someday, maybe at the big Station Bingo that is being held on Wednesday, February 16 at the Rec Centre. Seems that there are going to be some very

Good prizes so I hope everyone will turn out.

I would like to get a message across to parents. Please tell your children that they must not come to the Rec Centre until the time their activity is to start. It is such a temptation for them to "live it up" when they are by themselves and this can only lead to trouble. This could mean being barred from the activity for a short time or, if something serious happens, not being allowed on the station. It can happen, it has happened and it will happen if they persist in coming over early. We don't want it to happen but rules are made for a reason, let's pay attention to them. Saturday is gymnastics, 10 a.m. for the boys and 11 a.m. for the girls. Jr. Judo is 1:30 on Saturday afternoon and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:45 to 7 p.m. We have some time from 4:30 to 6 p.m. every Monday, if there is someone willing to instruct children in anything. I would like to see Badminton put in this time but we need an instructor. Anybody willing? For any casual play, children MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT.

Well, that night of Broomball is over and there's one person hanging her head in shame. The Oddecolor's beat the Reds by one point (1-0) because the silly goalie, instead of stopping the ball, jumped out of the way! Natural instinct took over when that ball came barreling at her, honest. It was fun though and I hope more women will turn out on Friday afternoons to take part in this game. It's really a lot of fun.

We've just come to a decision and that is - we will need two, three or four women to help with the Girls Activity Club. I would love to do it as the girls are so enthusiastic and eager but I find that too many things interfere, such as meetings, etc. Last week it was because my son had the misfortune to fall and break his leg, the week before was because I was not finished for the day yet and it was most important that I finish the work I had started. Some of the Teens will assist but we do need an adult. Are there any ladies willing to keep these 37 girls together? Joan Ethier, bless her

heart, is doing it for me tonight so you could ask her what it is all about, or give me a call at Loc. 372.

I think I have rattled on long enough and there's probably a shortage of space in the paper so I'll sign off.

Keep your eyes open for a most interesting auction to be held next month!

## Carnival ski races

All pupils in the Forbidden Plateau-Ski School get a rest this weekend as the Winter Carnival activities will require the services of the instructors for both days.

After the fifth lesson the classes are still very well attended. Many pupils and in several cases, whole classes are progressing faster than we had anticipated.

It makes the instructors feel the time they put in is very well spent when we see the pupils wending their way safely down the hills. Two more lessons to go then the exams, so don't miss your next two sessions, starting the weekend after the Winter Carnival.

Shawnigan Lake School boys were out in force on the weekend practicing for next week-end's Island Championships. Entries will be coming from this school, Victoria University, Green Mt., Royal Roads and Vancouver, and members registered are expected to be an all time high for the Island Championships.

Courses on Saturday and Sunday will be set in an area so that spectators will be able to see most of the races from the finish line near the T-bar motor house. A foot path to the area will be arranged for non-skiers.

Speeds in the downhill Sunday will reach 50 to 60 miles per hour.

Saturday the slalom will see the first single pole slalom race held on the Island.

This is a new innovation in racing being tried in International competition this year.



"IF I WIN the photo contest I'll have enough for TWO bars of soap!" — LAC JG Tremblay Photo

## Changes made Camera Club Corner

Introduction of a short-term angler's licence, an increase in the year-around angler's fee for non-resident aliens, changes in the expiry dates of hunting and fishing licences, and the establishment of tag-licences for the shooting of black bears were announced Thursday by Dr. J. Hatter, Director of the Fish and Game Branch.

The short-term angler's licence will cost \$2.00 for a three day period. It is for the convenience of visitors who are in the province only briefly.

At the same time, the year-around angler's fee for non-resident aliens has been increased from \$7.00 to \$10.00. This will not affect visitors under the age of 18 years who may still fish all year for the \$1.00 licence fee.

There will be a general meeting at the club room at 19.00 hrs on the 21st of February, all members are urged to attend.

The Camera Club is sponsoring a Photographic contest, open to all station personnel and DND employees. Entry fee will be 25 cents. The subject is a SPORT action picture of a minimum size of 5 x 7.

All pictures are to be submitted before 20.00 hrs. on the 1st of February.

A cash prize will be given, and winning entry will be published in the paper. F/S Clark of the station photo section will judge this contest.

We are encouraging all personnel and club members to participate, and at the same time visit our club.

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## The Round House

by K. D. COUPLER

A few short months ago, the Station Model Railroad Club was struggling along very quietly, and practically unnoticed by the rest of the station; held in existence and maintained by one of the original members of the Comox Union Railway Model Railroad Club.

The member in question, was none other than our present club president, LAC "Pete" Welch of the MSE section. During the past several years, Pete has been a keen Model Railroader, not only as an active member of the club, but also at home, where he finds many relaxing and enjoyable hours in building his own railroad-empire, in the basement of his home. Even with the time required for the detailed construction of his own model-lay-out, he still found the time to come out to the club once a week, and put in a few hours of work on the club-lay-out; most of the time, without assistance.

Now the club has been re-organized, and with many new members attending, things are finally back to normal. We are pleased to report the club is a beehive of activity with all members devoting whatever spare time they have, to help in getting the club lay-out back in operating condition, and I might say . . . at the time of this article, we are making much progress in bringing the day of complete operation, closer than ever before.

At the present time, the club is in the midst of tracing out all electrical circuits involved in the miles of wiring located beneath the layout table. This is a slow and tedious job in itself, and it does require some patience, but it is very interesting as only one of the many phases that go together to make Model Railroading such a rewarding hobby, enjoyed by almost 300,000 individuals in Canada and USA.

Regardless of your trade in the Air Force, if you enjoy working with your hands, and are looking for a hobby which is both creative, and relaxing . . . you would probably find Model Railroading is the very hobby you've been looking for.

The Comox Union Railway Model Railroad Club meets every Wednesday evening at 1930 hours, and for those members who can make it, the club is open on Saturday afternoons from 1300 to 1800 hours.

Membership in the club is open to all Station personnel, and your questions and enquiries are most welcome. Visitors are always WELCOME, so look for the GREEN LIGHT, upstairs in BB #22.

Incidentally, you don't have to be wealthy to be a Model Railroader but . . . it doesn't hurt to be rich . . . in ideas. No Model Railroader will ever claim to know all there is to know in the hobby, so come on up to the club, and see for yourself, just how vast a difference there is between toy trains, and real Model Railroading.

Until our next installment, to all you fellows out there, who just don't know what to do with your spare time, maybe we'll see you in the Roundhouse next club-night, where the coffee pot is always on the stove, and rank is left outside the door. Good luck, and above all . . . GOOD MODELING!

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## Tantrums tip

Temper tantrums are common among the one-to-two year olds.

But if these habits continue after the child runs around, and if he resists any form of control, he is exhibiting the fact that he has discovered that he has a mind of his own and is determined to exercise it.

It is better to distract his attention from whatever is troubling him than to make an issue of it.

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SGT JG VERRET of 121 Repair looks over his stamp collection of air mail issues. Sgt Verret has been collecting stamps for longer than he cares to admit, but has concentrated on air mail commemoratives for the past 15 years. According to Sgt Verret, stamp collecting is a very rewarding hobby, as stamps usually grow in value over the years, and the hobby is not expensive to start. There is one other saving grace; if your stamps don't increase in value, you can always start writing lots of letters.

## Stamps can't be licked

So say over 60 personnel of Station Comox who are collectors of the little pieces of paper we stick on our letters. Stamp collecting is a world wide hobby, which started just as soon as the first stamps were issued in 1839 by Great Britain.

Fifteen members of the collecting fraternity gather in the snack bar every other Wednesday evening to discuss their hobby, to help put beginners on the right track, and to trade stamps with each other. There is not yet a formal club, nor is there an executive, but the needs of collectors are well served by

the twice monthly meetings. At these meetings, hobbyists learn of new stamp issues that may interest them, trade, buy or sell stamps.

Beginners are advised to concern themselves with one or two categories of stamps, there are far too many stamps issued every year. In the world to keep up with them all. Some of the more popular categories are; flowers, sports, animals and airmail issues. Stamps are issued by every country to commemorate many things; anniversaries, personalities, and centennials, anyone of which may be of interest to collectors.

The next meeting will be held in the snack bar at 1930 on the 23 of February. If you can't lick 'em, join 'em.



MRS. JUDY McDONALD, who has been a staunch member of the Station Radio Club for over a year, won't be heard over Coast Radio anymore. She and her husband, S/L Ron McDonald have been transferred to Station St. Jean, where Ron is to be OC of the ASU. Judy has been a service dependant all her life.

Her father FS J. B. Donavan is stationed in Ottawa, her travels have given her the chance to work on radio stations from Comox, to VOUS at Torbay, to CFMY at Marville. Her radio experience will be missed by the station radio club.

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## Padre's Corner

### OUTSIDE AND INSIDE OF COURAGE

People admire courage wherever and whenever it is displayed. Our nation has been built in large measure by men and women of courageous faith, vision, and action. You can call a man almost anything in the book. Unless you wear a big smile, however, don't call him a coward. Don't tell him he can't take it!

Justice, Common Sense, Self-Control and Courage have been extolled for centuries as supremely important virtues. Courage may well be called the key to all the others.

Courage has both an outside and an inside. The outside may or may not tell the whole story. This is the kind of courage exemplified by the men and women who make headlines and receive public acclaim by heroically risking or giving their lives to serve others. There are also the unknown heroes whose courage is a powerful source of inspiration only to those few who know the dire circumstances involved. These "secret saints" include the overburdened widows, the parents of handicapped or wayward children, the victims of crippling diseases, those who care for loved ones who are critically or chronically ill; and who yet possess the courage to live productively and uncompromisingly - often even joyfully.

Then there is the unheralded majority. These are the countless, unsung, everyday strugglers who may be achieving daily victories which require the same strength of character displayed by public heroes. Perhaps most of us are in this category. We don't claim to be heroes...We are

attempting to cope as best we can with the pressures of life, its difficulties and challenges. How much courage are you displaying today? How much more would you require should the impact of a great moment of truth suddenly fall upon your shoulders?

These are questions each of us must answer for himself. For the qualities of character within us constitute the inside of courage.

**COURAGE AND FEAR**  
Courage is the ability to master fear. It is not the absence of fear but the ability to overcome it that makes a man courageous. No intelligent man is fearless in the sense that he is never afraid. Fear is a normal inevitable reaction to danger. It is nothing of which a man need be ashamed. In fact, fear is useful because it is a signal which sounds a physical and emotional alarm when danger threatens. It is not fear that matters, but what a man does when he is afraid. That is the test of courage.

The Duke of Wellington, one of Churchill's great ancestors, is reported to have sent two of his officers on a very dangerous mission. As they were riding together, one of them noticed that the other was obviously very much afraid. Reining in his horse, he stopped and said with a superior and disdainful attitude, "Why, you are afraid". The other replied, "I am. If you were as afraid as I am right now, you would give up the mission." Without another word, the first officer galloped back to headquarters and complained that he had been ordered to complete the mission with the aid of a coward, Lord Wellington's sharp

## BIRTH NOTICES

**BRADLEY** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Brook Bradley on Feb. 1, 1966, a baby girl.  
**ELLIS** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ellis of Courtenay on Feb. 1, 1966, a baby girl.  
**EMBERLIN** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Emberlin of RCAF Station Comox on Feb. 5, 1966, a baby girl.

**LANGHORN** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Langhorn on Feb. 4, 1966, a baby girl.  
**LESPOY** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Lespoy on Feb. 2, 1966, a baby girl.

**MARCHAL** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marchal of Courtenay on Feb. 6, 1966, a baby girl.

reply was, "Off to your duty, Sir, or the coward will have completed the mission before you get there".  
The ability to act, to carry on, even when afraid is the mark of a courageous man.  
These are basic considerations: Most men experience fear, it is not fear that matters so much as what a man does with his fear. Courage consists in mastering fear by recognizing it for what it is — a danger signal — and developing the ability to overcome it.  
(Next Issue: Nervous Heroism)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Requests for special prayers have come from many lands this year as final arrangements are made for the observance of the World Day of Prayer. As has been customary in recent years the first Friday of Lent, February 25th, 1966 has been set aside for services which will unite Christian women in 150 countries and areas.

A service will be held in the Protestant Chapel at 2 p.m. (with supervised nursery facilities) under the convenership of the Chapel Guild. It is expected that women from the following Christian groups will participate:—

R.C.A.F. Chapel Guild.  
R.C.A.F. Catholic Women's League.  
Altar Society of St John the Baptist, Comox.  
St. Peter's Anglican Church.  
Comox United Church.

A committee, composed of Scottish Women in Edinburgh, have prepared the service this year. Mrs. Ken Edmondson will be our guest speaker. Mrs. Don Goodwin our soloist and Mrs. Jack Hoult our organist.

"Flyers" will be distributed in the P.M.Q. and Tye Park areas on Monday, 21st February to remind you again

## Instruction Classes

Sessions commenced on February 7th in the Protestant Chapel outlining the basic beliefs common to our Protestant Churches. These classes, which lead to membership in the United, Anglican or Presbyterian Church, will continue for the next several months meeting every Monday at 4:15 p.m. and lasting approximately one hour.

All young people and adults are encouraged to attend these classes and learn more about their own particular denomination or basic Protestant beliefs. Those who were confirmed in the past are also encouraged to attend in order to review and revise their understanding of our Church.

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of the time and date of this World Day of Prayer service.

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## AFP NOTES

by MAYBE

By way of introduction to this week's column we would like to formally extend our congratulations to Sergeant Lou Newell and Ernie Cameron on obtaining their substantive rank — also Cpl Purcell who received his confirmed rank and to LACs Lorne How and Jim Legere who are sporting Corporal "hooks." Nice going fellows.

Two familiar faces have departed since our last issue. Sgt Army Precor is now in Kamloops and LAC Adamson is on his way overseas. We are sure that they will both enjoy their tours.

Newcomers to the Section include Cpl Lorne How from Stn Beaverlodge and AC James from Camp Borden. Welcome to Comox fellows, although we can hardly refer to Lorne How as a newcomer. Even when transferred away from here he seemed to have spent as much time here on TD as he did with his parent unit. It just goes to show that first loves are lasting ones!

Sgt Denny Lewin has returned to work after several weeks hospitalization. He is employed at the moment at the unit guardhouse as i/c in the absence

of Sgt Robinson on annual leave. We note that he still wears his medical collar and receives treatment but we are pleased to see signs of improvement. Sarge, Cpl Johnny Dewar is now out of the hospital but he too wears a collar and is still under treatment. Just think of the common ground these two have for small talk. Joking aside, we hope that you are able to shed your harness soon and are back in A-1 shape.

LAC Roger Irwin's wife is in hospital and we understand that it might be for a lengthy period. We sure wish her a speedy recovery, Rog.

There have not been too many fish stories lately. We know that Sgt Robinson and FS Conley are giving the Puntledge quite a workout, with the Flight getting a steelhead. We do have information from a reliable source (not that we couldn't take their word for it) that Sgt Ernie Cameron and Cpl. Bradshaw are catching the odd salmon out in the salt chuck. Ernie has also taken a few trout recently from Lake Comox.

A few more release applications are in the mill. "In the

spring a young man's fancy turns to . . . !!" How does that go?

F/O Stevenson should be back to work soon. He is at home now on convalescing leave but drops in occasionally to re-orient himself.

Well, having rambled on for several paragraphs, we appear to have exhausted our stock of gossip (news to the uninitiated) and are already looking for items to include in our next issue. So, if you have any newsworthy subjects, please send them to our place of operation — guardhouse. By the way Sgt Robinson, we are still bearing in mind your list of service terminology for inclusion, when our column looks a little small some time.

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