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Tac Eval Time Again



HERE WE GO AGAIN

With bated breath and heads full of useful and useless information 409 squadron members await the arrival of yet another in a series of Tactical Evaluations. The Tac Evals have proved to be so popular that they are held at least annually at every ADC Base.

The Main feature of the visit will be the sound of flying stones and banging afterburners as the 409 Voodoos will get about two days of heavy flying. Another not-to-be-missed event will be the written exam, on anything the Tac Eval Team didn't think of last year.

Every section contributing to the ADC function of the Base will get a going over by the visiting team, from the kitchen to the firemen. Sirens will no doubt wail as dirty simulated tricks are pulled and devious devices are planted.

The Flying Control chaps will be under scrutiny, and probably

will be giving some thought to using the "Straight In" approach pictured in the last issue of the Times.

Also under the magnifying glass of the team will be the Military Police. The MPs will try to prevent the planting of dummy bombs and other goodies around the base. To do this, they will probably prevent anyone from going anywhere.

As is the usual practise in wars and Tac Evals, everything starts at a time when no self respecting milkman would get out of bed; very early. This business of routing the troops out of a nice warm pit is just one way of setting the stage; it is not a fun game.

After the Team gets through with us this time, we should be fireproof for another few months, until the cold weather sets in back east; making Tac Evals too uncomfortable there.



JUST AS SOON AS I TAKE OVER THIS COUNTRY, THE FIRST THING I'M GOING TO DO IS SILENCE THOSE DAMN ADMIRALS

MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

On the strength of the Base Safety Council recommendations arrangements have been made for the Provincial Motor Vehicle Br. vehicle inspection unit to visit the base. The times and dates of the visit will be 0900 until 1600 hrs daily 14th to 17th March inclusive. The testing unit will be set up in the Auto Club Parking Lot.

There are no strings attached to this inspection. It is on a voluntary basis and there is no fee involved. Vehicles that pass

the inspection will be given a sticker for the windshield to indicate that the safety test has been passed and the car has been found to be in good mechanical condition. For vehicles that do not pass the inspection the driver will be issued with a deficiency form listing mechanical defects. Providing the testing unit is still on base, and if he so desires, the owner can have the defects corrected, return with a garage receipt to the effect that the defects have been cor-

rected, and receive a safety sticker. After 17th March he can obtain the safety sticker by presenting the garage receipt and deficiency form at the Drivers Examination Office located in Courtenay Courthouse.

The testing centres on the following items:

1. Headlamp aiming
2. Wheel alignment
3. Front and running assembly
4. Braking ability.

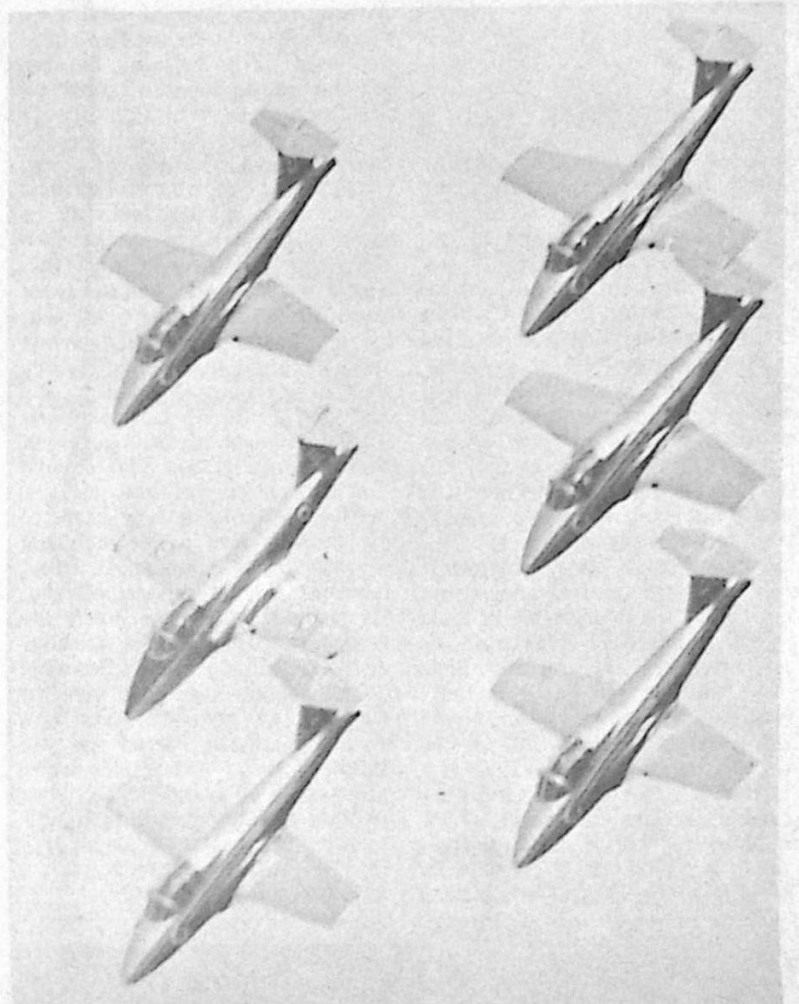
It is recommended that as many people as possible take

advantage of this free safety check as the testing unit schedule was re-adjusted to provide this service to the Base.

In order to permit maximum participation with a minimum of waiting time involved, the following are dates allocated to vehicle testing for Squadron/Section personnel on Base:

14 Mar 407 Squadron
15 Mar 121 Squadron and CE Section.
16 Mar Base Personnel
17 Mar Open to all personnel

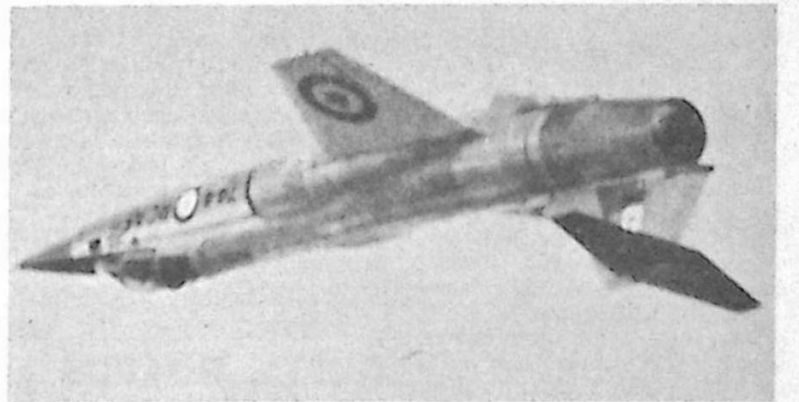
Practice Show Saturday



SPECIAL REHEARSAL

On Saturday afternoon, between 1500 and 1545, the air above CFB Comox will be over-cast with Tutors, CF-100s, and that new high speed addition to Canada's defences, the Avro 504, as the members of the Centennial airshow get together in a practice airshow that will approximate that which they will put on to thrill millions of Canadian from coast-to-coast throughout the summer.

All dependents are cordially invited to view this show, which will take place if weather permits. It must be noted that this is not an open-house type of effort, and sections of the station will not be opened so that the little monsters can see where daddy spends his coffee breaks. All dependents are welcome to come and see the show. Don't miss it.



Ledoux Inspects NORAD'S Island Units

The Deputy Commander of Western NORAD Region, Air Commodore Hugh C. Ledoux, DFC, CD, recently paid an official visit to CFB Comox and Holberg.

The headquarters of Western Region are located at Hamilton Air Force Base in California.

Air Commodore Ledoux is from Westmount, P.Q., where he was born in 1916 and received his education.

He joined the RCAF in 1938

and in 1943 proceeded overseas to take command of No. 425 (Alouette) Squadron, then flying heavy bombers. In August, 1945, the Air Commodore attended the RAF Staff College, and following a short tour in the Directorate of Selection and Manning, he took the U.S. Armed Forces College.

In 1950, he returned to personnel work at what was then Central Air Command at Trenton and from there was appointed

to the staff of RCAF Staff College. In 1954 he was named Commanding Officer of RCAF Station North Bay.

In 1963, he became Director of Canada's National Defence College until July, 1966 when he arrived at his present appointment.

The photograph shows Air Commodore Ledoux reviewing his Guard of Honor on his arrival at CFB Comox. Left is F/O F. W. Lenard Gibson, 25, of Berwick, N.S., Guard Commander,



WORRIED WARBLER

As readers of this journal are no doubt sick of hearing, TacEval time is approaching for 409 Sqn., a fly-by-night outfit based at Comox that is always trying to drag the rest of the base into its noisy nocturnal activities.

The Nighthawks claim, utilizing their usual credibility gap, that this test doesn't bother them at all. They are, they would have you believe, their usual casual, devil-may-care selves. No sweat, no worries.

Don't be so sure. Tipped off by a local druggist, who stated that his tranquilizer sales had never been higher, the Totem Times sent their ace reporter out to track down the mystery.

To start with, he couldn't even track down the squadron. The nervous smokers in the bunch had put up such an impenetrable smoke screen that even the seagulls had diverted to Powell River. Finally however, a breeze sprang up and he was able to home in on the Nighthawks Nest, led there by the smell of "no-sweat" flying suits.

At first the squadron would have nothing to do with him, believing him to be an advance spy for the TacEval types, or, even worse, an interloper from EWU. In their usual security conscious fashion, they let him wander around, and the reporter escaped with this picture. Of the raggedy mascot, smoking. Now, if it's smoking, you can imagine what the rest of the squadron is like. They're so twitchy they make tombstones nervous. Case closed.



Far Away Places and Times

The memories of forty years are hidden behind those eyes, and the sight of the sparse instrument panel brings them all back.

Squadron Leader E. A. McGowan is now the CO of Air Cadet Squadron 89 of Victoria. Forty years ago, he was flying an AVRO 504K, and those years have not completely erased the memories. He retired from the Regular Force as a Group Captain.

Cadet Aircraftman Kanlihear and Cadet Sgt. Holland will have the chance to see the old AVRO in action this Centennial summer as it will form part of the airshow

of the Golden Centennaires. CFB Comox personnel can look out their windows any old day and see this vintage warbird practicing its show.

NORAD BRIEFING HERE TOMORROW

A three man NORAD team will give an informational briefing on NORAD in the Base Theatre tomorrow afternoon, the twenty-fifth. The briefing starts at 1500 hours, and normally takes about

one hour to deliver. Comox personnel who can be spared from their section duties may attend. Several service club members from the Comox Valley have been invited.

NIGHT HAWK'S NEST



I hear that someone is running around starting the rumor that we are having a TacEval next week. I think it is about time that someone put a stop to all these ugly rumors, before some of the more gullible chaps start believing them. Of course if you are one of the more gullible ones you might have a quick peek at the red book over the weekend. That is if you have nothing more important to do like fishing or playing golf. I'm sure that those of us spending the weekend in the Quiet Rest Area will hardly have time to open a book, what with trying to squeeze twenty hours of sleep and four battle stations into a normal day. My advice to you is that if you get a phone call at five in the morning don't panic, as long as you are at work dressed within five minutes nothing will be said.

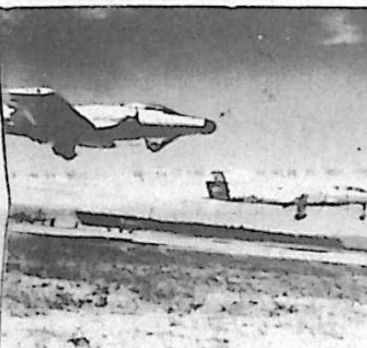
Just because the incumbent Navleader is running around with a big grin it doesn't mean that he has an advance copy of the exam, all it means is that HQ had given Gus a reprieve of a couple of months before reporting. Mel was trying to get his transfer delayed until summer too, but any fool knows that they don't have summer at Fox. Walt played the gracious host Friday night and had the boys down for a quick game of tidly winks. Fat Lennie quickly won everybody's tiddies and we had to quit, however it was fun while it lasted. Grover Poole, everybody's choice as short order cook of the year made up a batch of 'egg in the hole' for everybody. Wally and Pat were forced

to eat peanut butter for breakfast of course, but as I said it was all fun while it lasted. Wasn't it Wally?

Fred Brittain has to get the nomination as the best dressed man on the squadron. We understand he was wearing a jacket at least one year ahead of the style. I'm not too sure I'm going to like the sleeves covering the hands but the sagging shoulders were really in. It's too bad about poor old Ralph Metzler, coming all the way up here to Canada to pick up a jacket with tight shoulders and short sleeves. I guess there is no accounting for taste.

The boss of the navigators union made a surprise visit to the station over the weekend to check up on the rumor that Walt wants a mute switch in the front seat. He made it quite clear that he considers this a dangerous infringement in the navigators field of responsibility and if carried out would certainly precipitate a general strike. A secret ballot taken at the bar showed that the navigators are in favor of the strike by a vote of 21 to 1. Since it was a secret ballot we don't wish to name the traitor, however it is understood that Hesterman has been given the responsibility of making the beds at the QRA for a month. Possibly by next month's general meeting we may be able to make that vote unanimous. What do you think, John? The pilot's union has vowed to stand behind Walt in this matter, but it is a well known fact that their union, although wealthy, suffers from a definite lack of leadership.

CHAFF CHATTER



TacEval time has come and gone for the Elderly Warriors, and all concerned passed the exam with a minimum of cheating, despite such unfair technical questions as, "How many seats are there in a CF-100?" Gus Meinert, who was investigating was unable to provide any assistance on this type of question, but he did offer some help on the theoretical ones such as, "What is your name?"

Johnny Sorfleet and Vic Rush-ton proceeded on a good will tour to the frozen east last week, much to John's disgust when he saw the Winnipeg forecast. However, they were met in Saint Hubert by solicitous Ravens bearing appropriate anti-freeze so the trip wasn't an entire loss. While in the metropolis, John was presented with a scroll and pin in honor of his completion of 2,000 hours Clunk flying, and Vic was presented with a mug from EWW St. Hubert. In his rebuttal speech, Vic told the envious HU types that the trouble with a transfer to Comox was that the Wednesday trip spoiled both weekends. John's speech was even shorter than usual.

Jim Davies has returned from his tour of the sunny south and is now happily back at work, writing more amusing bridge columns for people to snicker at. Those who play against him find the column hilarious, particularly when they tromp him with his own advice.

Gerry Knight and Earl Crocker took their Sea Scout troop out for a hike last weekend and found out what conditioning really is, and who doesn't have it. With a little luck we'll have them back at work before too long.

One of the visiting crews from St. Hubert created some excitement the other night when his port engine seized on take-off. It provided all sorts of practice for firefighters, ambulance drivers, and alarm button pushers in the tower, who don't really believe the CF can fly on two engines, let alone one.

Bob Wheeler's mansion is as good a spot as any to watch all the practice airshows from, or at least it was until Rene Serrao came in with his CF 104, which produces twice as much noise as even Parliament. At that, Bob's lucky it wasn't a Harvard. Recently there has been a death of jam type exercises which land in San Francisco and other such exotic spots, and this is a good thing as no one's budget would stand it. Another month or so, perhaps.

Rumor of the Week: Earl Crocker's dog will soon be off its sweater diet, and start eating dog food.

DUSTY GUARDS

Canadian soldiers will take over security guard duties this month at the two camps in Egypt used by the Canadian contingent with the United Nations Emergency Force.

Camp Rafah, the Canadian base in the Gaza Strip, has been guarded by Brazilian Infantrymen, El Arish, the location of 115 Air Transport Unit RCAF, has been guarded by Yugoslav security troops.

The 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Edmonton will provide a platoon commander and 64 men for the one-year tour of security duty.

This is another step in the re-organization of the force begun a year ago. In February 1966, the 120-man Canadian reconnaissance squadron was withdrawn and a further decrease of 62 Canadian signallers, engineers, drivers and supply personnel is now taking place.

On completion of the current changes, the Canadian contingent strength will be about 800 compared to over 900 before the reconnaissance squadron was withdrawn.

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WHAT IS IT?

— Ron Elmer Photo

NOT A REPLACEMENT for the Neptune (there is only enough space for 14 ROs), but an old retired Transair Company Whatsit. The old biplane was in use for many years out of Winnipeg; ferrying fishermen, trappers and hunters in and out of the frozen north. The biplane is so old that even Transair doesn't know what type it is. The first 35 Totem Times readers to send in the correct name carefully printed on the back of WROs (or a reasonable facsimile) will receive absolutely free, a two-week supply of used parking tickets.

Coboc Cacaphony



HOUSEMOTHER FOR THE BARRACKS

Hard on the heels of the recent expose of the squalid conditions of single officers living out comes word from Housing Command Headquarters that barracks life is to be overhauled in order to attract the wandering sheep back to the fold. For those of us who have not read "The Canadian Forces Reorganization Act", otherwise known as "The Thought of Chairman Hellyer", Housing Command was organized to promote a common standard of barracking among the three services. With the establishment of the command, a common identity and an over-riding loyalty to the whole force is being created among those who have "four walls". In addition great economies can be wrought in the purchase of items like toilet paper, bought for all three services from Ace carborundum and Abrasives Co.

All this is getting away from our main theme. Pictured here is the first housemother hired by HCHQ in a series of steps to make barracks life more amenable. The women chosen for this job are not picked for "superficial" characteristics, (obviously) but are chosen for deeper, more motherly qualities. They will supplement, but not replace the janitors, who will continue their traditional tasks of letting dust accumulate, and sending the wrong pile of clothing to the cleaners.

Many other improvements are rumoured, but the only one to materialize so far is the installation of piping allowing the clothes dryers to vent outside. In a daring cost cutting tour de force the dryers were originally installed so that the hot, moisture laden air spewed right into the laundry rooms, causing paint to fall off walls, floor tiles to curl up like deep fried bacon rinds, and clothes to stay wet forever.

Plans are underway to make two room suites, I suppose by putting a doorway between each pair of rooms, making a bedroom, and a livingroom. Imagine—a sink in your front room! Another rumored addition is a kitchen.

HALL OF FLAME

(This week CF Coffey)

Did you read last week's issue? Yes? Right! We press on! Strike while the iron is hot and all that. Now that we are rid of the non-believers and the just-wouldn't-listen types, let's talk fire safety. No, no, we're not going to start off on the old saw of "don't smoke in bed". It's a good thought but obviously if we haven't got through to you on this by now, you are beyond redemption in that line, so let's try a new tack. Ready? Go—

Are you a hunter? Deer? Moose? No, sorry, we don't mean that kind of a hunter. We mean the kind of a hunter who searches in the clothes closet or attic scratching matches for light. Is this you? Of course you can't be expected to carry the hot burned-out matches with you, so drop them. Also you may touch the clothes and—Get the picture?

One short moment of consideration can show you; in that direction lies fire!

Your Fire Dept.

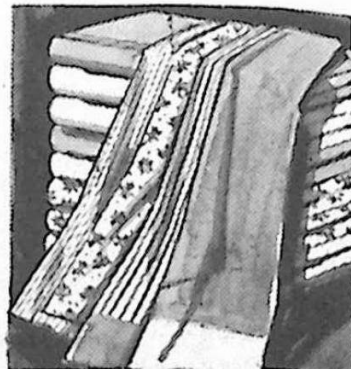
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MP BLOTTER

Not much to report this time, I'm afraid. We hear voices in the night emanating from the arena are attributed to the hockey and broom ball teams. The voices say "So we are low down. There's only one way to go fellows and that's up." Yes, No further comment. Truth is often stranger than fiction and in Casey's case the truth is that two weeks ago he asked for a posting to St. Jeans. On Friday a volunteer was called for to go on Tattoo Tour for eight months. Casey volunteered on Friday and left us Saturday. Guess what came in Monday. Yes his posting to St. Jeans. LAC Swick is also going to St. Jeans in March. We said a fond farewell to LAC's Pollack and Turner as they left for the east last week. Our loss is a 3 Wing gain. Have a good time fellows. It is reported that Hal Rogers your friendly recall artist has finally licked the ASF problem. He claims "I don't recall the men any more, I just phone their wives. That gets 'em". Lew Newell left the Council 'hot seat' after a lengthy tour as Town Clerk. Guess who is now sitting in that unenviable seat now. Our boss the F/L. As long as he doesn't start to play with Lew's trains we won't shout too loud.

F/O Stevenson has been nailed again this year for PNE committee duty and that seems to be a promising future what with Canada's Centennial and B.C. Centennial festivities all in the same year. Good luck Sir. The Warrant has just walked in so back to work. His course is over and so is our holiday. I don't mean that Warrant, it's just that the whip hurts.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD ANSWER

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Two Hooks and a Line

by CPL. W. LUPUL

Once again, the stout(?) and noble members of the Corporals' Club have entered into sports. But alas, a completed disaster. They were shut out by the Totem Club 5 to 0, in broomball. An old Chinese saying, "Heart may be there but stomach is too big". My congratulations fellows, I understand the average age was over thirty. Keep up the good work as new and younger recruits are on their way. A later report has just come in; in three games the corporals have scored one (1) goal. That one was good enough to win over 409, sounds like a good game.

A few of our members are also taking part in another sport, skiing. This, I fear, is not for sport, but for recreation, going where the girls are. Keep it up gang, there are plenty around. Skiing also gives a healthy appetite, already proven by Grant Morrison. On the way home, Grant bought a side of beef he called a steak. It measured 20 by 1 1/2 inches. Anyone for Bromo?

The Entertainment Committee has advised me that due to poor turnouts at the Rec Hall, no more functions will be held there. All functions will now be held in the Club unless mentioned otherwise in the monthly bulletin. More support for these Club functions is needed as good bands are too expensive for poorly attended affairs.

The new Club extension plans have left the station, with luck and a little time, we may have the needed extra space. It has been nice to see all the new faces in the Club, and it has been nice to renew old friendships. Bar profits have seen a healthy increase.

Saturday, 25 Feb...Cpls' Wives Card Party. Open to all Cpls, Wives and girl friends.

Sunday 26 Feb...Combo night, free admission. The Tidesman, No Food.

Mar. 4...Bingo Dance...Admission \$1.00 first card, extras 50c. The Tidesman, light snacks.

Sunday 5 Mar...Honky Tonk Night...Free Admission.

Long Service Award

A CF-104 jet based at Marville France, has become the first Canadian Starfighter to log 1,000 hours of flight.

Piloted by Wing Commander James F. Dunlop, 43, of Vancouver, the jet made its record flight on Jan. 17. The Starfighter was specially selected last fall for flying at a more intensive rate than its contemporaries at 1 Wing RCAF Marville. Now having reached the 1,000-hour mark, it will be subjected to a detailed examination and non-destructive testing to determine the future servicing needs of other CF-104s of the air divisions force.

At speeds flown on its low-level missions in Europe the CF-104 could have circled the equator more than twenty times in its 1,000 flying hours.

The North American Air Defense Command agreement was signed by the United States and Canada on May 12, 1958.



Demon Doins

The Combat Readiness Inspection arrived for most of us in the early, early morning of some time last week, but no one seems to recall just when. Troops arrived at the Base in various attire and in varying states of awareness. It was however, not a completely unexpected event. One aircraft was already airborne prior to the simulated upgrading of operational alert and another became airborne shortly thereafter. Crews left behind on the ground were screened by an interviewing analysis team from Esquimalt. Each trade was tested on its specific Maritime task as well as being assessed on squadron duties and responsibilities. It all lasted about 24 hours and then when the inspection was completed the battle was quietly put away. The inspection is not completely over, we are told, but just in a state of dormancy. There is yet more to come. Just like having Christmas twice a year - oh boy!

"B" Flight has journeyed South to NAS Moffat to carry out combat training with the USN. Meanwhile back at the ranch, "A" Flight has been holding the Fort and

hasn't noticed any difference in the work load. Sir George and his band are always on the top of the pile, or so it seems.

Two Argus crews arrived last week from the other coast. One crew arrived on a week's exchange while the other had a one day stop over before heading on to parts unknown. The 404 exchange crew was greeted by the CO 407, W/C H. E. Smale and shown to the lounge for a short period of relaxation. Most of the visiting members took part in the local scenery, but some went as far south as Victoria and Vancouver.

Congratulations to Doug Hutchison, Lloyd Snyder, and Dick Anslow upon entering the two strip league.

It can go without saying that, along with the promotions go the transfers. F/L Gord Whitson is heading for Winnipeg, F/O Rick Chenier is going to become a close neighbor in Portage, and Sgt. Tom McCormack is racing off to Air Transport Command (and I'm being transferred to Hawaii as a permanent exchange officer).

Rumor of the Week: 407 Sqn. is moving to No. 7 Hangar.

VAN'S VERBALITY

by: WO1 JW Van BUSKIRK

I watched "Ilya" in UNCLE the other night and after watching him throw a few toughies around I felt a little ashamed for allowing myself to get into such poor physical shape. If I thought that it would do any good or inspire me to do something about it, I would write away to David McCallum and get a free UNCLE card and an Ilya sweater. No, it's too late to join a fan club, almost too late to watch a fan dancer, so there is no need for sham or pretense. The only person who thinks I am still her little boy, is Mother and her age permits a few little idiosyncrasies. She didn't read Dr. Benjamin Spock's book on child care, either.

In my estimation, it isn't what you can do but what you think that you can do. It's alright for me to poke fun at my age because I don't really mean it but it's very vexatious to hear young people refer to people my age as being so antiquated. I overheard a couple of young chaps talking in front of the restaurant recently. I heard one chap ask, "Who's that old fellow?" I looked all around expecting to see some old age pensioner but there was no one else in sight, just me.

They say, and rightly so, that a person is only as old as he feels and I keep reassuring myself through pep talks and actions that I still feel quite young. I readily recognize the fact that I can't do as many push-ups or cartwheels but I can still eat two eggs and a couple of rashers of bacon for breakfast, shine my shoes and be at work on time.

I can still belly up to the bar, go to stag parties and sing ribald songs around a piano. Believe me, these are not easy things to do or not the normal things that old men do. They whistle home after work, putter in the garden and read short stories. Some years ago I put away my hockey skates and boxing gloves. I pushed

aside many dreams and aspirations. However, I still have to count to ten before getting angry sometimes, still leap before I look and even linger over some of the pieces in playboy.

It's strange about that. A fellow's birth certificate suggests that he is getting old, his wife keeps reminding him to act his age and it would be quite easy to convince yourself that you are over the hill. But, if you keep looking ahead and not back, if you do a little one legged leap step in the morning when pulling on your socks and if your friends are commencing to look real old, then you are still young in mind and actions which is all that counts.

Rumour denied

It has now been officially denied that the CF-104, which is currently controlling the population explosion with early morning afterburner explosions, has been taken on the strength of 121 KU to replace the tired T-33 which they flogged to an unsuspecting 409 Squadron last week. A spokesman for the "Grove and Gripe" boys said that all his pilots got airless at any mention of G loads in excess of one, or speeds much above 100 knots. "Our pilots are responsible citizens, and not juvenile hot-rod artists, like others I could mention" he added.

The North American Air Defense Command maintains operational control of air defence units of the United States Air Force, Army and Navy as well as the Canadian Forces Air Defence Command.

NORAD is an acronym for North American Air Defence Command.

NEW BEAST FOR DEMONS?



WILL DEMONS GET THE ARGUS?

Coffee shop rumor has it that 407 Sqn is trading in its fleet of Neptunes for one long range Argus aircraft. The CO has thus far offered no indication as to whether or not these bit beasts will nest here on a permanent basis, but I understand that he was talking trade with the captains of ones that arrived last week.

The fact that the large Bird can extend its patrols for 18

hours plus, will mean that the less active crew members on 407 could obtain more than 25 hours flying time per quarter, although in a few cases there is some doubt.

If rumor becomes fact aircraft Captains would no longer be so restricted in their selection of alternate aerodromes. With bad weather on the West coast it would not be unlikely to find crews in such places as Hawaii, Japan,

Wake, or even Istanbul, if they could be found at all.

The extensive radius of operation attainable with Argus will permit area patrols in waters that are unreachable with the granddaddy Neptune. However, decision from above is yet to come, so don't hold your breath awaiting the final answer.

(Actually, there is nothing to the rumour, but it did give us an opportunity to print this lovely Ron Elmer pic.)



We Always Use a 10" Needle

The MIR has gone on the rampage in attempting to curb the annual winter flu epidemic that keeps aircrew on the ground and groundcrew inside the hangar. Recently members of 407 Sqn.

were chosen as the most likely people on the base to catch the flu. Man for man they took their medicine. And who wouldn't when a pretty nurse like Sister Connie Brown is wielding the syringe.

A new arrival on 407, Bob Currie, looks on with a mildly critical eye as Sister Brown jokingly tells him that he is getting a shot of LSD.

Three Promotions for 407 Personnel

Three promotions from Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant have graced our Squadron since the Christmas list. The first to receive notice was pilot and Captain, F/L Doug Hutchison. Two

more arrived last week, F/L Lloyd Snyder and F/L Dick Anslow, both radio officers.

Since the Short Service Commission is in its dying days, one can foresee that three year

rapid promotion trend is not unlikely in the aircrew branch. It is a healthy sign for the service and adds stability to the career minded serviceman.

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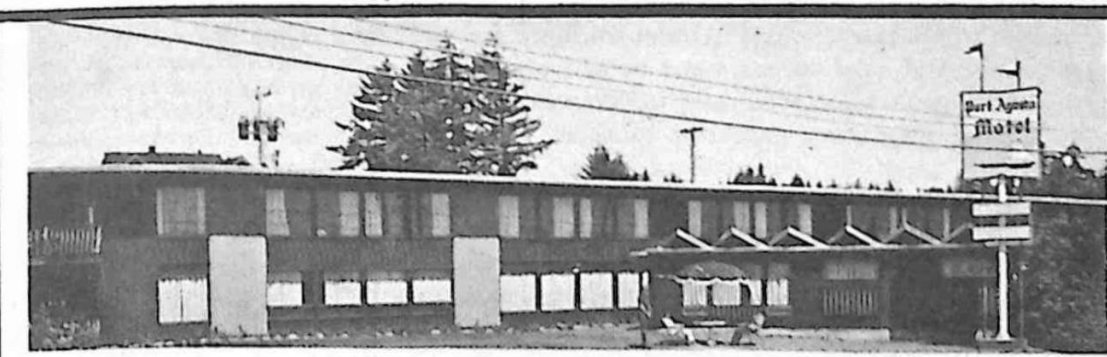
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P.O. STATCOE (second from right) and a group of seamen were given a tour of 407 Squadron last week. To start the tour the seamen were given a talk on 407's operations by F/L D Mayne. After that a tour of the communications branch of 407 Sqn. following day they were shown through the communications branch of 407 Sqn. The seamen are being trained as communicators at CFB Esquimalt.

What a Centennial Project

Canadians who had hoped that the criticism brought forth during the Commons Defence Committee's hearings on the Unification Bill would add greatly to their understanding of the changes affecting Canada's armed forces must be feeling rather disappointed now. Most of the criticism levelled at the changes has been on the emotional, if not hysterical side, and has added little, if anything, to public knowledge of the issue.

This is indeed unfortunate. No one, not even Defence Minister Hellyer, contends that the proposed new force will be perfect in all respects, and that defence staffs from other countries will want to see it and die. There is, and always will be, room for improvement. Improvement will not come, however, from the sort of criticism that has been aired so far.

Again and again critics say that unification will not work because it has never been tried before, a refrain that was familiar to that long-ago inventor who first thought of the wheel. It is rather hard to come up with a wholly new idea that has been done before, and why precedent should be the prime factor in innovation is hard to see.

Another charge is that the unification of the forces will lower morale to a depth not normally reached by submariners, but most of the available evidence is to the contrary. Since October 1, 1966, when the department made clear the direction in which it was heading, and introduced the unified trade structure, morale has increased. The decline in strength and morale caused, in part, by uncertainty and rumour, was checked, and morale climbed, pushed by a new sense of purpose.

The criticism that Canadian servicemen are fanatically attached to their uniforms contains more flannel than the uniforms. Most servicemen are proud of their uniforms, but proud as they are, it does not stop them from suggesting changes and alterations that could be made to make the uniforms more useful. To say that the Canadian serviceman is going to lose all effectiveness because he is given a new suit is preposterous. Designing a new uniform has been a TGF practice for a great many years, particularly in summer.

The criticism that modern warfare demands specialists is more valid, but the specialists will still exist within the forces. Putting them in the proper jobs will demand some of the most careful personnel planning the department has ever done, but this problem will not be insurmountable.

Traditions play an important role in military life, although not as important a role as some people would have us believe. Nonetheless it exists, and some of it will disappear with the new force. But not for long. New traditions will soon be established, new customs started, and the services will roll along.

Modern technology has changed warfare almost unrecognizably since the present tri-service organization was last tested in battle almost a quarter of a century ago. The role Canada can be expected to play in any future conflict will be far different from what it has been in the past. It is not unnatural then, to fashion a new force, particularly suited to the needs of the era, and the needs of the country. To do less would be derelict.

The construction of a mobile, modern force looking confidently ahead to its future role, rather than proudly back at long-past successes is one of the most meaningful steps Canada has taken in a long time. Military forces must adapt to meet the needs of the era in which they operate, or they become anachronisms, fit only for pomp and pageantry.

It's a tremendous Centennial project.

Another Banana Republic

Mobile Command is a big outfit. It is going to get bigger. It will eventually be very heavily armed. And, it will come under the control of one man. In some quarters, this concentration of power is held to be dangerous to the point where it raises questions about the possibility of a military dictatorship.

Is such a thing possible in this country? From here, the possibilities look even more remote than the possibility that Brigitte Bardot is a boy. Canadians, despite their outstanding record in two world wars and other conflicts, are not a military people, and they do not stand in awe of military commanders. Frequent press references to "Colonel Blimps," "Brass Hats" and other such endearing nomenclature keep it that way. So much for the civilians. How about the military? Are they really aspiring to control the country?

The record shows otherwise. The number of career servicemen who leave the service to take up politics is small indeed. The senior officers gravitate toward company directorships, while the junior officers sell investment funds. Retired NCOs and airmen also tend toward the business rather than political world. Exceptions can, of course, be found to these genial generalities, but by and large the Canadian serviceman is not a political animal.

It might be possible for some far-in-the-future commander, driven to distraction by the insane representations of committee witnesses to order his tanks to surround the House, while his airplanes level it. It is also just possible that they wouldn't do it. One of the things the Canadian serviceman has signed up to protect is Canadian democracy, and protect it he will, from all challengers. The Canadian serviceman knows that his ultimate responsibility is to Canada, and not to whoever happens to be occupying the top chair in his command.

Canada has inherited and extended a long honorable tradition of democratic government which has benefited all its citizens. It seems a little odd at this late date to suppose that some organizational changes in the structure of the armed forces which are sworn to uphold those traditions would result in the overthrow of those traditions.

Odd as it seems, it makes good headlines, and perhaps that was the object of the exercise.

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Poet's Corner

NAUTICAL THOUGHT

It certainly would not be hypocritical
To say that our government is political
It is a trait for which we're noted
Our governors are always in-voted.

But we've just heard in a quite critical
That this form of rule we might quitclaim
To live out our lives in an oppressed land
Under the hand of Mobile Command.

This governing monster has been created
Just since the forces integrated
But with reeking tube, and with iron shard,
It's going to ride rough-shod over Hansard.

It is against the grain of someone nautical
To put up with something so despotical
The Boss and his hench-men of Mobile Command
Must never, must never rule over this land.

We'll keep our country democratical

A state for which we're most fanatical
Commanders will no longer be promoted,
We'll have them into office voted.

The story's moral is quite notable:
If you have a line that's quotable
It will hit the daily press
And the public you'll impress.

CRAB GRASS

Life is simply full of sayings,
That strike me as merely trite,
Like the latin "Tempus Fugit"
And the "ships that pass at night."

"Time and tide will wait for no man"
As King Canute and we know well;
And surely we need no reminding
Just for whom we "Toll the Bell."

"A Bird in Hand" is just another
Stupid saying for the list;
The only thing it does for certain
Is to mess up all the wrist.

"If the cap fits you must wear it"
That sounds strictly from Supply.
"Marriage is an institution"
What a place for man to die!

Often I have sat and pondered
And it hasn't made much sense.
When they say the grass is greener
The other side of hedge or fence.

Now however, it has meaning
And the meanin's plain to see
As I gaze at greener pastures
O'er the fence from Payfield Three!

(ANON)

Tradition and All That

Tradition is a word that has been bandied about much, of late. The word has been a favorite in Parliament and in Parliamentary Committee, not to mention its popularity in the "letter to the editor" columns. Tradition (and the loss of it that would presumably occur with service unification) has been used as a starting point for arguments for lo these many months. Perhaps an examination of the very word is in order; maybe a loss of tradition is not all that serious, or maybe there will not be a loss of tradition in the first place.

To most of us, tradition is a good word. It stands for many things that are good simply because they are old, and they have worked in the past. Other meanings of the word are not necessarily so good. Tradition, by definition also means unchanging, not new, not getting better. The word, in the black and white of the dictionary, loses some of its charm and bright colors. Colors like navy blue and brass buttons.

The RCAF has very little tradition of its own. Most of our customs, like our uniforms are borrowed from the RAF. The RCAF does have some history and tradition of its own, most of which was made in the two

world wars. Most of the recent tradition has been made since the last war. The tradition of having the best trained aircrew in the world belongs to us. It is also traditional that our ground-crews are not conscripts, and are professionals in every sense of the word.

There are several kinds of traditions. The traditions that we have upheld over the last two decades or so have little to do with our RAF type uniform. We could have worn all the European gunnery trophies just as easily in another kind of suit, or mastered arctic navigation as lieutenant instead of flying officers. The color of the uniform may change, and the names we call ourselves may change, but the players are still the same. Presumably, the performance of the players will remain the same, or better. If we can't count on that, we can't count on anything.

The familiar blood bottle used for so many years by the Canadian Red Cross Society is a thing of the past. It has been replaced by a more effective plastic blood pack.

On behalf of all personnel at CFB Comox, the TOTEM TIMES extends sincere sympathy to the family of F/L DJ Barker, who was killed in the crash of his Tutor jet on Forbidden Plateau on 15 February, 1967.

Letters to Editor Dept.

PAINT IS HIS PEEVE

Editor,
Totem Times,
Dear Sir:
Won't someone, who has enough rank and position to be heard, ever notice and raise his voice against the type of paint used in PMQ's by the contractors? Most of the wives are cursing it. Aren't CE officers married? All the "hen-parties" reserve a half an hour to stick pins in a small doll dressed in painters white overalls to try to put a hex on LATEX paint.

As all the wives who have met latex paint know, it gets dirty twice as fast as ordinary paint. Even swatting a mosquito leaves a grease stain that necessitates scrubbing away half the paint to remove even half the stain. The PMQ's are supposedly designed for families with children and just look at the hand prints on the stair walls. LATEX PAINT Semi-gloss or even flat wall oil base paint doesn't mark half as much. Latex paint not only flakes off after about two washings but the rough abrasive surface wears out the rags and makes the job twice as hard to do. A recent Bulletin said "do not use harsh cleaners - it wears away the paint!" Ain't it the truth.

So please won't some one who can, specify No Latex Paint, and prevent all the wives from growing beards and carrying placards in a march at the gate protesting against LATEX PAINT.

NCO I/C WALLS

DISCRIMINATION AGAIN

Dear Sir:
I recently read an article in the Totem Times to the effect that the senior Cpls have been showing a certain amount of discrimination towards the Cpls who were promoted as of Oct. 1, 66. It appeared that the writer of that editorial was of the opinion that we were all created equal. I wonder why then that on the last WRO for CFB Comox it was stated that the senior Cpls of this base could look forward to the rewarding duty as Orderly NCO's instead of the usual pleasant duty of Orderly Cpl. I feel that if a Cpl is qualified to fill this duty, he is also qualified to get the pay that this duty calls for. Under some circumstances it could be classed as "risk pay". It would appear that it is not only the senior Cpls that have a taste of bitterness in them, but also CFB Comox, and possibly all of the RCAF.

D. L. Paige. (RANK UNKNOWN).

DUBIOUS PLAUDITS

Dear Sir:
Just a short note to tell you how much I enjoyed your new feature "From Up In My Perch" by that clever Seemore. Just what your paper needed.

L. G. McCaffrey.

Ed. Note - You liked it eh? Doesn't say much for our HRP screening.

Of Deserts and Dust

EL ARISH, EGYPT - A tiny Canadian community flourishes 150 yards from the Mediterranean on the north coast of the Sinai desert.

It's Marina Camp, home of 90 officers and men of the RCAF's 115 Air Transport Unit which for ten years has supported the UN Emergency Force along the Palestine, Egyptian and Israeli borders.

Marina is a former RAF rest camp, seven miles from the unit's three Caribou aircraft at El Arish airport. Heat and sand beset both aircraft and men but boredom is the most persistent enemy.

A variety of off-hour activity and the chance to travel to a dozen cities in the storied Middle East make morale 'very high' according to the commanding officer, Wing Commander James Fitzsimmons, of Lindsay, Ont.

"This may be somewhat surprising," W/C Fitzsimmons said, "When one considers that the servicemen do not see their families during their one-year tour of duty." His own family awaits him in Ottawa.

The unit is strong on sports, mainly baseball, volleyball, and tennis, however, the summer afternoons are too hot for sports. When a wind blows from the desert an open window is like an open furnace door.

Because of the climate, working hours are restricted to the morning, except for crews required for afternoon flights.

Because of the heat, sports are usually held in the evening and these also include archery, badminton, horse-shoes and a nine hole pitch and putt golf course. Swimming facilities include a beach house with clean sand and a good surf nearby, a lifeguard, sauna room, weight-lifting apparatus and even a massage.

Nightly movies are free, indoors or outdoors depending on the weather. A camp chapel has services each Sunday. A library with 1,500 books is still growing. Radio Marina, a closed circuit venture which celebrated its first birthday in January, is one of

the biggest morale boosters. With speakers in all messes and quarters, more than a dozen volunteer disc jockeys stand two-hour tricks, drawing from 2,500 records.

About 45 taped programs from the CBC are kept on hand and another 25 from private stations such as CHUM, Toronto; WKSX, Buffalo, N.Y., and Ottawa's CFRA provide variety. Radio Marina also carries news and sports when short wave reception permits.

Volunteer announcers receive a 14-karat gold mike lapel pin after 150 hours on the air. Station manager is F/L Gale Winterburn of Prince Albert, Sask. Production manager is LAC Ron Falls, of Leicester, England, and the technical manager is Cpl. Hugh 'Kay, of Ottawa. The station operates at least ten hours a day, longer on weekends.

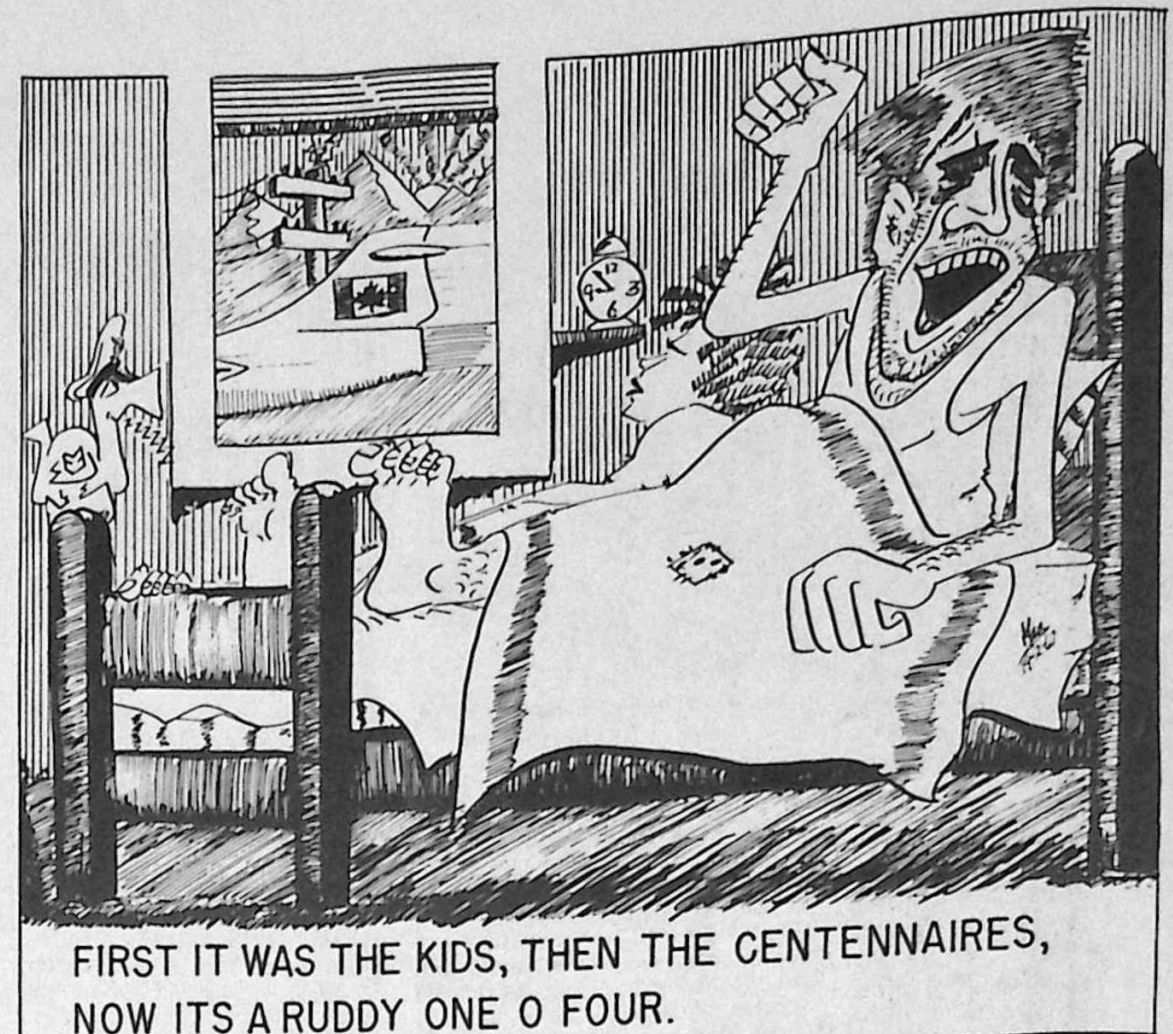
The unit has its roots in the RCAF communications flight formed on Nov. 3, 1956, at Abu Suweir near the Suez Canal as part of the embryo United Nations Emergency Force.

It first used four Otter aircraft which flew from the Canadian aircraft carrier Magificent at Port Said in January, 1957.

As Israeli forces withdrew from the Sinai peninsula in 1957 the air base for the force was shifted to El Arish. The unit has two roles - air transport and air observation. Flying is good but the territory is bleak, barren desert or mountainous country. Radio navigation aids are minimal and pilots must quickly develop a map reading skill.

Pilots fly five or six days a week, averaging about 60 hours a month. During 1966 they carried 26,427 passengers and 2,636,539 pounds of freight and baggage.

W/C Fitzsimmons takes considerable pride in his unit and its accomplishments. "The men who make up this unit have a sense of accomplishment in their peace-keeping role and approach their duties in a manner in which all Canadians should take pride," he said.



FIRST IT WAS THE KIDS, THEN THE CENTENNAIRES,
NOW ITS A RUDDY ONE O FOUR.

Twenty Years of Service

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service.

It started back in 1945 when a cross-Canada survey revealed that many large areas of the country were completely void of blood transfusion facilities. There were very few haematologists or technicians with an up-to-date knowledge of transfusion therapy and laboratory techniques. In addition, the cost of blood transfusions was often beyond the financial means of the average hospital patient.

As a result of this survey, the Canadian Red Cross inaugurated its blood Transfusion Service in February 1947 in Vancouver, B.C. By the end of the year, the service was operating in Northern and Southern Alberta. The total number of blood donations for 1947 was 32,072.

In order to meet the needs of hospitals across Canada, the Red Cross must collect nearly one million blood donations this year. To meet the needs of British Columbia-Yukon hospitals the Red Cross must collect more than 83,000 units of blood in 1967.

Last year in B.C., apart from hundreds of units of blood used for cancer surgery, there were 204 heart-lung operations which required 2,800 units of blood. Due to new surgical techniques all types of surgery are rapidly on the increase. The necessary blood needed is free to the patient.

The following is brought to you in living colour - GREEN

One of the most talked-about innovations in recent years has been colour television. Many Canadians of superior means or superior credit rating have taken advantage of the opportunity to watch Arnold Palmer putt on blood-red greens, football teams cavort on purple pastures, and the Toronto Geriatric Society, better known as the Maple Leafs, creak about on magenta ice. It has truly added something to Canadian life.

One of the things that it has added to Canadian life is an increase in the tax bill. The Canadian taxpayers have purchased 107 colour TV sets, which have been given to CBC officials whose duties require them to watch television. (Before you say that that sounds like a pretty soft job, let us hasten to assure you that watching CBC TV is no sinecure. Ask any critic.)

It is not our intention to view with alarm. Rather, we intend to point with pride to this new example of big-brotherly generosity, and show you some of the new uses to which it might be put, even in the not overly-generous framework of the Canadian services.

Under the old regime, when Big Brother spelled his name Scrooge, when P/O S. Prog wanted to take an airplane from Comox to Halifax to see his girl friend, his friendly flight commander would say, "G/-!?" Then, he would get mad, say what he really thought, and poor old Prog would stay celibate in Comox.

But this will change. With the new policy of giving pilots airplanes to fly, in the line of duty, of course, the flight commander will just refer Prog to the local Piper dealer and tell him to buy whatever he needs to monitor this flying business.

Similarly with the navy. CPO Rummy Beard, after several fruitless attempts to check out oceanographic phenomena in the azure waters around Hawaii, only to be foiled because the air force doesn't run airplanes over there, will now be allowed to buy his own boat, subject of course to the proviso that he can find the crew for it. There is also further provision that if he does find a crew he must share it with the navy.

The benefits accruing to army personnel are not so obvious, as very few garages are big enough to hold a tank, even assuming the army has some that are serviceable. A free Honest John rocket is only a fringe benefit if you have some rather important airmail, and its speed is offset by the need to give the recipient some previous warning.

Despite the obvious benefits of increased morale, increased gross national product, and increased tax revenue which would occur if this generous policy was extended to cover the services, military or civil, we have a sneaking suspicion that the end has come. Certainly the end of this article has come, because the writer has just run fresh out of ideas.

Dentist Drill Strikes Money

Dental students attending university under the sponsorship of the Department of National Defence will in the future be eligible for earlier promotion, which will result in more pay.

Under amendments approved for the Dental Officer Training Plan, a student in his second year will be promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. First year students will continue to be enrolled as officer cadets.

Previously students in their first and second year held the rank of officer cadet and were promoted to second lieutenant during the third or fourth year.

Officer cadets will receive \$180 per month, while second lieutenants will receive \$355.

On receipt of their licence to practice, dental officers are promoted to the rank of captain and are paid the full rates of pay for a dental officer. Previously subsidized officers did not receive the special dental officer allowance until three years after graduation.

In addition to the benefits re-

sulting from these changes, dental students have the cost of tuition fees and instruments paid on their behalf.

Be Prepared

In a world that is full of "weeks", the passage of another one attracts little attention. There are so many organizations willing to proclaim that such and such a week will be their "week".

We suspect that the originators of "Cat Lovers Week" are somehow connected with the cat-breeding business. The publicists of a "week" such as "Eat Out Week" are a little less devious in their attempts to gain favor and attention.

No such stigma can be attached to the people connected with the proclamation of "Boy Scout Week".

If any organization is worthy of a "week", we would like to nominate the Boy Scouts and especially their leaders.



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Plateau is the Scene

One of the fastest growing sports in the world is skiing. Skiing is the "in" thing to do these days, and the place to do it here is Forbidden Plateau.

In order to publicize the attractions of Forbidden Plateau and the Courtenay area in the field of winter sports, the Mount Becher ski society and the Valley Chamber of Commerce invited members of the press and other media to a weekend tour. As one of the leading newspapers in the area, the Totem Times was invited to send a representative.

At a dinner in the Bevan Lodge, members of the fourth estate were told of the development of the ski facilities on the Plateau, where winter games first came into vogue in 1927. In those days, it took a hardy type of enthusiast to get up the hill, as the ski-tow was only a dream in the future. A long lung-busting hike was the only way to get

to the top of the hill for the stump dodging ride down.

Things are different now, the skier has only to grit his teeth as his car gets shaken up a bit on the unpaved Plateau road, leading him right to the three tows. There are two "T bars" and one rope tow delivering bodies to the top of the slopes. It is the individual's responsibility to deliver his own body to the bottom.

As can be seen in the above photo, there is ample opportunity to learn the art of skidding down snowy hills on two sticks. Lessons are available in many forms from club to group to private.

THE MOUNT BECHER Ski Club Lodge is packed with skiers and their duds, drying out. The day chosen to show Courtenay's snow play facilities was not one of the best, it rained cats and dogs. Despite the unusual weather (?) there were an estimated 400 bodies hurtling up and down the slopes. At times, it seemed as if all 400 tried to get inside out of the rain.



from up in my perch

Last week as I sat scraping some mold off my hooks, and replacing a few stitches that had rotted away, I noticed that...

— Somebody did it again. A big bouquet to the chap who brought his big, bright silver CF-104 by my bedroom window bright and early Saturday and Sunday mornings. My family and I were so excited that we leapt from our beds and ran to our windows to see what all the clatter was about. Several times I know that if a guy likes to sleep in on the weekends he shouldn't live near an airport. Unfortunately this gem of wisdom was not brought to my attention by my Recruiting officer when I started what I laughingly refer to as my career. Anyone for starting a volunteer weekend anti-aircraft battery?

— They're thinking about issuing a Personal Liability and Clearance Certificate, to take the place of clearances. When you want something out on loan from a section you just show this and your "I" card and sign for the item and its yours. Now what the average airman doesn't need is another card to pack around, but this sounds like a good idea, sort of a credit card for "scrungers."

— Tire tracks across the mess hall lawn the other morning? Obviously they were made by some emergency vehicle on some emergency.

— Sgt. Bill Grey, an incurable optimist, went on the Officers Selection Quiz and took delivery on a brand new car at the same time. Don't you just hate people who buy new cars and park them next to your old hunk?

— The Champion Weight Loser that I've heard of so far, next to little Mrs. White of the 7 Hangar Canteen, is Cpl. Tiny Collins. Tiny has lost 43 pounds, leaving him a scant 225. Congratulations old buddy.

— 121 has been religiously attending the Rec Hall on Wednesday and 409 on Fridays. Are they fighting pounds or gone fanatic on this Physical Fitness Bit? Maybe they're going togag upon 407 Sq.

— Writer Art Collins claims to be in the chorus of a production of Oklahoma, by the Co-Val Choristers. Even at a buck and half a seat you wouldn't want to miss that. It is to be held at the CRA Hall in Courtenay, March 8 to 11.

— I see the brown jobby Warren Tossifers are in checking on the Flight Engineers. They're trying to find out how anyone so qualified can make such lousy coffee from the instant type.

— Man, I haven't seen so much brass on the station since the last Grey Cup Day.

— If you're living in PMQs and haven't had your pad painted yet you're in for a real treat. Just shove your belongings to the centre of the room, grab a coffee pot and move to the basement. A keen airman tip will take advantage of this opportunity to improve his family's shelter drill. To add to the realism, the painters are using a paint made

from surplus WWI Mustard Gas.

— Cpl. Whilton of the Base Photo Section is threatening to build an A/C as a Centennial Project. He is going to use all the parts left in the section by the guys who have their UCR ples done and leave the old greasy parts in the studio.

— Warren Tossiffer Buchan looks real keen in his new flak jacket.

— The Senior Flight Surgeon, S/L STEWART is planning to have a field hospital installed next door to Wallace Gardens to take care of all the casualties. "This", he says, "will give the interns on the job training, and better chance when they write their group '3'."

— Rumours are rampant these days. It has been hard to decide on a rumour of the week, but in keeping with my "make somebody happy every day campaign," here is the winner. "The AF's, sorry MP's, are being moved up to payfield 6. Remember fellows, it's only a rumour. If it doesn't pan out, don't start putting tickets on my car again."

— Runner up for Rumour of the Week was — CFB Greenwood is closing and the Argus are going to Penhold. General Motors has bought the Base for three million dollars. Third in the race is — the Voodoos have been sold to the B.C. Dept. of Highways and are having meters installed. They are to be used as Air Taxis by the MLAs. Of course there has been the usual run of "move scares" being bantered about, these are really put out by the postings and careers people to keep us conditioned for possible postings in the Spring. Remember, if you find yourself pushing snow in Alberta, you read it in the Times.

WNR Change

Army Major General Ethan Allen Chapman, Commander of the Western North American air defence (NORAD) region here since last November, will be transferred to North American Air Defence Headquarters, Colo. in June. He is to become Norad's chief of staff, replacing retiring Major General Mervyn M. Magee.

Taking over the joint west coast air force, army and royal Canadian air defence post will be another army Major General, James R. Winn, now chief of the military advisory group in the Philippines.

A native of Houston, Texas, General Chapman came to Hamilton from Japan where he was chief of staff of U.S. Forces. While here he has had operational control over a three-service air defence force charged with protecting the western part of the continent in time of war.

COSMO FASTER

Seven RCAF Cosmopolitan transport aircraft are being equipped with new engines which will result in a 58 mph increase in cruising speed and a slight increase in range.

The engines are American-built Allison's which will boost the speed of the Cosmopolitan

to 383 mph from the present 325 mph. The Allison engine also powers the air force Hercules transport aircraft.

The RCAF has operated 13 of the Canadian-built Cosmopolitan aircraft, which is a medium range transport capable of seating up to 40 passengers, or carrying 9,500 pounds of cargo.



SOME OF THE RCAF PEOPLE who will star in the forthcoming production of "Oklahoma!" They are Art Collins, stage hand; Abe Kluchart, chief stage hand; Tom Large, assistant chief stage hand; Don Bowen, vice-chief stage hand and Mike Leblanc, stage hand supervisor. Missing is Bob Hughes, inspector of stage hands.

Oklahoma!

Many of you will remember the tremendous performances turned in by Jimmy Dougall in Once Upon a Mattress and by Al Burden in My Fair Lady.

Now we have the chance to see entertainment of the same caliber when the Co-Val Choristers present their version of the smash hit, "Oklahoma!"

Performances are on March eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh in Courtenay CRA hall and commence at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students. However, only fifty student tickets will be sold each night. Also, the overall sale of tickets for each performance is limited to five hundred, so if you don't want to miss out on this exhilarating evening, act now!

Tickets can be obtained at various outlets in Courtenay and from the Base Canteen in the Rec

Centre. If you can't get tickets from the normal sources there are a few fellows on the base who might grudgingly sell you one if you butter them up. They are Cpl. Don Bowen, F/L Bob Hughes and Sgt. Art Collins in 121, F/O Mike Leblanc in 407, F/O Abe Kluchart in Base Armament and F/L Tom Large in the tower.

Incidentally, as you'll see from the photo above, these boys all have starring roles in the play.

This is a big show with a cast of fifty. Six of them are members of the RCAF and a number of the others are Air Force dependents. The director is Beryl Regier and the choreography is by Joy Woodrow. The orchestral accompaniment will be provided by Courtenay's Wee Symphony directed by Mr. Richard Hall.

Win Lott Prizes

Three members of the Royal Canadian Navy have each been awarded a Herbert Lott Trust Fund prize of \$30 as the result of high averages they achieved in placing first on training courses.

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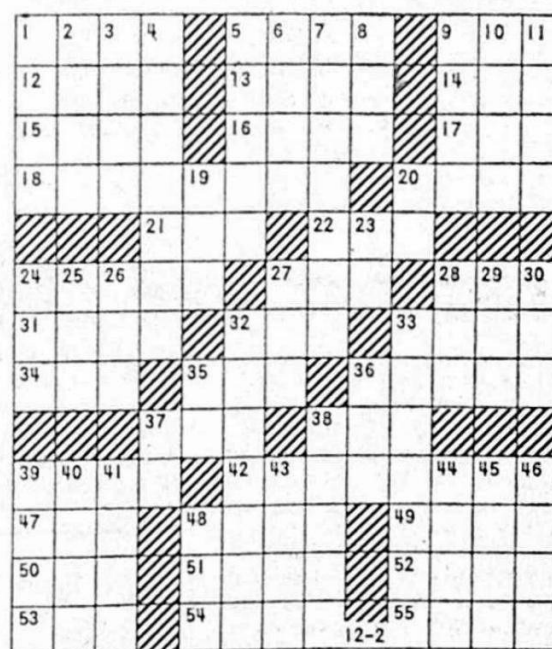
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Fellow
5. Book of the Bible
9. Vice
12. Sprawl
13. Indian of Jalisco
14. Also
15. Away from windward
16. Poray
17. Cadmus' daughter
18. Explosive
19. Persia
21. Father
22. Head signal
24. Proofreader's mark
27. Belonging to it
28. Quarrel
31. Parched
32. Vetch plant
33. Departed
34. Follow
35. Wapiti
36. Liberated
37. Chopping tool
38. Extinct bird
39. Unfermented grape juice
42. Card game
43. Make edging
47. Prow
49. Grain coating
50. Puglian
51. Oolstone
52. Radiate
53. Ember
54. Cupid
55. Force unit

DOWN

1. Dressed
2. Sacred



Crossword puzzle answer on page 2

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SPECIAL FEATURE
The hanging, drawing and
quartering of a theatre
manager who forgot to get
his advertising in on time.



DOZENS AND DOZENS of skiers point up the popularity of the game, even on a poor day for the sport. Every Saturday morning several busloads of skiers arrive for lessons, group style.

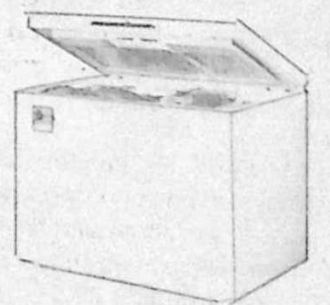


MEMBERS OF THE visiting press were hauled up to the Lodge on "Ski Doos", at least part way. The wet day made for heavy going, some of the pudgier people had to get off and push. These little machines were invented for the people who like to get out in the crispy soggy air, but don't like to work at travel.

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WALLACE GARDENS Midget Boys Basketball Team. Front row (l. to r.): Kevin Faddegon, Peter Makowichuk, Darryl Rawluk. Back row (l. to r.): Keith Thompkins, Rand Upsdell, Allan Carruthers and coach LAC Emery. Missing is Ted Cronmiller. These boys are now playing in the North Island play-offs.

DEPENDENT DOINGS

Last edition for this month and sad to say my last bit of ramblings. Yes, I will no longer be working in the capacity of your Recreation Director. Once again, it's back to the kitchen for me. I have enjoyed my work these past months. All the people I came in contact with in my work were most kind to me. My deepest thanks go to all those wonderful people the "volunteers", coaches for basketball, gymnastics, hockey, etc., without them, things would not run too smoothly. I would not like you to think that I am getting maudlin, so a bit of news.

Well, Winter Carnival Week is over. It was rather hectic, what with coffee party, fashion shows, appearances here and there and the final Banquet and dance. I most certainly enjoyed it all, the people were so nice to me. The contestants a very charming and lovely group of girls. It was an honor to be chaperon for Marilyn Rose. We should all be proud of Marilyn, she was a credit to Wallace Gardens. I would also like to extend congratulations to the winner of the Snow Queen Contest Miss Diane Davies.

Now to basketball. On 12 Feb. our Teenie Weenie team visited Cumberland and lost 8-0. The boys enjoyed the trip and the game. That evening Wallace Gardens played host to Courtenay teams. Our Pre-Midget boys lost 16-5 with R. Kilburn dropping in 4 points and S. Barnes making his free shot. THE Midget boys went down to Courtenay with a score of 13-5. Points were made by Allan Carruthers, Keith Thompkins and Pete Makowichuk in his free throw. Our Bantam Girls lost by one basket. Top and only scorer was Bev Barnes. On February 19, Wallace Gardens Pre-Midget played their best game of the year, but started scoring too late to get a win. Sayward sharpshooters hit for 10 points in the second quarter to lead 10-0, at half time and held off a good drive by the locals to win 17-8. High men for Wallace Gardens were Bruce Rogers and Rory Kilburn with 4 points each, other stand-outs were Brian Hatfield, John Cooper and Chris Bouchier. The Teenie Weenie game against Cumberland followed. These boys are between the ages of 7 and 9. They are a pleasure to watch, occasionally they forget and take steps before shooting, this is because they try so hard, there is nothing teenie weenie about their desire to learn the game. They are fortunate in having a

very patient and understanding coach, Sharon Rawluk. Ladies Broomball is going over strong with a bigger attendance each Wednesday. It would be nice if it were possible to have a game with another Ladies Broomball team.

Well, once more the end. For me the final. Thanks to each and everyone of you for all your kindness and cooperation shown to me in the past. It has been a pleasure. That's 30! "A bien-tot".

CWL Hosts Day Of Prayer

The Catholic Women's League, Our Lady of the Airways Council, CFB Comox, B.C., had the

pleasure of hosting "The World Day of Prayer", Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1967, in "Our Lady of the



fashion news BY NANCY GAYLORD
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The military look is beloved by Dior, St. Laurent, Cardin and Fabiani, endorsed by epaulettes, battle-blouses, top-stitching and brass buttons. Dior especially likes the "great coat" in Cadet Red fleece, extended to the new "long look" with brass buttons double file up the front. Beneath: Red 'dress-parade' vest belted in black and mated with a short black skirt. Note the step-down from skirt to coat hem — a new proportion that takes time to get used to. Very suited to Canadian winters. Are you game?

Pants perfect. Pants are fashion when they fit with custom-tailored perfection, conforming but not tight. Buy a plain pants pattern with a waistband. Make it up in muslin allowing extra seam allowance for fitting. Fit carefully; take apart. Make an accurate brown paper pattern from the fitted muslin. Now, when sewing "styled" pants like hip-riders, simply superimpose your basic pattern on top for "instant" alterations. Perfect pants every time... in less time!

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Got your peckers yet? A wide garter all gussed up with ribbon and lace, they cover stocking tops and garter tabs. The perfect last minute gift for the girl who has everything (almost).

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coverage of critical areas to the north to give warning of a missile attack against this continent.

Woman of the Year

reprinted from Ottawa Citizen: Secrets of Charm WOMAN OF THE YEAR by JOHN ROBERT POWERS

This column's vote for "Woman of the Year" in this new year — or any other year, for that matter — is a creature with several thousand different names and faces. Yet, individually and collectively, she has that one characteristic that combines all the best qualities of womanliness, the one we call "charm".

She is the armed forces wife — poised, gracious, friendly, infectious enthusiasm, keenly aware of the wider world even while savoring so fully her immediate surroundings and the people in it.

Let's examine the rigorous tests that service life imposes on the armed forces wife and her family. She must make her home wherever the Canadian flag flies — a home in which she must be alone much of the time. The flag represents her "roots".

The usual symbols of security and status that most women seek and cling to are not for the wife who must play out her daily life against ever changing scenery. She soon learns to regard people, places and possessions with a special sort of detachment. She lives, yet is able to leave what

she loves. She learns to carry security within herself.

And these are the lessons she must teach her children.

ADJUSTMENTS

Willingly or not at first, she undertakes a gradual reshaping of her personality and her perspective to meet the demands of service life much as her husband must do.

If she accepts the challenge she becomes flexible, adaptable and outgoing. She has no time to be shy or self-centred or self-pitying when new friends must be made and new communities explored.

She has the same predilection toward fear and loneliness as any women with far more reason than most. So it is even more important that she become "involved" wherever her husband is stationed. By keeping active and interested and achieving a certain amount of independence and self-confidence, she somehow copes with those inevitable aching periods of anxiety, uncertainty and separation.

And how does she manage to be all these things — and still look upon her life with relish? With a sense of humor — and a hobby, principally sewing, if only to be able to adjust the sizes on drapes and curtains to different windows opening on new vistas.



J. Fair Photo

VISIT OF THE Provincial Diocesan President, C.W.L. Military Vicariate. From left to right: Mrs. K. McCrossin, provincial diocesan president; Mrs. D. Fenn, C.W.L. Comox; Mrs. M. Cando, president C.W.L.; Father P. A. Lahaye, spiritual director, C.W.L. Comox.

Catholic Women's League

The Lady of the Airways Catholic Women's League, CFB Comox, B.C., had the pleasure of hosting the Diocesan President of the Military Vicariate, Mrs. K. McCrossin, Sunday, February 10, 1967.

Following the regular monthly business meeting, Mrs. McCrossin was introduced and welcomed to the League by the League President, Mrs. Mary Cando.

Mrs. McCrossin who originally hails from Dublin, Ireland, now makes her home in CFB St. Hubert, Que.

Mrs. McCrossin, in her charming "Irish Brogue", addressed the League on the very many facets the role of the CWL is expected to play in the Church. Touching upon the history and birth of the League, to its present day growth.

The League starting in England, in 1906, by Margaret Fletcher. From this one lady it has spread across Canada, United States, England and many other countries, to become a pulsating vital organ of the Catholic Women. Mrs. McCrossin stressed the need of compassion, kindness, and understanding, combined with love and charity is one of the most important christian roles of the laity. Also in her address, Mrs. McCrossin gave a brief sketch of the agenda of the upcoming Annual Convention to be held in the province of Quebec from June 16 to June 18, 1967.

Mrs. Dorothy Fenn presented a small token of appreciation, being a silver coffee spoon, to Mrs. McCrossin on behalf of the league to which Mrs. McCrossin

expressed her deepest thanks for the hospitality, friendliness and kindness by which she was received by the members of the League.

Following a delightful buffet lunch served by the lunch conveners, Mrs. Jacqueline Lothian and Mrs. Jean Potvin, a sing-

Cpl's Wives Club News

First, an item of importance. We have been advertising a Card Night on the evening of February 25 in the Cpl's Club. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, this will have to be cancelled. Sorry to disappoint those of you that had planned to attend. Perhaps we may have this event at a later date.

After our regular meeting on the evening of February 14, the ladies donated their original Hat? Creations?? They are all to be commended for their creative genius. Much thanks to Cpl. Bob Emery for being a very capable and impartial judge. He decided, after due deliberation, that Mrs. Myrtle Janisse had the most Humorous Hat, and Mrs. Ellen Tainton the most Imaginative Hat. The President, Mrs. Dot Carruthers, presented the ladies with prizes.

A Photographer???? was present to take pictures of the ladies and their Beaux Chapeaux. Watch for these pics in The Day End.

We held our usual Raffle and Mrs. Barbara Cormier was the lucky recipient of a box of chocolates.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Joan Curtis and enjoyed by all. Addios for now.

song was led by Sister Edna and her guitar of St. Joseph's Hospital, Comox, B.C., at which Mrs. McCrossin rendered a selection of Irish music.

The evening being brought to a close, the League and honoured guests, Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, said their good-byes to a lovely, gracious, charming lady.

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"One morning I was late. I started down an incline to an intersection and school crossing. The brake pedal went limp. I grabbed for the emergency brake. My hand hit a sharp edge of steel, cutting it badly. I never reached the brake although my reflex action had been immediate.

"Luck was with me and I managed to clear the intersection safely. I ended up in a vacant lot. "Fast reflexes are undoubtedly a driving asset, however, only when applied in conjunction with mechanical vigilance."

A recent independent study on 494 cars selected at random, whose rear wheels only were inspected, found that 68 per cent needed brake work.

Many of the defects discovered appeared to have decidedly serious safety implications.

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During the week of 13 March, 1967, at the Base Auto Club parking lot from 1000-1700 hours a provincial automobile checking unit will be in attendance, drivers will be advised of any defects discovered on their vehicles and will be invited to re-submit vehicles for inspection after repair. This service is absolutely free and will be most beneficial to any person who will take advantage of same.

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CFB COMOX GIRL GUIDES were given a tour of base firefighting facilities recently and FS CF Coffey and Cpl Ken Hilliard were only too happy to break up the cribbage game to show them around. Shown receiving fire-fighting instructions are (l. to r.): Debbie Geneau, Adele Aucoin, Josephine Coffey, Wendy Jones, Nicky McCaffrey and Karen Bauer.

FUNGUS FEATURES

IS 121 KU MOVING, AGAIN?

by Mac
19-1-67



REAL WINTER — Mrs. K. Brown and son, Brock, in Labrador, May 1963. No rain!

Late Spring in Labrador

The point about the weather in the "Article" - Laugh You Fools - reminded us of a picture of Squadron Leader Brown's that we'd seen a while ago. Considering our weather this date, it's almost too incredible to believe this picture was taken nearly three months later. The Browns spent two years at Knob Lake. During that time the boys built a cabin in the woods, where they were really able to get close to nature. It sounds like they did exactly that. Ermine

perched on their heads, shared their sleeping bags, and stole their food in the cabin.

Mrs. Brown looks lean and mean in the picture, but offered little protection against marauders. Although an expert on snowshoes, all she did with the rifle was "scare things".

In May 63 there was four or five feet of snow around the cabin and no rain. We're inclined to agree that that's real winter. You don't have to.

Laugh You Fools

Don't blame me for this. I was asked to write something for the paper - anything, as long as it was full of words. Down with grammar! Down with the niceties! Down with everything, as long as it's long and makes a point.

I hedged and I parried, and I cried a little; but from the desperate look in their eyes, I knew I'd had it. I had to come up with something—but what? They suggested that I complain a little. Anyone from 121 KU should be able to kick up a storm about something, because they're conditioned as chronic complainers. No other outfit in the Air Force works as hard - or delivers as much un-medalled diligence and devotion to duty as we do.

But I couldn't very well train my rotten mind on the Squadron could I. Promotions are slow enough now as it is. For that I just have to sit around waiting for enough people to die of old age. It's not a very positive approach, but the only one I can count on. The way I have it figured, I should get a boost about June 1981.

I have lots of complaints. I think wives are overpaid for one thing. They're practically useless 80 per cent of the time; but there goes the whole paycheck anyway. That's too dangerous a topic though. I'd have a swell time ranting through that one, but if I was ever found out I'd sure get mine. Swift, and clean and fatal.

I have a pet hate about the stupidest mistake made by man, since alarm clocks were invented. This was when some ape decided we should fill in the ruts and put a nice smooth layer of asphalt over our trails. Faster vehicles could go faster if the road was like a sidewalk, so the trails were black-topped. Cars did get faster, so fast in fact that they came upon each other too suddenly to avoid disaster. That's when they came up with the real dilly in the name of road safety. They widened the whole road to two car widths and painted a white line down the middle to separate the lanes. Was it safe? That white line was so safe that two were able to approach each other at speeds up to 120 miles per hour—that's how safe it was Buster!

But right now my biggest moan is the weather. Now don't think I expect anyone to do anything about it. It's just that I'd like to (be able to) get with it and stride out into that rain in the morning, take a deep breath and say, "Man, this is a great day!" I would like to know what you say to your frightened five year old when he sees the sun for the first time. How long does it take to become "native" to the West Coast? I know that in Victoria you're not accepted as a regular until you've lived there about 20 years—certainly not less than ten. But, I don't mean how long does it take to be a Victorian, or a Vancouverite, or a Courtenay-ite. I'm asking how long does it take to become native enough that you don't mind sloshing through the mud and are tickled to have water

trickling down your neck day after day after day.

How many years of dull skies and rain. How many years of the sporadic snows that go at about five-hundred pounds per shovel-ful. How many years of wet clothes and tracked floors. How many years of mud, of wet crawl spaces, of houses full of noisy kids all weekend, of gardening eight months a year. How many years of incessant flu.

Who among us long for grass that goes dead, dead, dead, before Hallowe'en. Put up your hands those of you who would rather not see that silly rose blooming in January. How many of us would rather see four clear cut seasons, rather than have winter drip into summer and summer drip into winter.

After 40 days and 40 nights of it, I find myself dreaming about crunching across frosty snow to the car in the morning. I even dream about digging out a private canyon for a driveway, in that nice dry snow that comes and stays a spell. I remember walking out on bright days breathing icicles from a nose pinched in by the frosty air. And, I remember the joys of being a boy when spring rushed in. Where ponds sprang up all over, and ditches became rushing torrents. It was Spring, and it was all brand new again. We'd been ready for Winter, but now we were ready for Spring - ready and fighting fit for it. Like the plants and animals, we knew it was here, and we all got going together.

How do you tell it's Spring on the West Coast? You can't tell by the weather can you. You can't tell by the trees and the stupid roses can you. Do we wait till it's announced in the newspapers or do we just come out of hibernation on March 21st. Unless I hear of a better way I'll do as my neighbor does - wait till I've leapt back from the first snake I see.

You can see why this has to be anonymous. The vigilantes would ride me across the Rocks on a rail if they knew whose blasphemous outburst it was. But really, I like it here better than anywhere else in Canada; because of the Mountains, I'd be a lost soul if I couldn't live among them. Yep! I'm going to stay out here alright. It would be so much pleasanter if I could be happy with all this rotten rain though.

Don't hand me any of the clichés such as, "Better it run off than have to shovel it off." And, it doesn't do any good for local radio stations to keep telling me this is the "Sunshine Coast." What I need is to hear from somebody who is completely sold on the West Coast. Someone who originated on the East side of the Rockies. Will somebody please help me before I pull the last precious few hairs out of my scalp.

Bilingual Bonus

EXERCISE FRONTIER ASSAULT, ALASKA - Language has been on the side of the 1st Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment in Exercise Frontier Assault, a joint U.S. - Canadian winter exercise in the interior of Alaska which ends Friday.

The Van Doos, commanded by Lt.-Col. Henri Chasse, of Quebec City, operating with the friendly forces of the U.S. 171st Infantry Brigade from Fort Wainwright, have been passing most of their radio traffic in French.

It has been so confusing that the exercise tactical headquarters was forced to send to the continental United States - the lower 48, as it's called in Alaska - interpreters.

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NEW ARRIVALS

121KU Aircrew strength was bolstered by two newcomers early this year. Flight Lieutenant Ross Taylor isn't considered a newcomer really. Those who didn't know of the old pilot before, got to know him during his tour with the B.C. Air Cadet organization, which he has just completed. Ross goes straight onto the Dakota OTU course at Trenton - we'll see him again around the end of May.

We said hello fleetingly to Flying Officer Derek Hyland, who is likewise on a course at Trenton. The new Radio Officer is fresh from ANS, Winnipeg.

The 121 KU orderly room came back up to strength with a new top-kick, in the person of Sgt. R. E. Barnett, who arrived early in January. His tour with "P" branch at ATCHQ seems to have paid off, as he was able to scoop up this job fairly easily. Or maybe it's just luck which would account for his four year tour at CFS London. Mrs. Barnett and family remain at Trenton until the Sergeant acquires accommodation here.

The AE Techs have been welcomed enthusiastically by repair and servicing, where the shortage of technicians has been acute. Cpl W. Ness hails from CFB Toronto with his family of three school aged children. Cpl J. P. Ennis, also from Toronto comes off a tour with 14 Wing. He too has a family of three, but had about a ten year start on Cpl. Ness.

Along with the old (relatively) comes a bit of the new. LAC C. F. Bishop comes to 121 straight from CFB Borden. He earned his prop upon completion of AE Tech Course 6012, at the end of the year.

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Navigation Necessary

Careful navigation is a must under Arctic conditions, according to Wing Commander H. "Bud" McKay, commanding officer of 408 Squadron, RCAF. The photo reconnaissance squadron, based at Rivers, Man., has four T-33 Silver Star aircraft on Exercise Frontier Assault, a 7,000-man winter warfare operation now underway east of Fairbanks, Alaska.

"You must be exact," he said. "On the Prairies, if you're uncertain you can pick the name off grain elevators, but up here you can't pick a name off anything - you must know where you are". It's a standing joke among pilots who train on the Prairies that there are too many towns called Purina.

408 Squadron is based at Elmendorf Air Force Base, just outside Anchorage, Alaska, and flies to the exercise area, about 300 miles across the mountains, five or six times a day.

The squadron flies for both the friendly and aggressor forces in the exercise, which is a test of winter warfare based on the invasion of North Caribou by South Caribou, two mythical countries in the wild interior of Alaska. The exercise includes the 1st Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment from Canadian Forces Base Valcartier, Que., 408 Squadron and a signals detachment, totalling part of the friendly forces.

The task of 408 Squadron is reconnaissance. When a T-33 pilot notices activity on the ground, he sweeps in at low level and high speed to photograph for a team of photo interpreters.

From the time the aircraft returns to Elmendorf, where it is met by 408 Squadron photo technicians, until the interpreters get their rolls of negatives, is only 15 minutes. Film is processed in special vans flown in from Rockcliffe, Ont.

The exercise got underway Feb. 1, with an air drop of aggressor forces midway between Fort Greely, 100 miles southeast of Fairbanks, the Eielson AFB, 25 miles from Fairbanks. Immediately the friendly forces started an advance with the initial contact taking place on Feb. 2. Later plans call for the 1st Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, to airlift troops into the battle zone by Voyager helicopters of No. 1 Helicopter Transport Platoon of the Canadian Army.

Otters Out

Two RCAF Otter aircraft which have been operating with the United Nations forces on the Gaza Strip in Egypt, have been withdrawn.

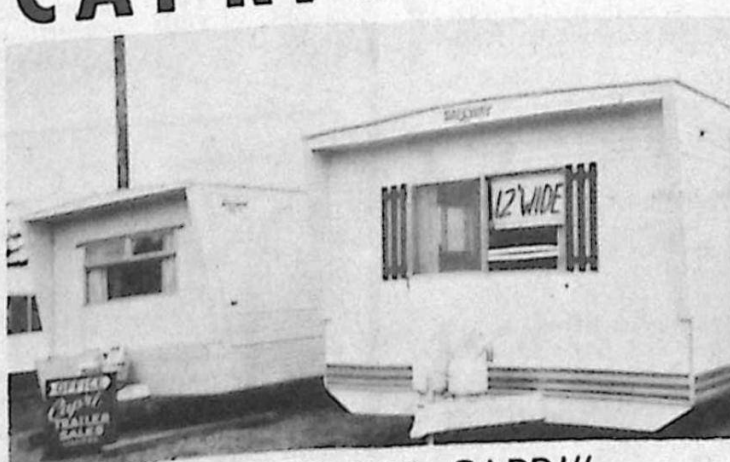
RCAF's 115 Air Transport Unit, provided by Canada since 1956, has consisted of three twin-engine Caribou and two single-engine Otters. The five aircraft have been used for observation along the Israel/Egyptian Frontier, logistics flights for the movement of men and material to UNEF outposts in the Sinai, and communication flights between Jordan, Israel, Lebanon and Egypt.

Canadian troops now perform logistical tasks such as food supply, administration, vehicle repair and recovery and police duties for which patrol aircraft are not needed.

Three RCAF Caribou aircraft will continue to meet Canada's UN commitment by transporting freight and troops.

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PAN AM 67

The Pan-American Games, the Olympics of the Western Hemisphere, are staged every four years one year prior to the World Olympic Games. The first Pan-Am was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1951. Subsequent games have been held in Mexico City, Chicago, and Sao Paulo. This year Canada enters the major league of international sport when Winnipeg hosts the largest sporting event ever held in North America, the fifth Pan American Games, July 22 to August 7, Winnipeggers, conscious that they are under world scrutiny, intend to show that Canadians can and will put on the best show in the Pan-Am Games' 16 year history. Not only will it be larger than the four preceding games, but it will also be larger than the Summer Olympics held in Tokyo in 1964.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAMES BEFORE AND AFTER THEIR ACQUISITION.

The honour of hosting the 5th Pan-Am Games was won for Winnipeg through the foresightedness and determination of Mayor Stephen Juba and a group of interested city councillors and sports-minded citizens. The Pan American Games (1967) Society has undertaken the task of organizing and operating the Games. These more than 2500 volunteers are fully supported by the Federal and Provincial governments. Work really began last summer when committees were set up to look at and take care of all requirements under the following headings: Accommodation, hosting, transportation, communications, medical, ceremonial, music and sports facilities.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE
The variety of events planned for the Games are such as to fill every sports appetite. To meet this requirement facilities had to be found for the influx of 3500 athletes representing 33 nations. The wealth of present facilities includes the sports complex at the old Polo Park site, the Civic Auditorium and Sargent Park. These facilities provide for football, soccer, track, baseball, boxing, wrestling, judo, etc. In order to

provide practice and competitive sites for the more than 400 events new facilities had to be constructed.

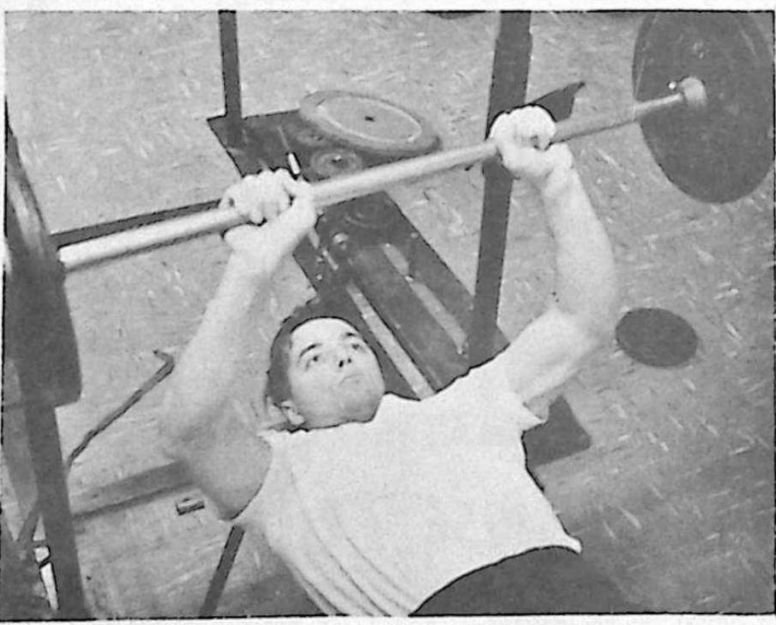
One of the finest Track and Field Stadiums in North America featuring a 400 meter composition surface running track is being built at the University of Manitoba. Also at the University an Olympic size swimming pool is being built which is adaptable for diving, swimming, or water polo. This will be the only 50 meter indoor pool in Canada. A velodrome is being constructed at Polo Park to accommodate the cycling events. It is a 400 meter banked concrete track with facilities for spectators.

One of the most unusual sports facilities is the Greater Winnipeg Floodway built at a cost of 67 million dollars to control the waters of the Red River. A segment of this man-made waterway will be used to stage rowing and canoeing events during the Games. Straight as a die for three miles, this segment of the floodway will be filled with 700 million gallons of water to a uniform depth of ten feet providing one of the finest rowing courses in the world with adequate space for thousands of spectators on the grassy banks.

An \$86,000 project now completed gives Manitoba some of the best shooting facilities on the continent.

THE SYMBOL
The symbol at the head of this article depicts a Canadian track athlete bearing the traditional maple leaf on his jersey with his arms outstretched in a gesture of welcome to the athletes, officials, and spectators from the Pan-American nations. His gesture of welcome speaks for all the citizens of Winnipeg who are preparing for this outstanding event of Canada's centennial year. Every detail is being attended to in order to ensure that all who come to Winnipeg for the Games whether competitor, official or spectator will experience one of the finest sports spectacles ever organized.

(This is the first of a series of articles on the Pan-Am Games)



— Ron Elmer Photo

PICTURED ABOVE is local yoga enthusiast Ken Shields contemplating a full length cut-out of Miss February pinned to the ceiling. Some experts claim that this advanced technique is the severest test of both mental and physical strength. Ken's obvious mastery of this technique should encourage those of us who are still working on Miss November.

Mobile Command Takes Mynarski ... Canada Next?

The married quarters community council at Canadian Forces Base St. Hubert has been awarded the Mynarski Memorial Trophy for 1965-66.

The trophy is presented annually to the RCAF station which, through its married quarters community council made the most effective use of its resources to develop a recreation program for its children and youth.

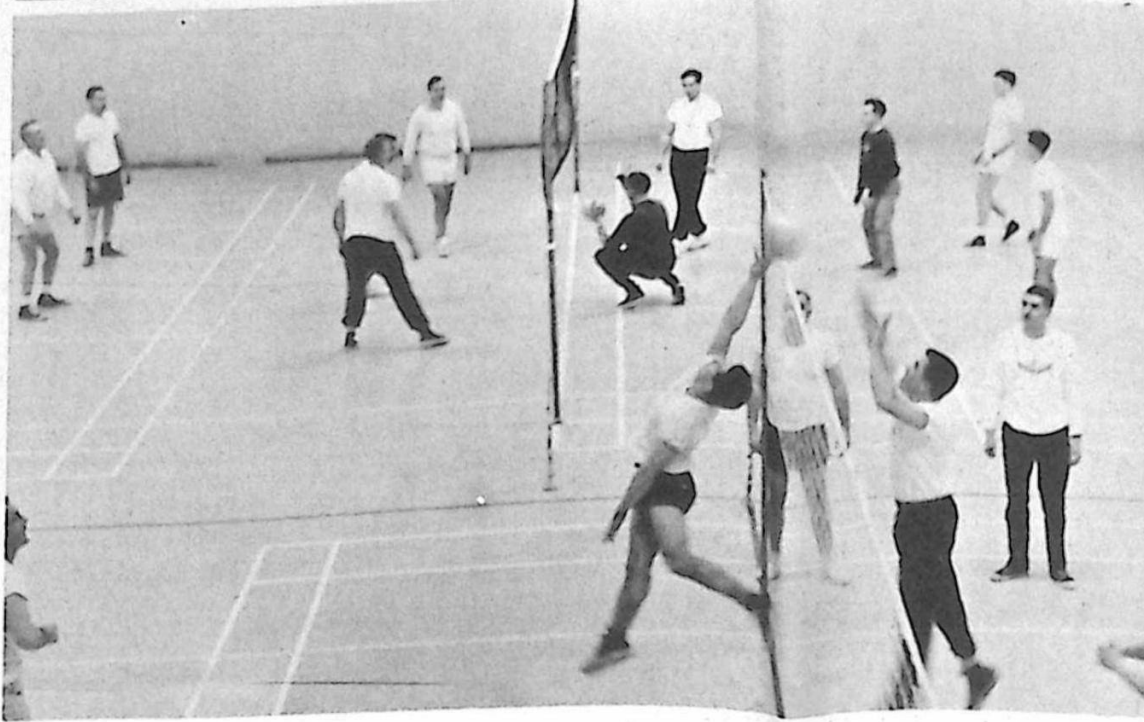
Honourable mention for 1965-66 went to CFB Greenwood, CFB Trenton, 3 Wing and Station Gypsumville.

The trophy was first awarded in 1958 by members of the Polish

Air Force who are now members of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association. It is in memory of Pilot Officer Andrew C. Mynarski, VC, RCAF, who lost his life after attempting to save the life of a fellow crewman when their aircraft was shot down over France in 1944.

The donors have consented to enlarge the scope of eligibility to include all Canadian Forces Bases or stations with married quarters. Judging under this status will be for the "recreation year" Oct. 1, 1966 to Sept. 30, 1967.

CFB COMOX RECREATION



JOLLY JUMPERS

— Ron Elmer Photo

LAST FRIDAY 407 aircrew had their bi-annual fitness period. Pictured above are the volleyball teams from Crews 1, 2, and 7 along with the ever present Standards group. Some of them even lived through the day.

407 SPORTS

HOCKEY:

A new goalie for the 407 Air team sparked them to a 6-5 victory over Courtenay last week. This all but eliminated the 407 Ground team from the play-offs. Later the same evening 407G was eliminated from the playoffs when they lost a 4-3 squeaker to Headquarters.

Jim Stith, the new 407A goalie, was a pleasant surprise to all the team's supporters. A smart-ling but happy bystander at the

game was Des "Supper Skier" Mayne who cheered his replacement on with crutches in hand. We all hope Bower will be back in the nets for the Leafs next year as Des claims he will not retire until Bower does.

VOLLEYBALL:

The teams record to date is 5-30—should I say more? How about some more volleyball players showing up on Wednesdays at 1630 hrs. Jim Ilean, the team captain, is turning grey prema-

turally. We now have proof that there are more than four volleyball players on the squadron although the Royal Ballet may have prior rights to Le Blanc and Mann. (See picture).



AND JOLLY JUMPERS

Sport Shorts

Now that spring is here, let's everyone make a concerted effort to get out and play tennis. The court is tremendous shape, and so will you be too when you get finished chasing all the tennis balls that roll clear down to Kin Beach when you miss. However, it is a bit difficult to expect walls on a tennis court when they can't get them built in 7 Hangar fast enough to keep ahead of the painters, who in turn are having trouble keeping ahead of those whose job it is to come along and knock walls down.

The noon-hour badminton club is still operating, and you may come over any day and watch the pounds being shed. You may also watch them being gained, when the club adjourns upstairs to the snack bar for lunch. Even the food services officer eats in the Snack Bar, which makes one wonder about the food in the combined mess.

The sport of airplane watching has burgeoned here recently, with the arrival of the Centennaires, the CF-104, and the Avro 504. The art of sleeping in has gone all to hell though, but we understand that there has been a corresponding reduction in the birth rate.

When the hockey season folds up, why not use Glacier Gardens for box lacrosse? The base hospital would be ecstatic at such a move, designed as it is to increase their proficiency.

Jim's Gems

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D Q10 7 3
C A94

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D AK94
C 7652

EAST

S J10 9 8
H Q10 3
D 8 2
C K10 8 3

SOUTH

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D J 65
C QJ

This hand is played in 4 spades to illustrate the misuse of the high-low signal (echo). West opens the diamond king and East plays the eight spot. West continues with the diamond ace, East drops the deuce, and ruffs the third diamond lead. Now South makes 4 spades regardless of the lead from East. This is misusing the Echo as East has a natural trump trick and gains nothing by ruffing the third diamond.

On the lead of the diamond king East should have played the discouraging deuce. Although he has a doubleton diamond, he wants his partner to lead a club and not a second and third diamond. With a club lead at trick two or even trick three East makes his club king and defeats the contract.

One sometimes forgets that the high-low signal is given to get partner to continue the suit led only if it will attain an objective for the defenders. In this particular case it does nothing for the defenders and ensures the contract for the opponents.

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INTERSECTION HOCKEY

BY GORD PALMER
On Thursday Feb. 9 a meeting of the C.F. Base Comox intersection Hockey League was held with S/L Greenlaw the President in the chair. It was decided that the first four teams would enter the league playoffs, which will commence on the 6th March, in a best two out of three game series. Commencing on March 15, the finals will start. It is hoped that all of the fans in the area will come out and see these games because I am sure you will be treated to some very interesting hockey.

At the present time we are in the process of forming a team to represent the Base in the Zone 1 competition that will be held at Glacier Gardens at the end of March. There will be a team representing the Army, Navy, and the Radar Sites at Kamloops, Holberg and Baldy Hughes enter-

ed in this tournament so it should be very interesting. I will let you know further details in the near future.

LAST WEEKS GAMES

On Monday night 407 Air defeated Courtenay by a score of 6 to 4 in the first game and Headquarters defeated 407 Ground by a score of 4 to 3 in the second game. On Wednesday night Courtenay defeated 407 Ground by a score of 8 to 2. We are rapidly approaching the end of the schedule and there is still a battle going for playoff positions as you will see by the standings. League games are played on Monday and Wednesday nights so come out and see the boys in action.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES

Monday 27 Feb. 6:00 Courtenay vs 409 Squadron; Monday 27 Feb. 7:45 - 121 KU vs MP's; Wednesday 1 March 6:15 - MP's vs Headquarters.

Hockey Standings

Team	P	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
409 Sqn.	15	13	2	0	121	30	28
121 Sqn.	17	13	2	2	96	52	28
Courtenay	17	9	1	7	75	66	19
407 (Air)	18	7	1	10	66	91	15
407 (Gnd)	17	4	4	9	45	73	12
Headquarters	16	4	2	10	62	87	10
MP	14	1	0	13	33	99	2

INDIVIDUAL SCORING:

Team	G	A	Pim	Pts
Roque, 409	28	29	2	57
Norman, 409	21	21	12	42
Lapierre, 409	15	28	-	43
Henwood, 121	22	13	6	35
Hawald, 121	11	17	6	28
Buglass 407 (Air)	18	9	4	27
Taylor, Court.	10	17	2	27
Sluggert, Hdr.	13	13	14	26
Cashman, Court.	13	11	29	24
Kalback, 409	12	12	-	24

CVMHL ACTION

by TONY DITCHBURN

Comox Valley Hockey League action was hot and heavy during the past weekend as a full slate of games was played. Courtenay defeated RCAF A's and the B's defeated the Comox lads in the Mosquito division. In the Pee Wee division Comox was shut out by the RCAF B's and Courtenay defeated the A's as they tied Comox for this division's lead. The Bantams played on Sunday afternoon and the A's defeated Courtenay with Comox and the RCAF B's playing to a five all tie. Comox all-star Bantams defeated the older but short-handed Mid-

gets 4 to 3. On Saturday morning as they used the time which had been designated for the Powell River game which was cancelled.

Schedule of action in the CVMHL for Feb. 25, 26: Saturday Feb. 25; 6:30 - Midget-Courtenay vs Comox; 7:30 - Pee Wee - Courtenay vs Comox; 8:30 - Bantam - RCAF A vs RCAF B; 9:30 - Mosquito - Courtenay vs Comox; 10:30 - Pee Wee - RCAF A vs RCAF B; 11:30 - Bantam - Courtenay vs Comox; 12:30 Mosquito - RCAF A vs RCAF B. EXHIBITION HOCKEY, Feb. 25, 3:45 P.M. Comox Bantams at Port Alberni.

Detachment 5 Sports

by DON CLOUGH

Physical fitness has dominated the subject of conversation for the majority of Detachment 5's personnel in the past few weeks. This sudden urge to acquire the slim trim body has been noted as many Det 5's personnel can be seen doing calisthenics and various slimming exercises at the Rec Centre on Mondays and Wednesdays. The reason for this sudden resurgence can only be attributed to the many leisure hours spent dozing in front of the television set or a crash program to get in shape for the advent of Golf and Softball season. Although this sudden desire has initially prompted interest in physical fitness for a few, the majority of our personnel are active and enthusiastic participants in the intermural sports program.

Even skiing has found its way into the Det 5 sport program. Bill Wilson has taken the Commander Pat Bowdridge, and one of our newcomers, Dick Williamson, up to the slopes of Becher Mountain for ill-fated ski excursions. However, with all the incidents that have befallen our skiers, Bill still can't escape the Jinx label. This title was awarded him after careful contemplation by all three of Bill's companions after their experiences on Mount Becher's snow laden slopes. We hope of course that every skier, novice or experienced, will by all means go and enjoy the fine facilities offered at Mount Becher, but select your skiing companion cautiously.

Fishing has by no means taken a back seat to any of the other activities that are currently receiving all the attention. A hand full of our Det 5 people have been steelhead fishing for the past two months in this cold and inclement weather hoping to catch a lunker in the many rivers nearby. One fishing enthusiast that is championing at the bit is Andy Lipko. Andy is out to defend the fishing title he captured last year in the Comox Fishing Derby. He says the weather is a bit cold, but he is anxious to dip the line. The Bowdridges went fishing last weekend and brought back a couple of nice winter salmon. The Volleyball team is having its ups and downs, but is well out in second place and a shadow away from first place. Duane Peed travelled with the Base Volleyball team to Naden last

weekend for the Zone One Volleyball Representation. The team played well but only managed to win a couple of games. As far as the Det team is concerned it captured three wins in its latest encounter last Wednesday. The play-offs for the intramural volleyball teams will take place sometime in March or early April.

Our bowling teams are still in contention, but they are still having difficulties sustaining a drive for the top three positions. Sporadic spurts are thwarted just when it seems that they are finally clicking in high gear. The Tigers and Spoilers are fighting to get into fourth place, and the lowly Gutter Rats are in the position that is indicated by their names. However, the teams have not given up the quest for a play-off position and are hoping to catch at least one of the three. A couple of weeks ago there was an "All Events Tournament" at the Courtenay Bowling lanes. In the "Doubles Event" Dan Moore and Paul Fougere teamed up to win the event and won ten dollars each.

The Detachment Basketball team has finally reached its stride and is in first place in the Intramural Basketball league with a 8 and 3 win loss record. The team has been out-hustling their opponents in every respect. Defensively and offensively the team has been playing tremendous Basketball. With only two games remaining in the schedule the Det team has only to defeat the combined 409-121 team to win the championship for the second time in a row. Play-offs begin March 6 with the second and third place teams playing a sudden death game. The winner will meet the league champs in the best of a three game series. If you're not involved on Monday nights, around six come and see the Det team play at the Rec Centre and help cheer them on to victory.

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Wheels Down and Welded

by DOUG ARMSTRONG

The Private Pilot; who is he, and how did he get to be one? In the next four issues of Wheels Down & Welded, I hope to answer these questions. First Flight:

When I was young and foolish, long before I joined the Air Force, my most dominating hobby was building and flying model aircraft. I was successful in keeping them airborne: shall we say the greater majority of them flew marvelously straight into the turf. This caused a great deal of aggravation around the pad; what with broken down aircraft all over creation. It was their conclusion, which led to my sister getting her first flip (ride in an aircraft), that maybe I would overcome the minor problem if I had first hand experience.

We got out to the airport just at sunset, the last flight of the day; there I was, a kid with a real big problem and I got out-ranked. She was five years older and forty pounds heavier, discretion being the better part of valour (read that somewhere), I conceded the point.

A few years later I bought a raffle ticket on a flying course, a golden opportunity, - lost out again. It was time for decisive

action. The following weekend I became one of those fearless beings who brave the wild blue. It was a crisp, clear winter morning; arriving at the airport in a leather jacket and flowing scarf; nonchalantly walking over to the office to meet that mysterious bird - the flying instructor.

The instructor showed me the fundamentals of doing a walk-around, starting up, taxiing, pre-takeoff checks.

At last we were ready to go: with the mighty 85 horse-power engine throbbing, we thundered down the runway.

Lift off - it was a while before I realized that I wasn't breathing. As the world fell away you could see why men for countless ages sought to imitate the birds.

I was aroused from my reverie when the instructor said I could take control. Hey this is easy! Try a turn? "Not so much bank; watch the horizon; that is, what is commonly referred to as a spiral." Now he tells me.

Heading back to the airport, I resolved to master this art; a challenge that has kept me occupied ever since. Half the enjoyment of flying is that you never stop learning.

Comox Valley Standings

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
MOSQUITO							
Courtenay	11	9	1	1	52	17	19
RCAF B	11	6	2	3	38	18	15
RCAF B	12	4	4	4	33	30	12
Comox	12	0	12	0	6	64	0
PEE WEE							
Comox	12	7	3	2	35	19	16
Courtenay	12	7	3	2	28	22	16
RCAF B	12	5	6	1	26	24	11
RCAF A	12	3	8	1	18	34	7
BANTAM							
RCAF A	10	10	0	0	77	11	20
Courtenay	11	6	5	0	30	49	12
Comox	10	2	6	2	38	56	6
RCAF B	9	0	7	2	17	46	2
MIDGET							
RCAF	7	6	0	1	37	13	13
Comox	7	2	3	2	25	33	6
Courtenay	6	0	4	2	14	23	2

Sports Shorts

The Toronto Maple Leafs are making a resurgent comeback in the NHL, which would make one believe that they were drinking Punch Imlach's Geritol. Perhaps the offer of an additional thirty dollars per month tacked on to the old age pension cheques which most of them are drawing spurred them on to their recent wins.

The announcement that the B.C. Lions hope to train at Royal Roads has raised some eyebrows, particularly those attached to the heads of the Lions players who are not used to having bedchests conducted by crusty old SWOs. The nightlife offered at a mili-

tary college makes even Courtenay seem a real swinging town, and the Leos are apt to stage the first mutiny ever encountered at an integrated base.

No challengers have appeared to take a shot at the world's record for the nine-mile freestyle river swim, currently held by Mao Tse-tung, who has been too much in hot water lately to bother defending his title. Perhaps next year he'll have more time for such sporting pastimes.

The United States Navy's main contribution to the North American Air Defense Command is the space Surveillance System.

League Windup

The games remaining are: Feb. 27, 1800-1930 - Courtenay vs 409; 1945-2115 - 121 vs MP; 2115-2330 - Base Team Practice; March 1 - 1815-1945 - MP vs HQ.

Coach Clinic

This weekend, 25 and 26 Feb., the Courtenay Recreational Association is holding a "Coaches Clinic". The two day clinic is held to improve the standard of coaching for Track and Field events.

Anyone interested in improving their knowledge of how to teach Track and Field should contact the Courtenay Rec. Association, or the Base Recreation Office at 315.

When the final standings are compiled the semi-finals will be played between 1-3 and 2-4 in a 2 out of 3 series. The games will be played on the 6th, 8th, and 13th of March with the first game starting at 1830 hrs. and the second game starting at 2100 hrs. The winners of the semi-finals will play a 2 out of 3 series to decide the championship. The finals will be played on the 15th, 20th, and 22nd of March with the games starting at 2000 hrs.

To finish off the hockey entertainment for the year the Canadian Forces Zone One Tournament will be held at Comox on the 30th and 31st of March. At the moment a Base Team is being formed to enter this competition.

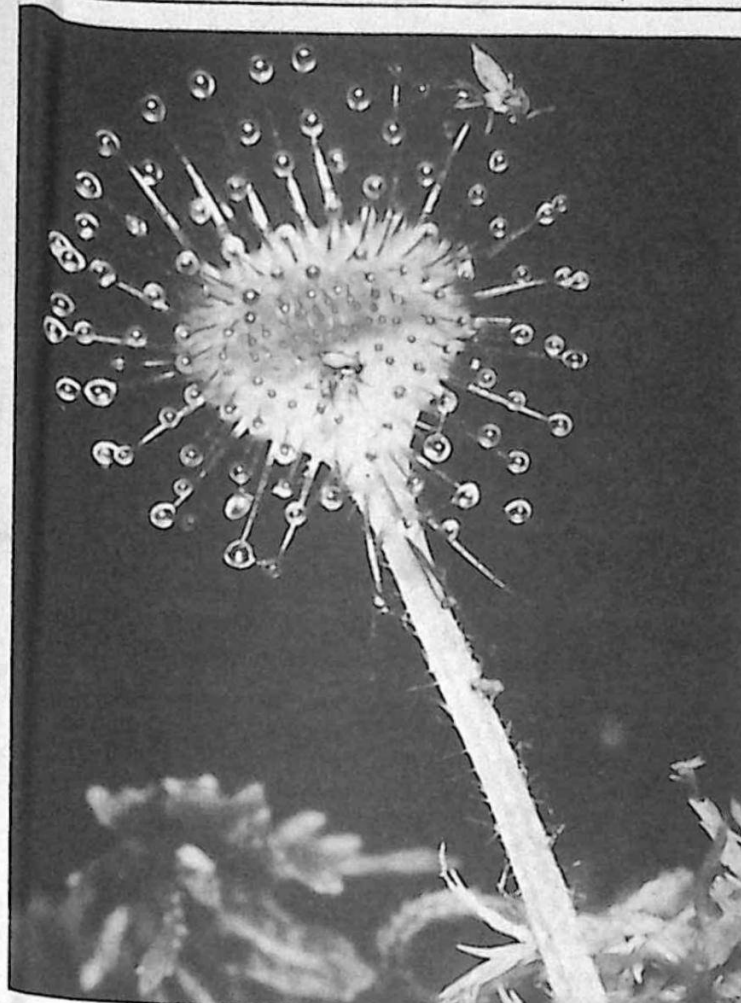
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CPL. FRED GARTELMAN of 407 Sqn. has won a prize with this shot of a Sundew and its victim. Gartelman entered a colour slide showing the Sundew and the trapped "No see Um" into a Canada-wide photo contest sponsored by the Centennial Commission. His prize is a 1967 Canada coin set. The contest awarded 20 prizes for photographs. The photo show is to be called "Focus on Canada," and will be on exhibition across the country this year. Cpl. Gartelman, a member of the Comox Valley Camera Club, used a telephoto lens and a bellows on his Pentax to get the shot. Electronic flash supplied the lighting. Geoff Rainey of Studio One made the black and white enlargement for newspaper use.

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