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## RCAF Memorial Fund eyes aviation museum

### Dextraze to be CDS

New appointments for two senior Canadian military officers have been approved. Lieutenant-General Jacques A. Dextraze, 52, of Montreal will be promoted to the rank of general and ap-



pointed chief of the defence staff Sept. 15.

He will succeed General Frederick R. Sharp, 56, who has held the appointment since Sept. 1969, and is retiring after 37 years service. Gen. Dextraze has been chief of personnel, Canadian Forces Headquarters, since December, 1970.

Lt.-Gen. Michael R. Dare, 54, of Montreal, vice chief of the defence staff since Sept., 1969, will be seconded to the Privy Council Office May 1, to assist in developing and strengthening plans for the response of the federal government in natural disasters and other emergencies.

From May 1 to Sept. 15, Gen. Dextraze will perform the duties of vice chief of defence staff. His replacement as chief of personnel will be announced later.

### Beach site wins award

The airforce beach improvement program sponsored by the Wallace Gardens Centennial Committee and followed through by a volunteer work force from the base technical staff has been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the British Columbia 71 Centennial Committee.

The beach improvement program which consisted of the new improved boat launching ramp, the extension of Tee Pee park camping facilities, a washroom, shower and canteen and the Beach Picnic Shelter, was completed in 1971.

The volunteer work force was co-ordinated through the Base Technical Services office BTSO headed by LCol Bob Smith and ably assisted by Major Gerald McKay the BTel and Major Ron Thacker, now LCol, of the Base Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Organization (BAMEO).

The project was mostly financed by the Base Non-Public Funds (NPF) and assisted by modest grants from the British Columbia and Federal Governments.

The Base Construction Engineering section (CE) provided most of the technical assistance associated with the project and a good deal of the work.

TAYCO paving of Courtenay donated the paving on the beach site.

The BAMEO organization provided most of the volunteer work force throughout the summer with many people assuming responsibility for various phases of the project.

The Beach Picnic Shelter, which tops off the project was the brainchild of MWO Don Hughes who approached the BTSO after viewing the shelters at Puntledge Park

and Miracle Beach. After the project was approved Don was charged with co-ordinating the work force to its completion. The sections that supplied most of the work force were the Base A-C Maintenance Organization, Base Supply, Base Telecom, 425 Sqn USAF, Base Transport, NPF, Base Armament, 442 Sqn, and of course the CE Section.

CWO George Howard of 407 Sqn undertook to build the fireplace which is still under construction. In order to make it unique — George has been collecting rocks from all over the world to go into the project, which is a story in itself.

Individual Certificates of Merit were also awarded to those people who were instrumental in keeping the project going to completion.

The beach improvement program which is free, has provided immeasurably to the recreational facilities of the base and has been utilized to full capacity even while under construction.

The Totem Times joins with the British Columbia Centennial Committee in congratulations for a successful and worthwhile project which everyone can enjoy for years to come.



THEY REALLY ARE OUT THERE. A Greenwood Argus snapped this photo of a Russian H-W class nuclear-powered submarine which went unserviceable off New foundland. The tug is now towing the sub back to Russia. This type of sub-

marine is usually armed with three Sark missiles and from the looks of it, its 90 officers and men are having trouble keeping down their caviar, not to mention the vodka.

(Canadian Forces Photo)

### Spending up slightly

OTTAWA — Defence spending in the coming 1972-73 fiscal year will be approximately three percent higher than that now forecast for the current year.

This was revealed in the estimates in the House of Commons on February 23, which indicated that the total defence bill for 1972-73 will be \$1,939,634,000.

Pay increases and increased travelling allowances were singled out as the factors contributing most to the new expenditure.

Other factors pushing costs over the \$1.815 billion "freeze" were listed in last August's defence White Paper. They include the continued operation of tracker aircraft and a Newfoundland radar site, Canada's contribution to a NATO communications system, and additional roles for the CF-5 fighter-bomber.

### Peace Wings finished

OTTAWA — Peace Wings — a project which involved the Canadian Armed Forces acquiring 66 improved versions of the Voodoo interceptor — has been brought to a successful conclusion.

At a ceremony held in Greenville, South Carolina, on February 24, Brig-General D.W. Goss, director general aerospace systems, accepted the final aircraft for the Canadian Armed Forces from Brig-General D.F. Blake, a representative of the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. The ceremony marked the end of a program which involved the Canadian and American governments, the Canadian Armed Forces and the United States Air Force, plus two major contractors and many smaller ones on both sides of the border.

"The project," said Lt.-Colonel G.D. Bennett, project manager for Peace Wings, "was a prime example of international co-operation.

hundreds of people, both military and civilian, were responsible for the program's success."

Peace Wings began in July, 1970, when a CF-101 landed at Winnipeg and taxied over to Bristol Aerospace Limited. In the next year-and-a-half, Canadian CF-101 Voodoos flew in from CFB Chatham, Bagotville and Comox where they were met by incoming American F-101s. At the Bristol plant certain equipment was modified and interchanged.

The former Canadian CF-101 aircraft were then flown back to the U.S.A. where some will serve with the National Guard. The previously American-owned F-101s, with Canadian engines and other equipment installed, were flown to the Ling-Temco-Vought Electro Systems

(LTV) facility in Greenville, South Carolina, for modifications to the auto pilot and fire control system before departing for operational service in Canada.

As with any program of such complexity, problems developed. On some occasions both the American LTV and the Canadian Bristol company worked overtime in order to keep the project on schedule. On another occasion, an engine problem in Canada caused several aircraft to be grounded and threatened to upset the tight scheduling. The United States Air Force responded quickly at that critical period by loaning 10 engines so that the project could continue satisfactorily. This was typical of the co-operation provided by the USAF Logistics Command throughout the project.

### Boys in blue back again

The sight of Air Force blue uniforms brought tears to many an eye last week as the first two dozen of an expected two gross of air cadets arrived to tour CFB Comox. Each Monday and Tuesday, the air cadets will get a first hand look at how an air force base operates.

Most mainland squadrons will have the bonus of being flown to Comox and back again aboard the Sunday and Wednesday 707's. For many, it will be their first plane ride. The tour will take the

youngsters to each of the three squadrons where they'll get to see the aircraft each squadron flies. If they're lucky, they may get a familiarization flight with 442 or 407 depending on operational commitments and serviceability.

In addition they'll get to see most of the supporting sections, including Safety Systems, Fire Hall, Met Section, RATCON, Tower, Voodoo Flight Simulator, Telecom Air and Engine Bays.

### Hospital gets incubator

Last week, the Base Hospital received a new incubator for transporting infants aboard aircraft during AirEvals. The \$1,500 Ohio Transport Incubator was presented to the hospital by

the B.C. Government. Instrumental in obtaining this was Dr. Elliot of the Victoria RCC.

The new unit can operate for three hours on rechargeable batteries. The baby can be tied down to minimize the risk of injury during turbulence. Cozy in its own controlled environment, the baby will be breathing oxygen from its personal oxygen supply contained in the unit and will be maintained at a constant temperature by the thermostatic heat control.

The new incubator was tried out almost immediately after it arrived on base to transport a new-born infant from Bella Bella to Vancouver last Saturday.

### Second alternative memorial garden

Since the RCAF Memorial Fund announced the cancellation of its Trenton project last summer, its directors have been studying several proposals. In a progress report released last week the fund outlined developments in their study. The choice of alternatives has now been reduced to two, namely an RCAF Memorial Garden or a co-operative effort in support of a National Museum of Aviation and Space.

### Drive defensively or else . . .

In a move to promote safe driving amongst the servicemen at CFB Comox, the Base Commander announced this week that effective June 30, servicemen unable to produce evidence of having completed a Defensive Driving Course will be denied entry to the base with their cars.

This will be accomplished by the simple expedient of refusing Base PMC Decals to service personnel who haven't taken the course. Civilian personnel will still get their decals regardless. However, they are encouraged to take the course, nevertheless.

The Base Transport Section conducts weekly Defensive Driving Courses which are offered free to service and civilian personnel and their dependents. The one day course is held in the MSE Safety lecture room upstairs in the MSE Section.

Avoid the last minute rush, register now for the course by calling MSE Safety at 263. They are likely to be rather busy between now and the end of June.

### Nighthawk GO transferred

LCol Sam Telford, 409 Squadron Commander for the past two years will be leaving the squadron this August to attend a year long Russian Language training course at the Canadian Forces Language school in Rockcliffe. Upon completion of the course, he will be assigned to the Air Attache staff in Moscow, where the Russian language training will likely come in handy.

Replacing LCol Telford in 409 will be LCol L.C. Price who will be leaving his job at MobCom Headquarters in St. Hubert next month. After refresher training in Moose Jaw, LCol Price will travel to Bagotville to 410 Squadron for Operational Training on the Voodoo. He is expected to arrive in Comox in September.

### Blood donors save life

Last Saturday, five CFB Comox servicemen answered a plea from the Base Hospital for a negative blood which was urgently needed for a man being evacuated from Bella Bella by a 442 Squadron Labrador helicopter.

The condition of the critically ill man being flown to Vancouver worsened during the flight and a request for blood was radioed ahead to Comox. The five volunteers were rounded up in jig time and when the chopper landed at St. Joseph's Hospital, the vital blood was transfused on the spot.

Within ten minutes, the chopper was back on its way to Vancouver and the patient arrived safely, thanks to the efforts of the many CFB Comox personnel involved.

Since October 1971 the Memorial Fund Project Office has been pursuing this latter course in an effort to determine its feasibility. To this end, a proposal for a National Museum of Aviation and Space has been prepared by Air Marshal C. R. Dunlap, and Dr. D. M. Baird, Director of the National Museum of Science and Technology.

In the mid-1960's, the historic aircraft and associated equipments owned by the Canadian War Museum, the National Aviation Museum, and the Department of National Defence were combined under the name of the National Aeronautical Collection. In order that these exhibits might be placed on display, the Department of National Defence provided three hangars at Canadian Forces Base Rockcliffe. Unquestionably, the Rockcliffe hangars have made a worthwhile beginning possible. However the hangars are of a temporary construction and have very limited space. Being built of wood, they constitute a fire hazard, a risk which should not really be acceptable to house a collection which is irreplaceable.

The joint concept of Air Marshal Dunlap and Dr. Baird envisages not only the creation of a National Museum of Aviation and Space, but also the construction of a new building capable of housing the collection. This would permit the consolidation under one roof of aircraft and associated equipments now on display at several sites in the capital.

The museum would contain displays peculiar to both civil and military aviation. It would undertake to give a broad overview of the whole panorama of Canadian aviation from its first faltering hops to the current strides in aviation and space. In essence, the presentation of aviation history in an attractive and meaningful way, not just a repository of bygone hardware of significance to only a few.

The museum would be primarily a government project largely financed by the Federal Government and administered within the organizational structure of the National Museums of Canada. While the financial assistance that we as an organization could bring to bear is comparatively small, nevertheless we possess extensive experience and executive talent which could be put at the disposal of the project supervisors. Also, insofar as resources permit, we would plan to augment the aircraft displays by the inclusion of memorial features thus achieving a number of our original goals.

The proposal will be presented in the near future to the National Aeronautical Collection Policy Advisory Committee. It is also on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Trustees of the National Museums of Canada. These are necessary and important preliminaries. It is anticipated that following these steps a working group will be appointed for the purpose of developing the details and of producing an implementation

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### 414 moves from Uplands

## Clunks to North Bay

OTTAWA — The armed forces' 414 Electronic Warfare Squadron, now split between bases at North Bay and nearby Uplands, will be consolidated next September at the northern Ontario base, defence minister Edgar J. Benson announced today.

A detachment of six T-33 Silver Star jets already is stationed at North Bay. The remaining 14 CF-100 Canucks and nine T-33s, along with the unit's 240 officers and men, will be re-located there by Sept. 1.

Main role of the squadron is to provide electronic counter measures in the training and exercising of air defence forces.

Formed originally in 1941 as the Black Knight squadron,

the unit last served in North Bay in June, 1964. It has been stood down and re-activated a number of times in its 30-year history.

Advantages of the move, officials say, include the removal of operational restrictions because of noise abatement requirements in the Ottawa area, and cancellation of a proposed \$100,000 expenditure for resurfacing of the squadron's aircraft ramps at Uplands.

The move will also result in an annual saving in personnel costs of approximately \$200,000. Some minor construction, amounting to about \$150,000, will be required to accommodate the squadron at its new home.

Commanding the squadron

is 44-year-old Lt. Col. F. G. Villeneuve of Ottawa, first leader of the RCAF Golden Hawks aerobatic team.

Col. Villeneuve is also a holder of the Air Force Cross, awarded for remaining at the controls of a crippled Sabre jet aircraft, rather than risk crashing it in the populated area of Newcastle, N.B. In attempting to save the jet he force-landed at the nearby Chatham air base, resulting in serious injuries to himself.

Col. Villeneuve says that about three-quarters of his unit's personnel are married and will be moving to North Bay. One civilian employed by the squadron will be offered employment elsewhere in the Public Service.

higher than those in low cost areas.

If the weighted national average system had continued, monthly charges for all MQ would have increased. Under the new system of setting charges for April 1, 1972, the established monthly charge for approximately 8,200 MQ will be reduced and approximately 150 will remain unchanged. For the remaining 16,500 the established monthly charge will increase by varying amounts.

For MQ where higher charges apply, the April 1, 1972 increase to occupants will not exceed the following:

Sgt. and below, \$15; WO, MWO and CWO, \$17; OC, 2nd Lt. and Lt., \$15; Capt., \$17; Maj., \$20; LCol., \$25; Col., \$30; BGen and above, \$35.

The increase in all cases will be the lesser of either the amount prescribed for the rank as above or the amount required to bring deduction up to the new established monthly charge for the MQ occupied; or the amount required to bring deduction up to 20 percent of salary for shelter plus the lesser of \$21 or five percent of salary for utilities.



## Nighthawks Nest

Another two weeks have come and gone, during which time a few noteworthy happenings have transpired. The squadron has set a new international record for the number of meals consumed in San Francisco in a one week period. "A" Flight initiated the international round robin, but were quickly followed by "B" Flight.

The beginning of the end of another era, in the never ending saga of 409 Squadron was recently announced. Our own Colonel Sam Telford is getting posted to Language School. After completing a one year training course, beginning in Sept., Colonel Telford and his wife June will be officially bilingual, English and Russian. They will then pack their vodka martini and head for the Canadian Embassy in Moscow to meet the Russaphones.

Col. Telford's replacement will be Col. Price, who currently hangs his hat at Mobile Command Quarter-General in the city of un-plored snow. He heads to Moose Jaw to get a T-tail checkout in a Tutor before heading to Beyonville for the Voodoo course.

Another squadron member will be taking a short language course. Steve Bunyan heads down to Mather AFB in California in three weeks. Before he goes he has to watch Channel 12 for one week to learn American. Steve has been seen buying a bathing suit, already, in eager anticipation of his six month southern exposure before

proceeding to 414 Squadron. The next few weeks will see a mass exodus of Nighthawks.

Maj Morrison mounts the Broken 707 and heads to Ottawa on Monday. Poison Pen Bob Merrick heads for Arizona shortly dangle his participles behind him. To help drown the Squadron sorrow at losing these two, as well as Hugh Fischer, Don Elphick and Steve Bunyan plus a host of others who might go, a Squadron party is set for this Saturday, March 11. Because of the large turnover of people the Squadron can't decide whether the departees or the remainees should host the party.

If you are wondering who the new pilot is on Squadron, guess again. It's really good ole Gord Saunders, sans mustache (it rotted off last weekend at the COBOC fly-in).

The EDP Chess Award goes to grandmaster Dale Kilshaw, who obtained checkmate in a record 423 moves. (Radiation dulls the brain it's said).

The Baby Huey Award goes to Gus Hay for his playful mauling of twelve 407 RO's. Most are expected to recover.

The coveted Eagle Feather Award goes to Maj. Al Robb for his dramatic birdstrike last week. The prize money should just about pay for the broken windshield.

Finally the Novice Poison Pen Award goes to Mike Pollard for his initial effort as Totem Times Editor.



**FROZEN FOR ALL TIME** by miracle of high speed photography, this photo of former Totem Times editor, Capt. Bob Merrick, will hang in the Totem Times Hall of Fame along with other people who have come in contact with the fish wrapper. Bob was caught in this immortal pose between laps as he dashed off an article to fill an empty hole in the paper.

(A McFlash Photo)

## Weight reduction program

# F-106'S GET NEW PILOTS

HQ USAF ADC - An Aerospace Defense Command F-106A Delta Dart and an F-106B from the 84th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Hamilton AFB, Calif., have entered the testing phase for Project Speedline modifications, scheduled to take place this summer. Speedline is a continuing program to keep ADC's fighter aircraft modern and in line with latest state-of-the-art developments.

The latest improvements in addition to the present Speedline modifications now taking place at Hamilton AFB. Most of the work is done

jointly by ADC maintenance crews and a Sacramento, Calif., Air Material Area depot team from the Air Force Logistics Command. Ground testing of all the modified equipment will continue through March 14, when flight testing will get under way. Flight testing at Hamilton AFB ends May 15 and the two modified F-106s will go to Tyndall AFB, Fla. From May 22 to June 15, the aircraft will be firing live weapons to evaluate the latest improvements to the fire control systems.

The rest of the 84th FIS F-106 fleet will begin to receive the modified systems July 6. The modifications will include new digital missile antenna positioning equipment, a change to the target range measurement device, and installation of a digital automatic flight control system.

The modifications are part of an Air Force program to modernize the electronic systems of the F-106 interceptors to increase their reliability and maintainability by use of new solid state electronic devices and improved circuitry techniques.

Believed to be the first ever built, the new digital automatic flight control system will increase reliability tenfold and result in a weight saving of 75 pounds.

The system consists of one small solid state electronic unit, weighing 15 pounds, that will replace eight older magnetic amplifier units currently in use in the F-106. The unit will serve as an in-

terface between the aircraft's control surfaces and the solid state digital computer installed in the Delta Darts.

The modified digital range measurement device will provide greater accuracy in the measurement of target range and the rate of speed the F-106 is closing on the target, giving more accurate weapons firing time. This improved range measurement accuracy will increase the accuracy of rocket firing.

The digital missile antenna positioning modification will replace the vacuum tube units that previously performed the job of positioning the missile

antenna on the target. With the modification, this work will be done by the digital computer. This modification will reduce the maintenance manhours and increase the system's reliability to place the missile on target.

Following complete modification of all 84th FIS Delta Dart interceptors, other ADC F-106s will rotate from their home station to Hamilton AFB for the modification. (ADCPS)

## RCAF fund

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plan for submission to the Treasury Board.

It is realized that it may take considerable time to gain authorization for this proposed museum as well as to introduce the item in the government budget cycle. However, even if this phase takes a year or more, and even if the new museum should not materialize for several years thereafter, it is hoped that those who have contributed and those who still are donating to the RCAF Memorial Fund will be satisfied in the knowledge that their contributions will have played a part in the creation of a historical undertaking in which we can all take pride.

## From tee to green

In the previous articles of Tee To Green we dealt with all of the basic golf shots except two: the sand shot and that nemesis the putt. Both are basically simple yet both are the cause of monumental frustration. Let's first discuss the art of playing out of a sand trap.

The first rule one must obey to produce a good sand shot is that you use a club that is designed to produce the shot. The sand wedge is designed with a greater degree of loft than any other club and has a large flange to prevent it from digging in. It also has considerable more head weight than the other clubs. Before setting up to swing check the texture of the sand. If the sand is heavy and wet the ball will tend to come up quicker. Loose and powdery sand has the reverse effect. Knowing the texture of the sand is important because the sand shot is the only shot in golf where you don't want to hit the ball. Since you strike the sand behind the ball there is a greater margin of error in this shot than any other.

When setting up for the sand shot dig your feet down into the sand to ensure you don't slip. This also aids to judge sand depth and texture. Remember you cannot ground your club in the sand so relax a bit and hold the club more in your fingers to avoid tensing and stiffening. Concentrate on the spot in the sand you are going to hit and not the ball. Depending on how far you are going to hit the shot the sand should be struck from a half inch behind for long shots to two inches behind the ball for shorter shots. Don't try to kill the ball and don't hit down on it; strike slightly behind, under, and through the ball. Relate the length of your backswing and the amount of sand you want to take to the desired length of the shot.

There are three basic types of lies: the surface lie, the "fried egg" and the buried lie. With the ball lying on the surface you should use an open stance and open the club face. The weight should be

slightly toward the left side and your head slightly behind the ball. The swing speeds up through the down swing and NEVER but NEVER stops at the ball. I cannot emphasize too much on the need for a proper follow through when playing from the sand. In the fried egg and buried lies the only changes are in a more closed stance and closed club face depending on how much of the ball is visible above the sand. You must also hit down a little sharper than you would in a surface lie. How much sand to take and how to swing will vary between individuals so use the tips and get out and practice. I think you will find that playing out of a bunker is not as difficult as you thought.

Now for the putt. I am sure there are monotypes of putters around there are makes of automobiles and more different putting stances than modern dance steps. What type of putter to use, what stance, and what grip is a matter of personal choice and far be it from me to make recommendations. Whatever works best for you use it. The only tips on putting technique I am going to pass on are these three: first - line your feet and body square to the desired roll line, second - keep your head still and over the ball, and third - concentrate on bringing the putter straight back and straight through. Now that sounds easy doesn't it?

I have played the game of golf for many years with handicappers from zero to the maximum. Many of the high shooters could cut 5 to 10 strokes off their game if they spent more time on the greens. They miss the first putt and then waste two or three more trying to tear the every golf hole is of such a length that par allows two putts per green, that's 36 strokes every 18 holes. If for example you putted for a birdie every hole an ended up three putting each hole your score would be 1. If two hours practice a week cut half

of these three putt greens you would now score 82. I know that most players who play well enough to putt for birdies on every hole don't three putt them all but many low handicappers are bad putters. If you are a high handicapper and are taking 40 putts or more a game you can lower your score a great deal by getting out on that practice green and working. You don't need to have the ability to hit the long ball and play all the other clubs to perfection to lower that score; do it on the greens where every one is "created equal". I think you will also find that once you start saving strokes on the green you will cease pressing your other shots and your entire game will improve to a point where - well I'll see you at the Canadian Open.

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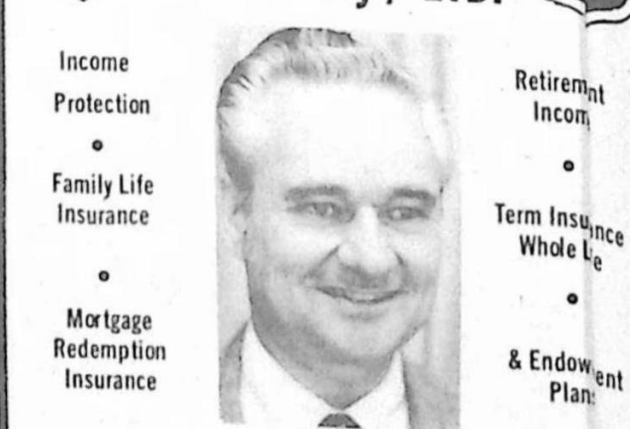
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## Voodoo Nuts, Bolts and Volts

By PAUL KLEM

Last week's exercise was a real test of patience. The call out went smoothly enough from my level in the chain of command with most of the troops arriving within the allotted time - even though the roads couldn't have been more treacherous. Fortunately most of the traffic at that time in the morning was in one direction and there were no casualties except some jangled nerves. Rushing to work in the morning in virtually a white-out is not something one wants to do every day.

When you do come in - get everything ready and wait and wait and wait for the action to start with everybody keyed up. When it does start it's usually hot and heavy and a welcome relief with everybody doing their jobs as quickly as possible.

Feeding the troops on the run is one of the bigger jobs, but our friendly Messing staff is usually up to it - dishing out stacks of plates of bacon and eggs, gallons of coffee and whatever else is on the menu. If you notice fewer seagulls after an exercise that lasts all day - they're either scared off or in the soup.

Buzz Wray and his Peace Wing Crew received the last of our new "One-O-Wonders" for acceptance. With the hangar renovation and the aircraft in pieces it looks like a tornado went through the place but they're still producing serviceable aircraft even with the handicap.

It's (PER) Performance Evaluation Report time again on all the troops. Everybody gets a chance to get into the act, you can even name your preference posting. It doesn't mean you'll get it but it gives the posting and careers men something to do when the computer pops your card out for a posting.

The assessment is based on 19 categories of performance. Each of these is graded one to seven plus an extra column to show if you are guessing, whether you want to admit it or not. How nice it would be if everybody was like a machine and you could assess him on whether he meets his

production quota but you can't, you are dealing with people with different personalities, temperaments, abilities and potential.

We must remember that the assessors are also people with their own private ideas of how a man is best judged. To cite an example I have watched Olympic performers being judged by seven or eight professional judges. Whether they look for different things in performance only they themselves know, but they often varied as much as three or four points on their score cards. Is their visual acuity that different or their degree of expectation of performance so much more refined, even if they have rules and standards to go by?

The task of the Senior NCOs and officers is not an easy one when you consider all the different jobs that are being performed daily by the people being assessed.

The guide as defined appears to be cut and dried. The kind of guide the Prussian army might have used. Clearly the guide is a catch all and is meant only as a guide. Each individual must be judged on his own merits with the utmost integrity. Since our careers are being programmed on a computer, I would suggest a further breakdown on the PER. The 19 categories that are now broken into seven grades are far too vague since the first means the guy is useless and the seven means he's on par with the Almighty, that leaves only five grades and 90 percent of the people fall within this range. By cutting out the newer and less qualified men it leaves an average between three and five or a general four for good performance, unless someone has done something outstanding. How many of us really have a chance to be a hero? Everybody does what is expected of him and often more, but being modest souls, who wants to brag about it. It's part of the daily package.

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**HAVING JUST LANDED** after successfully completed his thousandth hour in the Voodoo, Capt. Don Middleton is greeted by LCol Sam Telford. Don said that he shouldn't have too much trouble making the 2000 hour mark, now that "Time Hog" Merrick is leaving.

(McNair Photo)

## Demon Doin's

### BYSCREWDRIVER

Here we are with another edition, and for once, a thing or two to write about. On Friday, the twenty-fifth the Squadron held a sports day organized by Lt. Fred Robinson. Most of the squadron participated in one form or another (that is not a pun) and it should be said that all had a good time. Field events consisted of discus, shot put, horseshoes and such. The morning events were rounded out with pushball, always a crowd pleaser.

In the afternoon the crews participated in volleyball and bowling, though at times it was difficult to ascertain which sport was being played in what part of the rec centre. The winners were crew 2, who accumulated a total of 131 points, followed by crews 3, 4, Ops-Ascac, and finally, with 85 points, crew 6. It should be noted that the losing crew were without their leader during the day, and this proved a deciding factor in the pushball competition. The tactic was to have Chris roll into a ball, and thus confuse the opposition.

The day was a tremendous success, and we should hold one at least each "Year of the Rat."

Turning to other matters, we find Crew 1 enroute to the land of the Kangaroo and Digree-Do. They have the verbose PIO with them, and

we are expecting a missive from them next issue.

Crew Six was launched in the wee hours of the morning to assist in the search for the Haro Strait. Unfortunately the effort proved fruitless partly due to low ceilings and visibility in the search area.

Fifteen lucky squadron members were able to attend the luncheon aboard HMCS Provider on Sunday, and yes, dearie, the decks really do slant. It has been reported that the meal was enjoyed by all. Your faithful reporter, though not invited to the luncheon, decided to take advantage of the announced 'open house' in case anything should occur worthy of report in this column. He arrived at the Comox jetty at 13:25, and was soon joined by two other Squadron members with wives and family in tow. There they stood, on that cold, wet day until 1445 when the Black Duck arrived from Provider. We all hustled aboard, and soon were aboard The Ship.

Upon arrival, it was noticed that no-one appeared to be expecting us, and this turned out to be the case. "What open house?" asked the subbie, and later, in his turn, the XO. The situation was explained, and a tour of sorts was organized. It should be noted that all hands went out of their way to show us the ship in the limited time allowed (anchor being raised

in 20 minutes) but for someone expecting a guided tour, it was a little disappointing. As the Editor would say, "How come?"

The following was received from the squadron stringer in ASCAC, which is presented for your perusal.

407 OPS SHOP

There has been a dearth of news from the Ops-ASCAC complex of late, so here goes with the latest scoops. There is absolutely no truth to the rumor which has been circulating that George Kriisk is growing mushrooms in the briefing room. In a candid interview with the Senior Controller, he stated that the reason he keeps all the lights off is due to an electrical wiring hazard. In spite of this, there are still mutterings of 'keep us in the dark and feed us fertilizer' from several crew members.

Bilingualism keeps rearing its warty head more and more these days. Nobody really objected to Cal Desserault keeping a frog in his desk, but some of these signs being posted leave much to be desired. "Officer Senior de CACAS" indeed!

Jim Franko is putting a supreme effort into whipping Ops into a state of physical fitness (vice fatness) via the bowling team. He uses the 'carrot and stick' approach, the stick being the honor of being selected the 'Booby of the Week' and having your name displayed for all to see in the 'Booby Box'. No comment on the latter titles.

The dais has a new look with the addition of that mustachioed swinger, Doug McKean. He is still doing OJT, of course, so I guess we cannot complain too much about the quality of the coffee.

Since the squadron programmer has moved into the ASCAC area the walls have taken on an entirely new look. All of the holes and graffiti have been covered up with yards and yards of graphs and yearly programs. Our white flying program is now a thing of the past. It now comes in various pastel shades, yellow being the latest. When it comes out in lavender, it will be the last straw.

That's it for this week, folks. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a letter from James Percy, intrepid pilot. See you next time around.

## CARS van in Comox

The primary concern of The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society is service to patients. The Travelling Occupational Therapy Van is one of the special services available to the doctors of those suffering from arthritis. This van will be:

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## Torp topics

Greetings from the great procrastinator. The latest result of my putting things off until the last minute has to do with affixing the 1972 decals to my licence plates.

Having purchased them well in advance of the February 29th deadline, there'd be no last minute panic this year. However, getting them on was something else again since, with each passing day, I found a new excuse for avoiding the chore until, on the evening of March 1st, I had to go to town. There was just no putting it off any longer, the dastardly deed had to be done forthwith or I couldn't legally sally forth on the public highway.

So, out I went into the dark rainy night with the wee decals firmly clenched in my fat little fists secure in the resolve that I would never again let this type of situation occur. Man, it was miserable outdoors that night — I just couldn't have picked a worse time to perform such a delicate operation!

The first problem encountered was the removal of the protective paper from the sticky backing of the decal and, this accomplished, next came the removal of the decal from my fingers: too bad they don't adhere to the plates as firmly. I still haven't mastered the nerve to look at the results since I have visions of finding them upside down, sideways or heaven only knows what other cockeyed position.

At various times throughout the year I find myself debating whether or not to take leave and usually wind up concluding that it had best be saved for later, just in case something important should arise. The result is that I find myself facing an enforced vacation in the merry month of February with its inherent advantage of providing ample opportunity to affix one's licence plate decals.

## Whalekillers host fishpackers

HALIFAX — Eight representatives of the Nova Scotia Fish Packers Association recently took a first-hand look at foreign fishing vessels operating off Canada's east coast — from a CFB Greenwood-based Maritime Command long range Argus patrol aircraft.

Commodore I. B. B. Morrow, MARCOM's chief of staff operations, said arrangements for the Association representatives to accompany a routine flight were arranged in co-operation with the federal Department of Fisheries for two reasons.

"First, we wanted to demonstrate the extent to which this command conducts surveillance of foreign fishing fleets, and we want to encourage liaison between DND, the Department of Fisheries and those involved in fishing," he said.

During the 14-hour patrol about 160 foreign fishing vessels were observed, the majority of which were operating between 100 and 200 miles east of the Straits of Belle Isle. Fishing vessels from the Soviet Union, Portugal, Spain, East and West Germany as well as Canada were identified.

Accompanying the flight were representatives from Atlantic Fish Processors Ltd., St. John's, Nfld.; The Fisheries Association of Newfoundland and Labrador; Booth Fisheries Canadian Co., Ltd.; B. C. Packers Ltd.; National Sea Products Ltd.; H. B. Nickerson and Sons Ltd.; and the St. Lawrence Sea Products Co., Ltd.

## Mushroom meanders

The search reported on in the last "Times" was terminated on Friday, 25th. The lost airplane, unfortunately, was never found. The rugged mountainous country, covered with snow that had fallen since the airplane disappeared, was searched over and over again with nil results. The Searchmaster, Capt. Bill Leslie, reported that search aircraft covered almost 11,000 square miles and flew 407 hours during the search. Prime search areas were covered four and five times over.

The end of the search saw a mad dash of semi-frozen personnel racing to return to the warmth of our sunshine coast. Our helicopters, unfortunately, were destined to stay in the frigid north for a few more days. They were only able to get as far south as Prince George before the weather closed in on them. Capt. Perry Cunningham and crew finally arrived home on Tuesday the 28th, returning the squadron to full strength.

The end of the search, however, saw no lessening in the activities of the Squadron. On the 26th, Wally Adam and crew did an Airevac from Sandspit to Vancouver. The night of the 27th was the search for the tug "Haro Strait" in the Point Roberts area. Wally Adam and crew, again, flew this mission. They dropped 104 parachute flares to provide illumination for the searching boats that night. Terry Spurgeon and crew then flew an Airevac from Powell River to Vancouver on the 28th. At the time of this writing (March 6), Capt. Guy Campbell and crew had been in the Fort St. John area on a search for a small aircraft. The aircraft has been found and Guy and Company should be back in Comox this evening.

## THANK YOU!

COBOC thanks all the groundcrew who provided such herculean assistance to the success of a memorable weekend. Their efforts were sincerely appreciated.

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## Holberg best fire preventers

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# EDITORIALS

## Thanks isn't enough

This month a six year long association with the TOTEM TIMES will end when Captain Bob Merrick heads south to his new posting at Luke AFB, in Phoenix, Arizona. Bob ended his fourth tour as editor of the paper two weeks ago, when he put out his last issue. He has been involved with the paper either as editor or on the editorial staff for almost half the thirteen years that the paper has been published.

There is no doubt that Bob has had a lot to do with moulding the paper into its present form. The past year has been a tough period for the TOTEM TIMES with the loss of old hands like Lionel McCaffrey and Rhiney Koehn, and now with Bob's departure, it will suffer even more.

With his gift of writing with deep insight mixed with a bit of wit, Bob's editorials and articles have lived up to this station newspaper and helped make the TOTEM TIMES the foremost service paper.

Some of those editorials caused a little concern in upper echelons, but what else is to be expected, as editors have been infrequent who have felt that everything was right with the world. Most editors are skeptics, and are willing to comment on things that aren't as they should be. And Bob, on more than one occasion, has

also applauded policies that he felt were right. Bob believes in the newspaper as a vehicle to create discussion and to get points of view into the laps of usually inaccessible people.

A characteristic of Bob's writing are "Merrickisms", which somehow have infected other writers on the staff. So much so that almost all the captions and articles have taken on a definite Merrick touch. And that is fitting, because Bob's contribution to the Totem Times will hopefully linger on, long after he has left.

For Bob, not having a paper to put out every two weeks will be a difficult adjustment to make. On the other hand it will likely come as a welcome change as holding down a full flying job, Base PIO as well as being editor kept him pretty busy. With all the extra spare time that he'll have on his cushy new job, Bob will likely find himself wandering down to the Desert Denouncer in search of a part time job. Or maybe it'll be night school teaching budding young journalism students the ins and outs of running a newspaper.

Whatever you do, Bob, keep that pen sharp and enjoy your new posting. You can look back on your years on the TOTEM TIMES with pride. You're the one that's made us what we are today.

## Is my doctor in the house

One of the benefits that servicemen have long had has been the built-in medical care provided to members of the Canadian Forces or their various predecessors. Many a civilian has taken a wistful look at the hospitals and medical staffs that are a part of most Canadian Forces bases and longed for something similar for himself.

If the average serviceman comes down with Ethiopian jungle fungus, he need only repair to his friendly neighbourhood hospital, and the doctor, backed by his team of nurses, medical assistants and pharmacists, will have the patient back on his feet and back in the trenches within minutes. It is all, according to the folk-lore, very efficient; designed with the best interest of the patient in mind.

But lately, some servicemen have come to look askance at some portions of the medical service. "What happens", they ask, "when the doctor and the patient differ on how fit the patient is to return to work?" Is the doctor working for the best interest of the patient, or is he working for the best interest of the service which pays him? Certainly the standard of care provided in the base hospital leaves no room for doubt that the doctors are working for the patient, but it is a question that is being raised by increasing numbers of servicemen.

Perhaps the biggest complaint about the medical service is that the patient has no choice in selecting a doctor. He reports to the hospital, and accepts the ministrations of whatever doctor is available at the time. If one accepts the premise that all doctors are created equal, this would be a good arrangement. But all doctors are not created equal, and even if they were,

different patients would respond to them in different fashions. A doctor might be the last word in professional competence, but if he and the patient have a personality clash, the patient's confidence in the treatment rendered will not be what it should. If the patient has no choice in the matter, he might well doubt the efficiency of the treatment.

The relationship between the patient and his doctor is a very personal thing, and it is an area where, perhaps, the patient should be allowed some choice. Why couldn't, for example, a serviceman go to the same doctor who ministers to the rest of his family? How much more would it really cost the government, bearing in mind that in some provinces servicemen pay for medical insurance that would entitle them to treatment by civilian practitioners, although they are precluded from taking advantage of it.

This is not to imply that Canadian servicemen are getting second-rate medical attention. Far from it. But enough rumbles of discontent have been heard to show that there is some dissatisfaction. Such dissatisfaction is often enough based on, for want of a better term, personality clashes, but a dissatisfied patient is a distressed patient, and a distressed patient will not recover from his jungle rot as quickly as a patient who orbits around the ward with all the enthusiasm of one who has just received a prescription for a daily pill of martinis.

A patient who knows his medical records are between him, and the doctor he, and not the service has chosen will be a happier, and perhaps even healthier patient. And that's what the medical service is all about.

## The best offence

With most of the service personnel at CFB Comox expected to attend the Defensive Driving Course presented by MSE Safety before the first of July, a new era of motor vehicle safety has begun on the base. Previously, only a few interested souls volunteered for the course and attended along with those who were compelled to in order to obtain their DND 404s. Now, virtually all base personnel will be exposed to the psychology of defensive driving.

Of course, sitting through eight hours of lectures and films isn't going to transform the average driver into a highly skilled or safe driver. For many, the effects of the teaching will wear off within several days or will have little impact at all. However, that is not to say that the program will be without success. If the principles of defensive driving help to prevent the loss of one life or even just avoid an accident, it will have been successful.

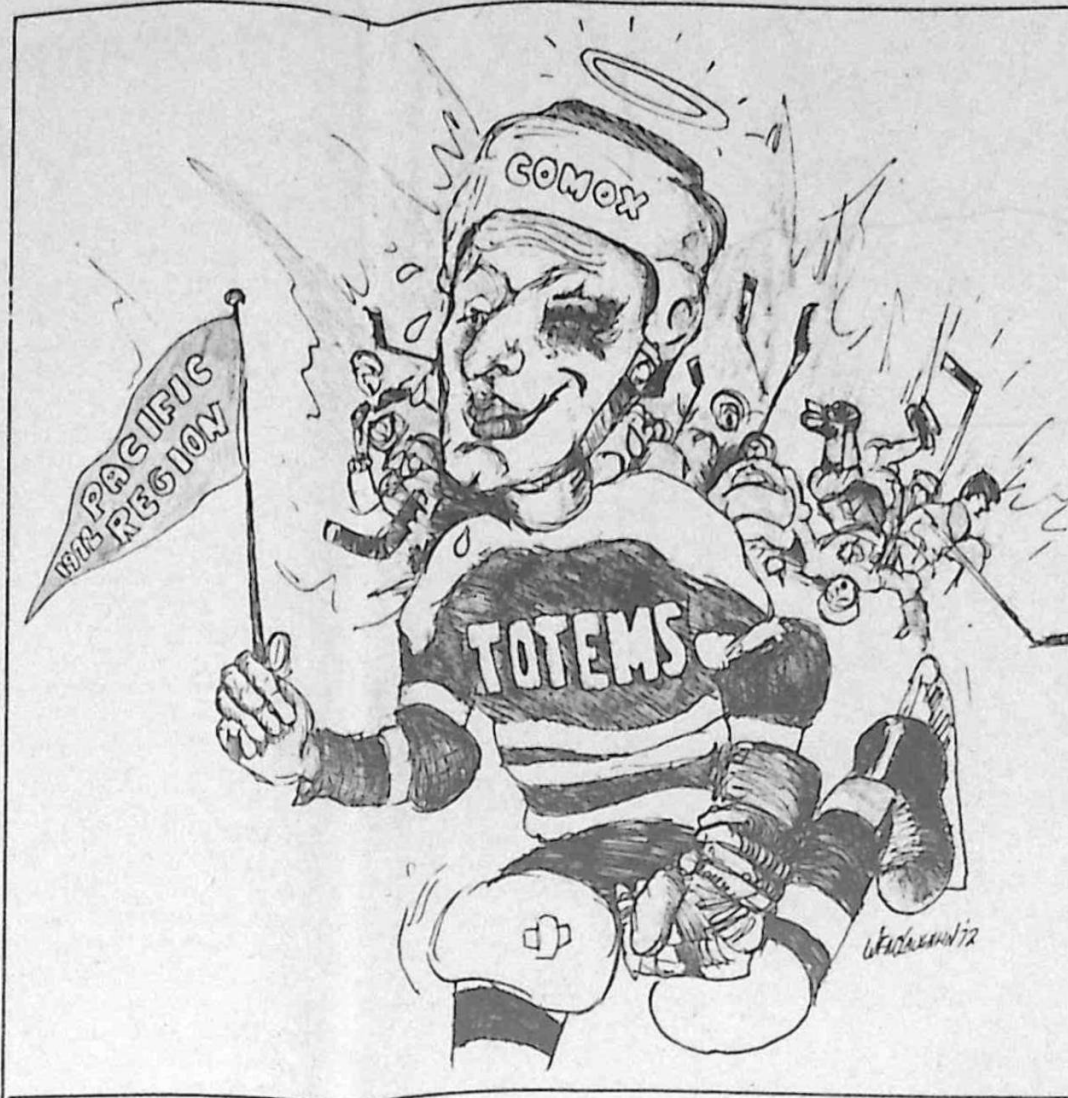
Defensive driving is an attitude of mind. You learn to give a little. "Give", in the sense of being less aggressive. Aggression behind the wheel gets you nowhere fast, except maybe into an accident. Learning to control your emotions while driving is part of the trick. Nobody likes to be cut off by other drivers or to be stuck behind some old lady who can't make up her mind which

way to turn, but getting angry or impatient doesn't help.

On the course you'll learn a few tricks to help keep your car out of the body shop and your body out of the hospital. Learning to recognize the dangers inherent in driving is a prerequisite to avoiding them. It's little things like poising your foot over the brake pedal as you approach an intersection. This trick will cut down your reaction time if you have to come to a stop to avoid collision. The fellows over at MSE Safety also have many others to pass on to you.

In the opinion of some, the aim of a defensive driver course is to scare the daylight out of you to persuade you either to give up driving entirely or at least drive with a little more caution. Well it isn't quite so. The dozen films they show do instill a lack of confidence in the ability of automobiles to stand the strains of collision. A few cars do get bashed beyond recognition, and dummies look silly because they don't have their seat belts done up.

Being coerced into attending a course such as this is likely to irk many people, but its benefits should outweigh the grumblings of a few individuals who are probably the ones most in need of the course, anyway.



## Letters to the editor

### Knocks local stores, CANEX

Dear Sir:

I will describe myself as being another "disgruntled and dissatisfied shopper". This disturbing condition is due to too few selections, too little availability, and too

many "It'll be at least 10 days" replies. Having done much city shopping, I have come to realize, to my consternation, just what the local shopping situation is. Everyone living in this area

has at one time, I'm sure, been turned away disappointed at not finding what he or she has been shopping for. The all too familiar "I can order but it'll be at least 10 days", is used as a "catch-22" excuse. I am not saying that all local merchants are insincere, just many!

There are, in my opinion, a number of reasons for the generally poor showing. One is that most shops are not large enough, hence, not stocked well enough to cater to every customer's needs. Some merchants are simply unwilling to provide good service. These result from poor business techniques and a general disinterest. In extreme cases I have been confronted with "Well, I don't think they make anything like that..." That to me is good grounds for a "punch-in-the-nose" retort! Fortunately, I haven't yet succumbed to the temptation.

Things can be better! We need more competition! If we as customers demand better service then we will inevitably benefit by receiving better service. By better service I mean better choice, better merchandise, and better prices. Any business giving its customers better service will in turn receive more profit, and every businessman knows that if he doesn't please his customers, he does not profit. So, he must remain highly competitive. If he does not compete, he loses his customer, he does not profit, and he is no longer of any value to the community.

I would like to give an example of a non-competitive business. This is our present Base Exchange system. Why isn't our Base Exchange competitive with other businesses in the area? Our Base Exchange is not designed to be competitive. This is all too obvious. Here at Comox we have an outlet which was built to serve the serviceman. In order to serve the serviceman the Base Exchange must be very well stocked, giving excellent selection, fine service, and better than average prices. It does have the service, but it does not supply its customers with a good selection, and the prices are not as good as they are made up to be. By simply shopping in the Courtenay-Comox area, and comparing, I have found this to be fact! The location of the Exchange is beneficial to PMQ residents because it is close at hand, but shopping is poor when compared to even Courtenay-Comox. We had our chance to provide some local competition and we blew it! Our local shopping area needed the competition. We as shoppers, needed the competition to help improve the area shopping.

The point is that our present Base Exchange is not what it is cracked up to be. The whole project was originally thought out on too small a scale. We should have been thinking of the whole area, not just the PMQ's. Most of us don't even live in, or close to the BX area. So why should we bother to buy there? We don't benefit by it. Our Base Exchange has failed to compete, has failed to serve the serviceman, and is merely a small part of the poor shopping area four miles removed!

Capt. C.E. Brugger

### Ladies help Cubs, Scouts too

Dear Sir:

The writer of the article on the Scouting movement at CFB Comox in the last issue of the Totem Times neglected to mention a small but significant group, the Mothers' Auxiliary to the 2nd Comox Cubs and Scouts.

We consider it a privilege to be part of this organization and are proud of the role we play on behalf of the boys.

It is not my intention to detail what auxiliaries to the Cubs and Scouts do; however, I do feel it is necessary to give to your readers some idea of the activities of our group during the past year, and how we help the scouting movement.

There were over sixty new Cubs invested since last September and each received a new scarf. These were cut and sewn by the Auxiliary members from material supplied by the Group Committee. Each Cub also received, on investiture, badges costing 95 cents. Together with these badges and those which they and the remainder of the 115 Cubs and Scouts have earned, the cost for each boy has been two dollars. The money set to purchase these badges was raised by the Auxiliary through bakes sales, rag drives and the sale of old uniforms. The ordering of and plying for the boys badges is one

responsibility of our group. I am sure that this is not well known.

The Cub Hall has been thoroughly cleaned twice, and you have only to imagine 115 active boys using that small building each week and you will realize this was no ordinary "swab job".

Then of course there were apple and bottle drives, fall clean up, the Christmas party, and more recently the Cub and Scout banquet. During each of these our members were busy with a lot of the details involved. This included serving refreshments and providing same, phoning drivers and generally doing anything which the Group Committee requested.

In the near future we plan another rag drive and bake sale, so that the Auxiliary will have funds to begin with next September.

A very special thank you is due Mrs. Joyce Stariha, Auxiliary President, who devoted far more than the required time and effort in the interest of the 2nd Comox Cubs and Scouts.

Auxiliary Mom

## Good advice saves money

Dear Sir:

This being income tax time, may I offer a word of advice to the serviceman with regard to bond interest.

For 1971, the serviceman is not taxed on non-vice income of \$500 or less. It is, however, of advantage to the serviceman to declare bond interest on the actual basis, that is in the year it is earned, even though interest coupons have not been cashed.

In declaring 12 interest earnings on a taretum, it will not be subject to tax either for 1971 or future years unless total taxable non-vice income exceeds \$500.

Should non-vice income for 1971 have exceeded \$500, by declaring 1971 interest now or prior to April 30 it will be taxed at a low rate the tax scale, as opposed to the highest percentage paid on service income in 1971.

For 1972 and future years, interest earned will be merged with vice income and hence will be taxed at the individual's marginal (highest) tax rate. If the serviceman does declare his bond interest earnings each year, but fails to declare it on the cash basis (when the coupon is clipped) he will have a larger sum to declare all in one year, when he is likely to have a higher tax bracket by virtue of either promotion or pay raises, or both, and possibly a higher tax rate.

On a \$500 bond, for example,

which doubles in value at maturity date, 50 percent of its maturity value of \$500 will be taxable in that year unless interest earned throughout the period of the bond, whether taken in cash or not, has been declared on the accrual (annual) basis.

F/L.R.S. McCartney  
(Retired)

## Kudo

Dear Sir:

I recently had the pleasure of visiting CFB Comox along with other Guidance Counsellors from Ottawa area High Schools.

It was a most worthwhile experience to have the opportunity of touring your Base and meeting so many of the personnel. The warm hospitality shown us will not be forgotten.

Carl J. Dujay

## Thanks, Bob

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Catholic Women's League, CFB Comox, I would like to express our appreciation to former Editor Capt. Bob Merrick and his staff for their cooperation in publishing all submitted material concerning our activities.

We wish Capt. Merrick and his family a pleasant tour at Luke AFB.

Laura C. Murray

What does EDP mean?

## Extra down payment

By L. COL. WARREN

There was a good deal of chit-chat the other day when we exercised our EDP. Contrary to our article title - EDP means Emergency Defence Plan. For that reason it might be called an early down payment of our base's and country's survival. Some question the value of the EDP at all - and argue like the old joke "Either you are alive or you are dead, and if - etc." But once you come to the conclusion, (wishing thinking perhaps) that you might be alive after the nuclear exchange, it is obvious that a plan to survive and contribute either to the battle or reconstruction phase is going to pay handsome dividends both to the individual and the nation.

One of our problems is the limits of our imagination. Of course this varies between everyone, and what a miracle of nature we have imagination. But nevertheless, some of us can "simulate" most anything, and others find it difficult or impossible to imagine a Christmas tree in July. Therefore we find during our exercises some types entering

into the operation enthusiastically while others seem dazed by everything. (Surely it is not because of the early morning hour.)

Another handicap is introduced to those with perhaps an excessive imagination. For example some would go to great lengths to make it as realistic as a war - well almost. These are the people who recommend we move beds and food to the shelters, who would have us stop all flying on the base during the exercise, who would have us have back-up facilities for the back-ups. Certainly very worthwhile ideas, but impractical in peacetime with the budget restrictions. But an exercise director cannot help but admire them for their ideas and keenness. So much in life is a compromise. The EDP exercises we hold are just another example - they perhaps are not 100 per cent, but they are considerably better than none at all. As has been said - "And that is the fact of the matter" and besides, EDP exercises are part of the job. And that's the truth! P-f-p-f.

## Over the counter

BY LCDR I.F. MCKEE

Although Severance Pay is not really within my field of stocks and bonds, it has been suggested that I devote one column to it.

For those with continuous service it is equal to seven days pay for each completed year of service, up to a maximum of 210 days. Rehabilitation leave on the other hand is calculated at the rate of six days pay for each year to the same maximum.

This lump sum payment is subject to income tax. If one assumes that the proposed new tax system is approved there are provisions to reduce the tax that would be payable due to this artificially high rate of income in the year you retire. The new tax bill provides for an automatic reduction if your income shows an unusual increase over the average for the previous four years. You, the taxpayer, will not be required to do anything. The reduction will be calculated automatically by National Revenue.

If you wish, you can reduce your tax by a system of "forward averaging". To obtain this benefit you use the lump sum received to buy an annuity. Income tax will not be payable until the year in which your annuity starts to make payments. Tax will then be paid on the amount received at the tax rate applicable for your income for that year.

Personnel on the old terms of service whose rehab leave will start before 1 April are not eligible for Severance Pay. Everyone else is eligible. Normally you will be considered to have opted for severance pay unless you

request otherwise within 30 days of receipt of your letter containing notification of your release.

What are the advantages of Severance Pay? First, for most of us, it is worth more dollars than rehab leave as explained above. Second, you get the money as a lump sum which may be a help. Third, if you die during rehabilitation leave the balance of your rehab entitlement is lost whereas with Severance Pay it is not. Fourth, your pension will start at once. Fifth, personnel voluntarily released with between 10 and 20 years service will get one-half the normal Severance benefit but would not normally get rehab leave. There are some other benefits for those personnel taking advantage of the Adult Occupational Training Act.

There are a few disadvantages you should consider. Those taking Severance Pay cannot extend their service beyond CRA thus they may reduce slightly the pension to which they would have been entitled. Retention of married quarters and non duty travel on Service aircraft available during rehabilitation leave will not be possible. Dental and Medical services available during rehab leave will not be allowed. Extension of service due to hospitalization while on rehab leave will also be forfeited.

One last note - unemployment insurance benefits will not be available to those accepting Severance Pay until after the equivalent of rehab leave.

I wonder what employment opportunities await retired amateur financial advisors?

## You need contacts

BY MAJ. W.F. ANDERSON

Communication is the name of the game when it comes to finding work in the outside world. And a special kind of communication is needed which will help to sell your skills and experience to potential employers. Like all games there are certain ground rules.

The first rule is that in order to sell yourself you must have contacts. It is amazing how often servicemen approaching retirement will forget this aspect entirely in their planning. Jobs can be lost simply because people do not know you are available.

This is the extreme, of course, but how does one start this business of looking for contacts?

The answer is to cultivate every important bridge to the outside world. These bridges include friends and associates, newspaper advertisements, public and private agencies and your own personal assessment of where the jobs you want are located.

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I know everyone has probably heard one or two horror stories about the problems one encounters in dealing with a government agency. The fact is that Manpower does not completely penetrate the Canadian labor market. It has been estimated that they have knowledge of approximately thirty percent of all employment opportunities. The lesson: You need more than one bridge to reach those important contacts.

Servicemen approaching retirement are invited to participate in the Civilian Employment Assistance Program as outlined in CFAO 56-20. See your Base Personnel Selection Officer or Base Personnel Education Officer for further details.

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## Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL  
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SUNDAY, March 12, 1972  
0930 - Sunday School in Chapel  
1100 - Divine Worship  
1830 - Young People's Fellowship  
SUNDAY, March 19, 1972  
0930 - Sunday School in Chapel  
1100 - Divine Worship  
1830 - Young People's Fellowship  
JUNIOR CHOIR  
1800 - Every Thursday  
SENIOR CHOIR  
2000 - Every Thursday  
PROTESTANT LADIES GUILD

Tuesday, March 14, 1972 - 8 p.m. — A lady from the Health Clinic will show a film on "Cancer in Women" - early signs, detection and what to do. Followed by discussion. Here is an opportunity to get information and ask questions on a subject of vital interest to everyone. Refreshments will be served.

BAKE SALE  
1000 hrs - Saturday, March 11, 1972 - Foyer of Base Exchange - The Young People of the R.C. and Protestant Chapels will hold a Bake Sale this Saturday to raise money to help finance their activities. Please give them your support.

R.C. CHAPEL  
Father Joseph A. Borg  
Chaplain (RC)  
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MASSES  
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Sunday - 0930 and 1100 hours  
Weekdays:  
Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday - 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross after Mass during Lent.  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - RC CHAPEL COMMITTEE  
The regular meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 15th of March, 1972 at 1500 hours in the Parish Hall. All members are urged to attend.

## CWL happenings

Catholic Women's League members from CFB Comox, Mrs. Yvonne Mullen, CWL president, Mrs. Pat Harwood, Mrs. Ann Elphick, Mrs. Joyce Geneau and Mrs. Mary Dion attended the Women's World Day of Prayer held at St. Peter's Church in Comox this past Friday.

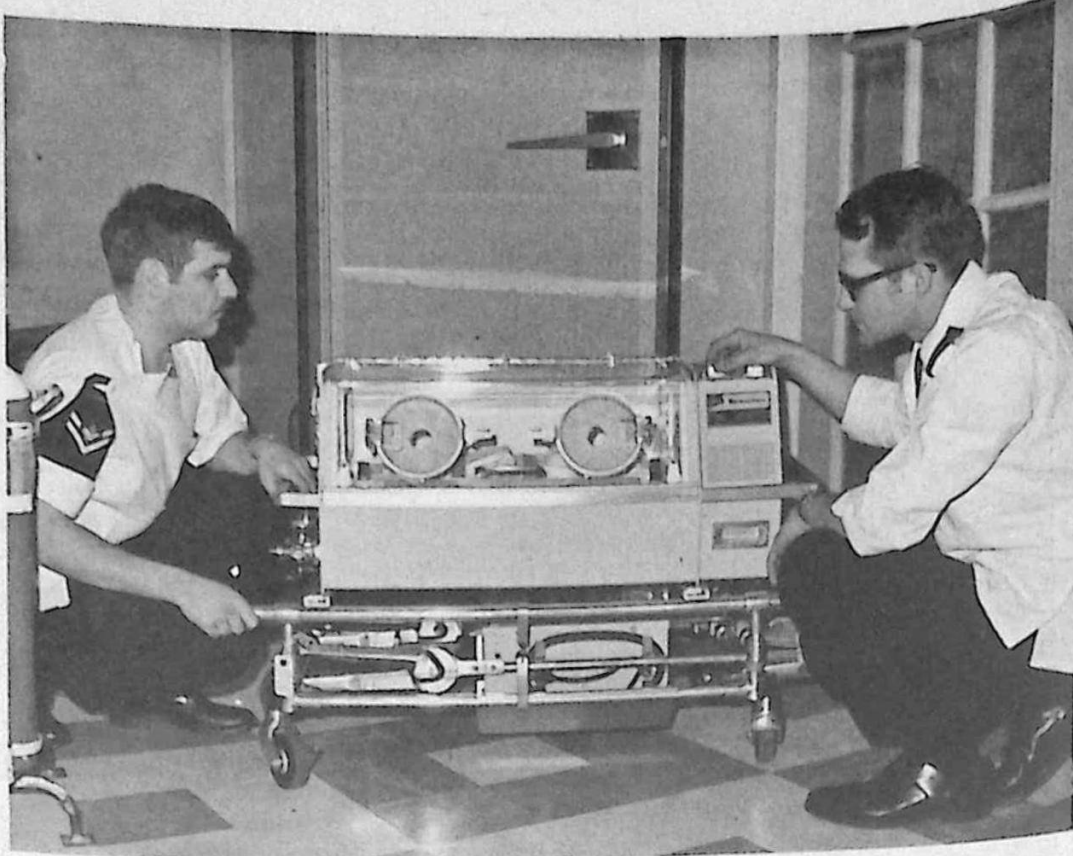
Church Life Convener, Mrs. Ann Elphick, was one of the readers during the ceremony. League members would like to congratulate the organizers on their choice of speaker, Mrs. Brandon, and soloist, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, and all the other very capable participants.

The meeting between parents and catechism teachers of grades 4, 5 and 6 on Sunday, February 27, was a huge success. Sister Rita and Miss Elaine Roy, catechists from Campbell River, explained the different aspects of the catechism program, and each teacher gave a resume of what has been accomplished so far this year. Following the meeting, it was the privilege of all those attending to meet the new Catholic Command Chaplain, Lt. Col. Forcier. Father Forcier is presently on his first official visit to all the bases in Air Defence Command since assuming his position in October. Prior to his promotion, he was the Base Chaplain at Trenton.

Father Forcier gave a short talk on the importance of the catechism program, and also expressed his pleasure in meeting with the parishioners, Parish Council, Base Commander, and Squadron CO's. He said he was most impressed by the cooperation between the parishioners and their Chaplain, Father Joe Borg. He was assured by all those present, that all are very grateful to Father Borg for his wholehearted efforts on their behalf, and the amount of goodwill he has generated in the parish since his tour began in August.

Refreshments were supplied and served by the CWL. The Catholic Community at CFB Comox wishes Father Forcier every success in his new command and is looking forward to his next visit.

The CWL Spring Bazaar and Tea is just around the corner! Be sure to reserve March 18 from two to four in the afternoon and come on over to the PMQ School.



THIS NEW INCUBATOR was presented to the Base Hospital by the B.C. Government for use during mercy missions aboard 442 Squadron aircraft. Examining the compact unit are Cpl. Gilles Dion and Lt. Ray Mostowy. The incubator was used on an Air Evac two days after it arrived. (McNair Photo)

## Base Gym restricts children

Effective 8 Mar. 72 the use of the Base Gymnasium during evening and weekend times will be restricted to servicemen and their wives, dependant children (to age 19) accompanied by their parents and authorized organized groups. Parents are to note that they must accompany their children during the total time that their dependants use the Gym.

This policy has become necessary because of a general lack of respect for the facility and the privilege of its use, resulting in excessive damage and costs to the building and its equipment. Facility supervisors have been authorized to report all violators of this regulation for action through the Physical Education and Recreation Staff.

## Share Lent '72

By FATHER BORG

What was Lent like in the old days? Why did our ancestors fast?

Pope Leo said it simply in the 5th century: You fasted so you would have food to give away to people who were hungry. There were lots of them. There still are. Fasting was for almsgiving.

And you prayed. Christians met often to listen, and reflect, and ask God for light. There were sins to be faced, wrongs to be righted, God's commands to be understood and obeyed. There still are.

The poor nations abroad, and the poor in our own country, are finding ways to tell us we are unjust and arrogant. Lent is a time for real conversion; so Lent is a good time to reflect on what the poor are saying.

Share-Lent '72 is a nationwide program of support for self-help projects in the poor world. Share-Lent is the best way for most of us to do something concrete about helping the poor to build a better world.

The theme of the Share Lent '72 campaign is "Development is ... People". In choosing this theme, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace wants to underline the efforts that the people in Africa, Asia and Latin America are making to develop themselves. Their policy in Development and Peace is to assign funds to small projects under \$10,000 which allow people to participate in the project.

Again this year, we are trying to renew the traditional spirit of Lent. Instead of a collection on a given Sunday, we are hoping that each parish will develop a Lenten "collection of sacrifices". We ask each family to put an ordinary empty soft drink can on the kitchen table on Ash Wednesday right through to Easter. Each Sunday, a gentle reminder that fasting is voluntary, but it is by fasting that we can help the poor of the world.



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## Through my WINDOW

BY ANN CROUSE

Einstein tells us that 'time' is a relative matter in the universe. Chronologically we are in the childhood of another year. We usually think of time, though, in the smaller context of a fixed moment or day than in its broader meaning.

It was said of Mozart that he died "before his time", at the age of 35. The same could be said of a host of other geniuses such as Keats age 25, Schubert age 29, Byron age 36, Chopin 39 etc. And yet they contributed to society so much during their short life span. Perhaps they knew 'time' was working against them.

On the other hand, a great many of the world's geniuses, such as Toscanini, Churchill, Wordsworth, Voltaire, Tennyson, Socrates etc., lived to a "ripe old age" and many contributed more later in their lives than in their earlier years.

Obviously relatively few of us will ever contribute a farthing that will be remembered by civilization on the whole. Yet each of us touch upon the lives of many. It is for the 'little man' and because of him that the world continues to exist.

Dr. Tom Dooley was one of the ordinary Joes of our era, a serviceman who was so moved by the suffering he saw in the Near East that he expended his life trying to help them. A few months prior to his death he posed the following questions in his Christmas 1958 broadcast. "Are you willing to ignore what the world owes to you and to think of what you owe to the world? To put your rights in the background, your duties in the middle and your chances to do a little more than duty in the foreground? To close your book of complaints against the management of the Universe and to look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness? Are you willing to believe that love of your fellow man is the strongest thing in the world, stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death? ... Tom Dooley had a very short life but he did the best he could during his 'time'.

Maybe we are not all cut out to be Tom Dooleys but few of us wish to find ourselves in the following poem penned some years ago by my daughter Elizabeth, then age 13.

### BUT NOTHING DID YOU DO

I guess you've stood here  
And held the hand  
Of a sick man  
But nothing did you do  
while standing here  
I guess you've sat here  
And watched a rose  
Wither to death  
But nothing did you do  
while sitting here  
I guess you've dreamt here  
Of a lifetime  
So filled with joy  
But nothing did you do  
while dreaming here.  
I guess you've lived here  
A billion years  
To prove something  
But nothing did you do  
while living here  
And upward to the sky's  
glory flies  
The pretty bird, with  
another dead worm.

It would be wonderful if each New Year's Day we were given three little gifts. The first would be a wishbone to enable us to dream and plan about our role in our family and society. The second would be the backbone to fulfill the first. And lastly, but of equal importance, would be the gift of a funnybone. Laughter is the remedy for most ills and responsible for most successes. It is the tiny balance wheel that regulates humanity's virtues and injustices and keeps the clock of time ticking.

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MAR. 14 - Wives Club Meeting - 2030 hrs

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## Totems win Pacific title

**BY GORD PALMER**  
The CFB Comox Totems have won the Pacific Region hockey championship for the second year in a row. They will now advance to the Canadian Finals that will be held at CFB Edmonton around the end of March.

The Totems won this title on the strength of an all out team effort. As coach Gerry Murray said before the series started, "I have got 17 hockey players who are going to go out on the ice and give it all they've got." He has never spoken a truer word. The Totems were led to victory by Fred Robinson who won trophies for being the Most Valuable Player and also the Leading Scorer in the tournament. A number of other players like Barry Howell, Ron O'Neill, Jack Hamilton, Red Hill and Brian Van Hereweghe really stood out for the Totems. They were the team leaders.

The Totems won both of the games they played in this single round robin tournament. They defeated Navy Ships seven to three in their first game and then followed this up with a five to nothing victory over CFB Esquimalt.

Immediately following the final game the Base Commander, Colonel Grant Nichols, made the official presentations. The Totems received the CFS Beaverlodge trophy which is presented to the winner of the Pacific Region. He also presented each player with his individual medal and also the two trophies to Fred Robinson. The first star of each game was presented with a chicken dinner compliments of Bud's Hot Dog Stand. The winners of this award were Barry Howell and Fred Robinson of the Totems and Gary Lauder of Esquimalt.

In the other game CFB Esquimalt defeated Navy Ships 12 to 1 in a very one sided hockey game. All of the damage was done in the first period as Esquimalt scored five unanswered goals. The lone goal for Ships was scored by Merv Peters. For Esquimalt Gary Lauder had three while Pete Okopski had two goals to lead the way.

In the final game Jim Whelen had two goals for the Totems with singles going to Brian Van Hereweghe, Fred Robinson and Kenny Hoffer. The Totems outshot Esquimalt 54 to 31 and there was some real outstanding goaltending by both Ron O'Neill and Joe Rozon. There were 27 penalties handed out in this game with 17 of them going to Esquimalt. There were three came misconduct penalties handed out and they all went to Esquimalt.

In the seven to three win over Navy Ships the Totems goals were scored by Fred Robinson, Barry Howell and Brian Van Hereweghe with two each while Kenny "espo" Hoffer chipped in with a single goal. The Ships goals were scored by Ray Gregoire who had two and Dave Parkinson. There were 23 penalties handed out with 12 of them going to the Totems. The shots on goal were by the Totems 48 and 25 for Ships. The goaltender for Ships was Bob Dobish and he came up with some fine saves as did Ron "Radio Ron" O'Neill for the Totems.

The arena was almost full for that final game and it is hoped that the fans will continue to support the Totems in future games prior to their leaving for the finals. It would sure be nice to see them go all the way this year.

Final Standings  
CFB Comox  
CFB Esquimalt  
Navy Ships

W	L	P	F	A
2	0	4	12	3
1	1	2	12	6
0	2	0	4	19

SCORING LEADERS  
Fred Robinson-Comox  
Pete Okopski-Esquimalt  
Red Hill-Comox

G	A	P
3	3	6
2	2	4
0	4	4



**HAVING LED THE TOTEMS TO VICTORY**, Fred Robinson collects an armful of trophies. Col. Grant Nichols presented Fred with the Most Valuable Player and Leading Scorer trophies. The Totems will be travelling to Edmonton to represent the Pacific Region in the Canadian Finals to be held later this month.

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The 90-minute color special based on and adapted from the novel of the same name by Eric Von Daniken, poses some very interesting questions. What secrets lie buried in the Pyramids of Egypt? How did early man move into place stones that weighed hundreds of tons? Did they have help? And was this help extra-terrestrial?

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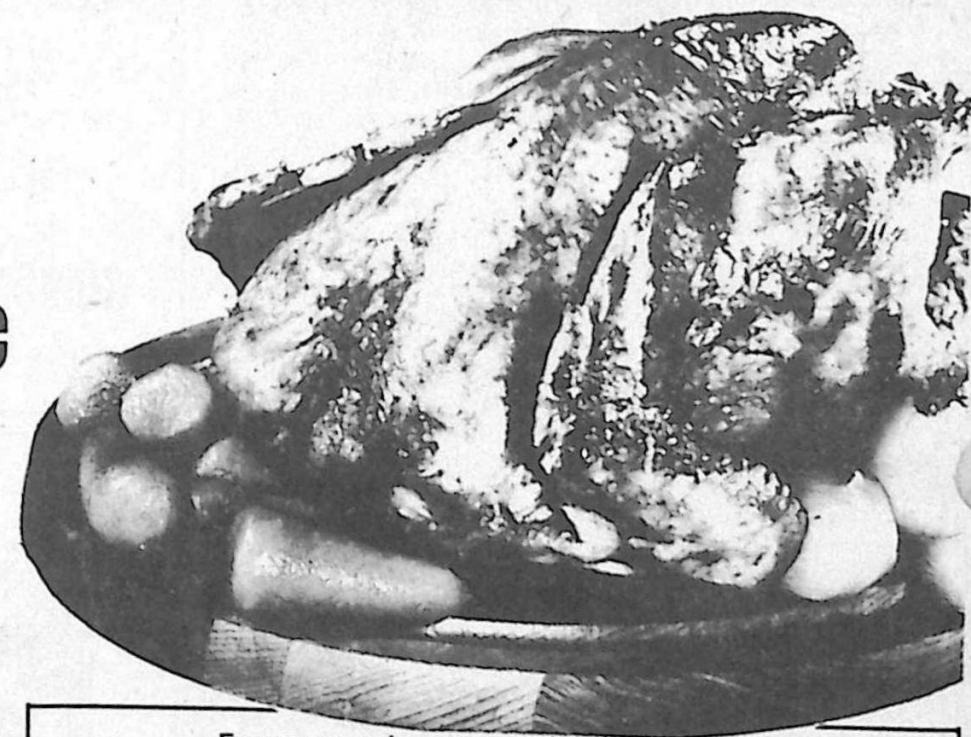
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