



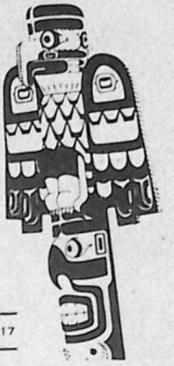
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## Seven medals awarded to servicemen

### Benson asks for proposals for LRPA

OTTAWA — The federal government will ask aircraft manufacturers to submit proposals for a new, long-range patrol aircraft, equipped with a modern, maritime-surveillance system.

They will replace the existing fleet of 32 Argus aircraft, in service since the mid-1950s, which, studies have shown, cannot be economically updated or re-equipped.

The new aircraft will serve a variety of Canadian requirements, both military and civil, in the late 1970s and '80s.

Along with military surveillance of Canada's east and west coast ocean approaches, and the Arctic, they will serve the ministry of transport; the departments of the environment; energy, mines and resources; the Indian affairs and northern development.

All rely on surveillance of Canada's coastal waters for information of ice formations, detection and assessment of marine pollution, monitoring of mineral exploration and compliance with fisheries regulations.

In essence, the government is looking for an aircraft which is flexible and versatile in employment and can be adapted readily to new requirements as they arise.

In addition to manufacturers of current long-range patrol aircraft, builders of long-range commercial transports are invited to submit proposals.

Following an evaluation of responses from aircraft manufacturers, expected within the next five or six months, the defence and supply departments will enter into the contract definition stage. It is not anticipated that a procurement contract will be awarded before early 1974.

Delivery date of the first aircraft with its surveillance systems will depend on the type of aircraft selected, but is not expected to take place before 1976.

Because of advances in technology in the past 20 years, fewer than the current holding of Argus aircraft will be required. However the exact number of new aircraft to be procured will not be determined until after a technical assessment of proposals submitted by the aircraft industry.

Mr. Benson said that contractors will be invited to specify in their responses the benefits to Canadian industry, including industry in areas outside the heavily industrialized regions of Canada.

### New training squadron formed at Shearwater

The Minister of National Defence approved the formation of 406 Maritime Operational Training Squadron at CFB Shearwater on 12 July, 1972.

VT-406 will be charged with the responsibility of Tracker and Sea King flight technical training for Shearwater operational squadrons, sea survival and underwater acoustic training for ships and air squadrons of Maritime Command.

The new squadron will be taking over the function

previously performed by HU-21 and VU-32 Air Crew Division and Air Maintenance Training Section. The new concept will have the advantage of placing all training under one commanding officer which will result in more efficient use of the existing facilities.

VT-406 will be commanded by Major K. P. Sheedy of Dartmouth, N.S. and Winnipeg, Man., the present commanding officer of HU-21.

### British cadets visit for rifle competition

OTTAWA — The Athletics, a 16-member British cadet rifle team, will visit Canada August 2-25 to compete in the annual Dominion of Canada Rifle Association matches at Ottawa's Connaught Ranges.

During their stay, tours have been arranged to places of national and historic interest in Montreal, Quebec, Kingston, Trenton, Peterborough, Toronto and Ottawa. The DCRA competition,

August 14-19, will have the British cadets competing against several Canadian cadet teams from across Canada.

In addition, the cadets will also compete in open matches against adult competitors.

The British cadet team is the present holder of the Michael Faraday Imperial Cadet Trophy, most highly-prized cadet trophy in Canada.

### Six senior officers involved

## Former Comox CO gets promotion

OTTAWA — New assignments and promotions involving six senior armed forces officers are announced by national defence headquarters, to be effective between July 24 and August 7.

Promoted from captain to commodore are Robert J. Cocks, 47, Victoria, and Andrew L. Collier, 48, Kamloops, B.C. Promoted from colonel to brigadier-general will be Kenneth C. Lett, 48, of Carp, Ont.

Re-assignments this summer will involve a commodore and two brigadiers-general. They are Ian B. Morrow, 47, Naramata, B.C.; Hugh Peters, 49, Ottawa, and R. P. St. John, 46, Montreal.

Captain Cocks, now base commander of CFB Shearwater, N.S., will become chief of staff for logistics and administration at Maritime Command headquarters, Halifax, July 28.

A naval pilot since the end of the Second World War, and a former commander of the Third Canadian Escort Squadron, he succeeds Brig.-Gen. Peters who will be seconded to the Defence Research Board August 1.

Brigadier-General Peters, a former air navigator and one-time commander of CFB Winnipeg, has been in the Maritime Command position since July, 1971.

Commodore Morrow becomes director-general of



GOOD OLE NO. 49, one of many of CFB Comox's ocean going tubs undergoes sea trials in Comox harbour prior to the Nanaimo bathtub race. No. 49,

with Bram Avery at the helm during the race finished 24th among the 223 competitors. The full story is on page 3. (McNair Photo)

### New BComd has interesting background

Our new Base Commander, Colonel Donald W. McNichol was born and raised in High River, Alberta. A graduate civil engineer, he attended the University of Alberta and joined the RCAF when he completed his degree in 1950.

His first three years in the service were spent at Centralia, Gimli and Claresholm as a flying instructor. In 1953, he attended 3 (AW) OTU for conversion training to the CF-100 and spent a tour on 423 AW(F) Sqn. as a pilot. He then spent a further year at St. Hubert in ADCHQ as Staff Officer Postings and Careers.

He was then transferred to 5 Air Division HQ in Vancouver where he held the corresponding position. In 1960, he was posted overseas

to serve with 4th ATAF in Ramstein, Germany.

He next served two years as Staff Officer Operations at Air Div Headquarters in Metz.

Col. McNichol was then transferred back home to Goose Bay as CADO. In 1965, he became a member of the small cadre which set up Mobile Command in St. Hubert.

His next posting was to Battle Creek, Michigan, as Deputy Commander of the 34th NORAD Division. After a year there, he was selected to attend the National Defence College at Kingston.

Col. McNichol has just completed a tour as Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller-Personnel at TCHQ in Winnipeg.

### LaFrance takes over

WINNIPEG — Colonel J. Claude LaFrance, 41 has been appointed commander Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg effective August 15. He replaces Colonel Alan D. Wallis who retires from the Canadian Forces and will take up the position of registrar at Royal Roads Military College, Victoria, B.C.

Colonel LaFrance is presently serving as deputy commander 10 Tactical Air Group, Mobile Command Headquarters, CFB Montreal.

Born and educated in Quebec City, Colonel LaFrance joined the RCAF in 1947. He has served on ex-

change duties with the United States air force in Korea during 1952 and with a French air force fighter squadron in 1956. For his services in Korea he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the United States government. He is also a graduate of the Royal Air Force Air Warfare College.

Colonel LaFrance has served as commanding officer of RCAF Officer Selection Unit, at Canadian Forces Headquarters and at Mobile Command Headquarters. He was also commanding officer of 433E Escadrille Tactique de Combat, Bagotville, Que.

### Quadra cadets to the rescue

Three Canadian Forces auxiliary vessels normally used to train sea cadets in basic seamanship were tested in their search and rescue role two days ago.

The Wolf, Oagar and Grizzly with 50 senior Royal Canadian Sea Cadets aboard were sent to Tuedos Bay in Desolation Sound north of Powell River where the 60 foot pleasure craft Adventure was on fire.

A Bellingham couple, Mr. and Mrs. Derick Langes, were taken from the burning craft before the HMCS Quadra vessels reached the scene.

The superstructure of the boat was burned but the hull was intact. Later however, the fire broke out again and the Adventure had to be beached. The boat is believed to be a total loss.

It was the first time the three 80 foot vessels and their cadet crews had been used in the secondary role of search and rescue.

### Free medical, dental while on LWOP

OTTAWA (CFP) — Servicemen and women granted leave without pay (LWOP) now are entitled to medical and dental care at public expense.

Formerly, an individual was not allowed medical care or dental treatment while on LWOP if the injury, disease or illness occurred after the effective date of leave taking.

Benefiting from this order would be servicewomen who become pregnant. Instead of automatic release, they may now be given 15 weeks' LWOP and then returned to duty. Men and women taking full-time educational courses at their own expense, or university undergraduates who wish to attend university on a full-time basis to complete their degree course, are all in this category.

New enrollees will also derive a certain benefit, because some may be on leave for as long as three months while waiting for a new recruit training course to start.

### Six awarded for Kootenay fire

Twenty Canadians, including seven members of the armed forces, have been awarded various degrees of Canada's new bravery decorations.

Awards to servicemen, three of them posthumously, include two Crosses of Valor, two Stars of Courage and three Medals of Bravery.

Six of the military awards stem from the October, 1969, engine room explosion and fire in HMCS Kootenay, a Restigouche class destroyer escort, during trials near the English Channel. The other involved a rescue from a flaming, overturned truck loaded with burning gas cans.

A total of nine seamen lost their lives in the Kootenay incident, one of Canada's

most serious marine disasters in peacetime.

Within minutes of the ship was filled with dense, black smoke that hindered fire fighting and rescue efforts. After other Canadian warships of the task group were alerted to the Kootenay incident, a flood of help followed by helicopters. The Kootenay was taken in tow to Plymouth, England, about three hours after the explosion.

Cause of the explosion was spontaneous combustion of oil and vapor, resulting from overheating in the ship's main reduction gearing.

Military recipients are:

#### Cross of Valour

The late CWO Vaino Olavi Partanen, 41, of Dartmouth, N.S. and Verdun, Que., a marine engineer who remained at his post in the engine room of HMCS Kootenay to alert the bridge to the gravity of the situation. His devotion to duty cost him his life.

The late Sergeant Lewis John Stringer, 39, of Dartmouth and Hamilton, Ont., a supply technician who lost his life from the effects of smoke inhalation while organizing the evacuation of men in the cafeteria of Kootenay following the explosion and fire.

#### Star of Courage

Officer Cadet (Former Sergeant) Clement Leo Bussiere, 28, of St. Paul, Alta., petty officer in charge of the smoke-filled boiler room during the ship's explosion and fire, maintained steam pressure necessary for the operation of fire fighting equipment, and later fought

the fire in the engine room. The late Sub-Lieutenant Clarke E. Reiffenstein, 23, of Montreal, a navigation officer, took the initiative and made repeated efforts to rescue crew members in the smoke-filled disaster area of the Kootenay. Sub-Lieutenant Reiffenstein died some time after the disaster.

#### Medal of Bravery

Master Warrant Officer Robert G. George, 38, of Tupperville, Ont., senior hull technician aboard, on his own initiative organized damage control parties and effectively carried out the order to spray and later flood an ammunition magazine aboard the Kootenay.

Warrant Officer Gerald J. Gillingham, 40, of Verdun, Que., a marine engineering technician, was one of the first to enter the devastated area above Kootenay's engine room. His valiant and determined actions gave others courage to join him in fighting the fire.

Trooper Robert Lester Harris, 28, of Bear River, N.S., a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, returned to a flaming, overturned truck

loaded with exploding cans of gasoline to pull his co-driver to safety December 15, 1966, while in a convoy from Rimouski to Gaspé, Que.

Both were doused with gasoline and their clothes afire. After pushing his way through the truck's broken windshield, Harris returned to the truck. With nothing to protect his hands, he pulled off his co-driver's outer clothes and beat out the flames, burning his hands in the process.

All three decorations — Cross of Valor, Star of Courage and Medal of Bravery — are awarded to persons who ran the risk of losing their own lives or sustaining serious injury in attempting to save the lives of others.



HMCS IROQUOIS, FIRST OF Canada's new DDH 280-class destroyers, steams for Sorel, Que., after extensive sea trials in the lower St. Lawrence

River. She will be christened and commissioned in Sorel on July 29.

(Canadian Forces Photo)



THIS IS THE only place on the base that actually admits to what is really going on inside.

## Visit to a MAD House

By NORM BLONDEL  
"Norm," said the Editor, "you have to go to the MAD house next week." Great, I thought, he's not only insulting me, but using Archie Bunker Terminology with it. "Mr. Ed," I said, "We don't call it that any more, it's a psychological hosp — "No no, I'd like you to visit the boys who calibrate and maintain the Magnetic Anomaly Detector used in the CP107 Argus for pinpointing large submerged bodies of Ferrous Metals." (He uses big words and technical phrases — that's why he's an Editor). "Head southeast," he said, "You'll find them."

I headed southeast, past metal birds, big trucks, acres of gravelly grass, a place where a brown coloured perfume was being filtered through big circular charcoal beds, green patches with flags stuck in them and rough patches with golfers stuck in them, to a hut, which stood next to a maxi and a mini-corporal. Another hut waited nearby. "Which one of these is the M.A.D. house," I enquired: "Yes," they answered.

Corporals Place and Grinnel, of Edmonton (pop. 500,000) and Abee (pop. 10) Alta., are the custodians of an unusual and delicate operation, situated way out near the end of runway 29, to avoid interference. "Who from?" I asked, "The BWO?" "Ha Ha," said MCpl Grinnel, "Very Jocular. It's magnetic fields we're concerned with out here, our gadget is very sensitive about being interfered with." "Did you say Gidget," I asked, scribbling furiously. "Are you from Playboy?" they countered. "Totem Times," I said — "Tell the readers what you do here."

Cpl Place described the M.A.D. as a maritime version of the magnetometers used in ore prospecting — a large hunk of iron will distort the earth's magnetic field in its locality, enough to cause a hiccup on the M.A.D.'s recorder. This enables an anti-submarine aircraft to zero right in above its submerged prey. The M.A.D. is so sensitive to the presence of iron that a boulder had to be dug out from under the M.A.D. testing hut, and the

hut placed upon a bed of clean sand and logs. The boulder had contained traces of iron ore. From the testing hut, the M.A.D. heads its signals to another hut containing instruments, some 120 feet away. To reduce interference from an ordinary intercom wire, the corporals communicate through a 125 foot length of plastic pipe. "It's peaceful here," MCpl Grinnel screamed, as two Voodoos taxied past; he reached deftly behind him, to snare a falling cup. "409 owes us two coffee cups — they're worse than them Italian male sopranos when it comes to shattering crockery."

Cpl Place returned to the theme — "Stainless steel dental work, steel tools, they all affect the calibration. I have to wear special coveralls, and the hut hardware is all copper and brass. "How old is M.A.D.?" "It came out just after the war," Cpl Grinnel said, "For use in dirigibles. Now it is stuck on the end of the Argus tail boom, where even the navigation lamp in non-magnetic." "Very interesting," I remarked, "don't you find it lonely out here?" "We get a few visitors — a deer, an otter family, eagles, hawks and such — and the occasional wild golfer" — Grinnel pointed to a nearby patch of green with a red flag in the middle — "Often wonder whether that flag is a hole marker or a danger signal." Muttering about someone tasking seventeen strokes to the green, an expression I took to be technical jargon about their lonely job, they disappeared into their M.A.D. house, and I left, wondering how much longer Place-Grinnel would be stuck out in the boonies, making their delicate adjustments on this useful and sensitive bit of gear. Until the day they build brass submarines, I guess.

### REPAIR DESPAIR

Opening this week on a note pointing out a little oversight, namely the take-over of a replacement for Warrant Officer Schreiner and an omission to introduce his replacement, to the men who will be working for him. He, in time, will learn of us and, likewise, we of he, but for the records, we welcome to the position of our Inspection IC, Warrant Officer Tillack. We hope you enjoy your stay in repair.

Recently returning from Naden, minus part of his anatomy, is Dennie Viklund. Not being able to go into the subject too deeply, I can only say that, although at this time he feels he will never be the man he was, time heals all wounds and he was assured by his doctors that the end is already in sight. And, as does Mrs. Viklund, we wish you a speedy recovery, but then maybe that's not the proper terminology.

Since losing Master Warrant Officer MacLeod to the temporary position of AMCRO, our fearless leader, Captain Meindl, has been subjected to solitary confinement in his little cell and it is apparent that he misses his old cell mate. Occasionally, he can be seen heading through the corridors seeking solace in the shape of the friendly coffee urn.

Most of the time, though, he

# 407 Tech Ramblings

sits at his desk trying to come up with an idea which will enable him to call together the floor supervisors for a chat. Cheer up, chief, soon they will give you a new cell mate, then you can plan all kinds of things to make life more pleasant for your subordinates.

Looking around repair of late one would swear that it was a stand down as the manpower is at a minimum. The authorities responsible for the leave policy brought out at the beginning of this year sure never took into account the fact that the odd bod occasionally takes sick. Engine bay, next week I'm told, will be made up of one Sergeant fitter and one Corporal electrician. Let us pray that no unscheduled removals arise and we will survive, but next year it is hoped that more thought will be given the arrangement.

With the change of weather to bright sunshine, it seems summer has at last arrived. I think the reason that part of the summers here in Canada are known as Indian Summers is because they are sometimes taken back.

Anyway, CE are busily beautifying the base and the Lord was good to us on the occasion of the recent change of command parade, which went off well. My guess is that there will be many changes made under the command of

Colonel McNichol, if what I heard on the news Monday evening the 17th July is any indication.

Things must be getting tough up in Log Control: it seems that the men controlling the logs are busily doing their best to marry off their off-spring. Ron Mitchell recently gave away his daughter at the altar and now Wally Gooding is seriously thinking of trading off one of his sons for an additional room. Whether he needs the room or some solitude is his business, but we hope to receive an invitation when the day arrives.

From what I've heard around the hangar recently, the Comox Totems should be renamed the Comox Comedians, after their trip to Victoria where they fouled up pretty badly. On that note I'm going to hiding. "see yer".

### TORP TOPICS

Have you heard about the secret society of the Barbecuers and Stump climbers? Chances are you haven't, which goes to prove our security is holding up very

nicely. There was a good turnout last Friday with six of the regulars in attendance along with two prospective members.

We believe we have accomplished a first in the area in regards to stump standing. All eight members were able to climb the stump and remain standing there for thirty seconds before bailing off. Some minor injuries were sustained when a couple of the boys hit the dirt at some weird angles. Congratulations, men, on some well-co-ordinated stump standing.

Honestly, I have never seen so many guys up the stump before. Incidentally, the diameter of the stump is three feet or less and happens to be about five feet high. It also gives me pleasure to report the barbecue was executed with finesse and dexterity, no one getting burned and no reports of ill effects due to ptomaine poisoning.

Another event of interest, which took place last Friday afternoon, was the Base Commander's handing over parade. The weather was excellent and the turnout was just superb. Due to some previous scheming, I happened to be on leave for the event, however, being a faithful member of the forces, I got a haircut and attended anyway. It was nice to be able to observe the events from the sidelines for a change and, in

my humble opinion, the boys did a great job.

It has been noted that the weather has returned to its normal, sunny, seasonal self. I can't help feeling this is because my leave is over and I have to be back on the job.

### LEATHERJACKETS GOOD PROTECTION

The fellow in the black leather jacket may be the safest motorcyclist on the road according to the Insurance Bureau of Canada. He is certainly one of the most sensible because his leather jacket protects him from serious injury in the event of an accident.

IBC, which represents most of Canada's general insurance companies, recommends these safety precautions for motorcyclists:

- always wear a helmet, and insist that your passenger wears one.
- dress properly to ride a motorcycle. This means heavy clothing, gloves and boots to protect your arms and legs in case of a fall.
- wear goggles to avoid getting particles of dirt in your eyes.
- be sure the seat and controls of your motorcycle are adjusted correctly to fit you.
- be sure all equipment on the motorcycle is functioning properly.

## New CO for 404

In a ceremony on 29 June, LCol. M. D. Gates took over command of 404 Squadron in Greenwood, N.S., from L Col Pickering. L Col Gates is attending the MOAT course and is due to graduate in September.

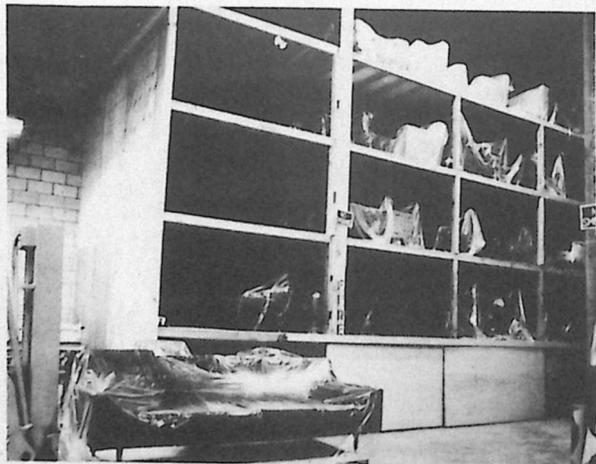
L Col Gates, of Regina, Sask., enrolled in the RCAF in 1951 and in the following year was awarded a commission as Pilot Officer after completion of initial navigation training.

His assignments include a navigational tour on Lancasters with 408 Photo Sqn., instructional duties at ANS and CNS and the Navigational Trials Officer at CEPE. L Col Gates attended Staff College in 1963 and was subsequently posted to the RAF College of Air Warfare as a member of the directing staff.

His most recent assignment has been membership on the Management Review Group which wound up several years in training and personnel positions in CFHQ.

L Col Pickering will be remaining at CFB Greenwood as Base Operations Officer, replacing L Col. Pierce who retired recently.

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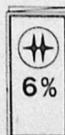
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"WHO SWIPED MY rubber ducky?" Fortunately for Maj Perry, his boys chipped in and bought him a new one before it was time to go home for supper. (McNair Photo)

# Voodoo Nuts, Bolts and Volts

Snags and servicing operations are progressing normally with suggested improvements cropping up every day. One improvement in the Servicing Section was the construction of a new exit door to the line eliminating the congestion at the Servicing desk, when aircrew and ground crews try to beat each other out the door. It's a wonder we haven't had any broken bones or other casualties from the traffic jams.

The construction of the door was not without its problems. It seems fresh mortar and flying don't mix too well. No sooner had the mason finished the retaining wall when an overzealous pilot blew it down with a jet blast. Needless to say Servicing Crews had to form a guard to absorb the jet blasts until the mortar set. So if you see any servicing types with singed hair and shrunken coveralls you'll know why.

The JEFM Shop is also getting some long overdue improvements. Our friendly construction Engineering Section has finally found the material and manpower to close in the starter test shop, and eliminate another excessive source of noise pollution.

Sunday morning I had my ears glued to the radio listening for the results of the now famous Annual International Nanaimo to Vancouver Bathtub Derby. The radio commentators did a pretty good job except all their reporting was from either end with no reports from the water where the race was taking place. All they were interested in was who was coming in first, and a slight mention of second place. It would have been impossible to try to keep track of everybody but it would have been nice to hear a running commentary on some of the other contestants and their relative progress. I'm

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## From the wavetops in a tub

Nanaimo Harbour, 23 July: Sun shining, light breezes, slight chop, fuel methane charged, 6 horses purring and Bram Avery at the helm. The BAMEO's tub No. 49, built by Len Willing, is ready to charge with 222 other aspirants for the Order of the Golden Plug.

Countdown, 10 a.m. - boom, the tubs are off, water churned white, waves like mountains and escorts behind desperately trying to surge

ahead of their tubs. Half a dozen tubs upset, a tub caught in a bow wave slides under the bow of the crash boat. Miraculously the driver leaps up and grabs the bow of the crash boat just before collision. Capt. Carrigan doesn't know he is there, people shouting, screaming, pointing. Capt. Carrigan slows and driver, adrenalin churning as violently as the props, clammers aboard.

He's OK, No. 49 squirts up

the middle of the mele, around the buoy, alternate escort swings in front expertly piloted by Maj. Joe and No. 49 hangs on. Rough water, hell it's a maelstrom! Watch this tub, this guy is cutting you off, faster, slower, go again, we're surrounded. Stop the world, let me off.

Avery can really handle that tub. Here comes the crash boat, too rough in our wake for the tub, he's in behind the crash boat, good, let's get out of here. Can't, OK, watch that guy, he's sliding in between the escort and No. 49, pushed him out, good. Formating on tub now, relaxed, toot, toot, look out behind! That big Yankee is running over us. Squirt out of his way, toot, toot, blow your nose you big donkey.

Doing 16-17 knots, not bad, humdrum now, hey, they're slowing, what's up? Need gas? New engine? Only doing 12. He's moving out on his own in rough water. Look at him skip, fantastic boat! He's back up to 16, watch that log. Look at all that junk in the water, getting rougher, he wants us back in front. OK, here we go, we've got him, faster, steady, slow a hair, up again, steady, doing good 18 now.

Where's the Point Grey buoy? Should be there, follow the boats. Look at all the junk! Lucky we haven't hit anything. There's a million boats up ahead. Channel in between too narrow to pass

### Swim lessons popular

Utilization of the swimming lessons being offered by the C.F.B. Recreation Center has been taken full advantage of by the armed forces dependants. The first of three sessions is now over and the second has started. Of the 70 children registered in all the classes of the first session 114 passed. The lowest percentage of passes was recorded in the Intermediate group with 55 percent of the swimmers passing, the highest percentage group swimmers was found at the junior level with a stunning 95.8 percent.

The third and final session is filling up with applicants very quickly, so if your children are not registered yet, get in touch with your Base Recreational Staff as soon as possible. Loc. 315.

### A WINNING ADVERTISEMENT

Students of secondary schools throughout British Columbia were recently given the opportunity to express their views on the abuse of drugs and alcohol. This was done through an advertising contest sponsored by the Provincial Government's Council on Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco. Below is the winning advertisement in the category of alcohol abuse, as selected by a student panel of judges. A \$1000 cash prize, for use by their school, Hugh McRoberts Jr. Secondary School, Richmond, was received by Heather Middlemass, Maury Peterman and Christine Middlemass, the team which created the advertisement.

## Demon History

PART II

22nd FEBRUARY 1942 - 20th APRIL 1942

LAC S. G. Hopkins' log continues:

**FEB. 22**  
Went to London for the first time on a 48 hr. pass. On the way back the train was late so had to walk from HAVANT as I missed the last bus. It was a swell night so didn't mind the 3 1/2 mile walk.

**MARCH 2**  
Tried like the DEVIL to get on a draft to Australia, nearly the whole sqd. tried, but no luck.

**MARCH 8th**  
A sqd. of Bostons left here for a daylight raid on a munitions plant in FRANCE, and wiped it out. They carry a crew of 4. All of them returned, but two of the crew of one were killed, and kites shot up pretty bad with flack.

**MARCH 15**  
4 kites cracked up on the drome today. "V" went over the sea wall, and crew got out in dinghys, it was written off it was my kite, my first. "P" landed with undercarriage up it was written off too. "O" returned from ops and was shot up but none hurt. "E" just cracked up for no apparent reason. No one was hurt in all of these.

**MARCH 27**  
The coastal guns on both sides of the channel are going all day. Nearly every day Jerry sends kites over and drops bombs about three miles from here. We get air raid warnings nearly every hour.

**MARCH 31**  
We left for Bircham Newton, Norfolk at 8:15 a.m. and arrived there 19:30 it is a very isolated place but brick billets and 18 miles from Kings Lynn, the nearest town.

**APRIL 5**  
We went on ops tonight, but didn't score any hits. One of Jerry's kites followed ours back and fooled around DOCKING as we were seeing the kites in, but didn't do anything. "O" didn't return. DOCKING is the satellite drome for Bircham and all our kites land there so that Jerry won't find where we are operating from.

**APRIL 6**  
"D" went out as ROVER over the Norwegian coast but it is thought it was shot down by ack ack.

There is a raid on tonight, but not much damage. He is bombing Norwich quite frequently trying to get Colman's mustard plant.

**APRIL 20**  
We are doing a lot of night flying lately and Fritz is over practically every night, but never seems to find this drome, although he gets the odd hit on Kings Lynn.

**HISTORIAN'S NOTE:** The first few entries of the log cover the time that the squadron spent working up new crews. Note the entry of March 15th. The particularly heavy casualties of the last few months had depleted the ranks of experienced personnel. Four crews had been lost in December, two in January, and three in February. During this period at Thorney Island, the birth place of the Squadron, 407 became "Canadianized". Now almost all the aircrew and well over one-half the ground crew were RCAF.

As of April 1st, the squadron returned to operations. While based at Bircham-Newton, 407 flew its strikes out of Docking, two miles to the north. Note the entry of April 5.

April was a black period. Targets were scarce, attacks few, results unobserved and the enemy defences were increasingly effective. As we can read, every entry made in April indicates an increasingly aggressive enemy. The tide was soon to turn however.

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## DND wins trophy

OTTAWA (CFP) - National defence has won the Prime Minister's 1971 trophy for fire prevention for the second successive year.

The trophy is awarded annually to the government department or agency judged to have carried out the most comprehensive fire prevention program, on a nation-wide basis, as depicted by the aggregate of all entries submitted in the National Fire Protection Association contest.

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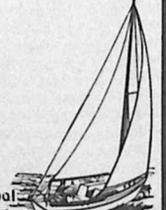
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COL. D. W. McNICHOL checks hat badges to determine how many air force, army and navy types he has hiding behind the green facade. Accompanying him on the inspection tour during the handing over parade is departing base commander, Col Nichols, LCol Haire, CO 407, and Capt. Briggs, platoon commander.

## From the Arctic to the jungles

OTTAWA - Warrant Officer George R. Wallace of Ottawa and Perth, N.B., is a Canadian Forces' topographical surveyor whose normal beat is Canada's frozen Arctic.

But the 20-year veteran and father of three would be hard pressed to find a more drastic change of scenery than the one he faces in his next assignment.

He's been seconded to the Canadian International Development Agency for two years duty as an instructor in topographical surveying in Nigeria. Come late August, he will pack up his family and head for equatorial Africa to teach at Nigeria's Kaduna Polytechnic, the equivalent to a Canadian technical college.

It won't be the warrant officer's first exposure to teaching African students. For two summers he taught surveying at Ottawa's Carleton University to students from Kenya, Togo and Nigeria.

A member of the armed forces' Mapping and Charting Establishment, WO Wallace sums up his new assignment as "a new and challenging experience".

It promises to be all that and more. The Nigerian government has given high priority to the training of surveyors because a large area of the country still is uncharted.

WO Wallace was chosen for his new post because of his qualifications and experience, and his interest in the Nigerian assignment.

## Mt. Arrowsmith to be new ski development

A public park for year-round recreational activity, including what some believe will be the best skiing on Vancouver Island, will be established in a natural bowl on the north facing slope of Mount Arrowsmith. The property to be donated by MacMillan Bloedel Limited comprises approximately 1,350 acres of timberland.

John Hemmingsen, the Company's Executive Vice-President, Natural Resources, said the Board of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District has agreed to undertake ownership and administration of the land for recreational purposes.

In the meantime, the Regional District can proceed with site development.

The property is situated on the north slope of Mount Cokely, between the 3,500 and 4,800-foot levels. Cokely is a lesser peak in the Mount Arrowsmith complex. The latter, with an elevation of 5,962 feet, overlooks the Alberni Valley and the Parksville-Qualicum area in central Vancouver Island.

Ski and outdoor enthusiasts in the district have described the new parkland as property which can become a first-class recreational facility for both winter and summer use.

Mr. Hemmingsen said the Company is delighted with the Regional District's decision, because it now will lead to further practical application of the Company's policy to seek balanced use of forest lands it owns and manages.

"Our plans for harvesting the Mount Arrowsmith area include careful logging hand in hand with easy public access to the alpine areas, the dedication of this parkland for public use and the preservation and improvement of nature trails there," Mr. Hemmingsen said.

Mount Arrowsmith's potential for outdoor recreation has long been evident, but it had not been developed previously because the only routes up the mountain were steep paths, the best-known of which is a trail built about 1921 for pack-horse trips from Cameron Lake. It takes some eight hours to make the climb and descend by this trail, which will be maintained and improved by the Company as part of the recreational program.

Logging roads built to harvest timber from the area, which supplies wood to mills in Port Alberni, have brought ready access to the higher slopes.

MacMillan Bloedel has undertaken to log ski-run areas designated by the Regional District.

The area is accessible by MB logging roads, open to the public evenings, weekends and holidays. A parking lot at the 2,500-foot level was developed in late 1970 and the Company has built a road link from the Alberni-Parksville highway to the logging road to provide a shorter route to the alpine areas.

Relocation of about 1-1/4 miles of the old CPR hiking trail from Cameron Lake up the mountainside is to be completed this summer. In addition, the Company will build a new nature trail in the vicinity of the park area.

MacMillan Bloedel also has agreed to keep roads open during the winter, except under unusually difficult snow conditions, so there will be access for vehicles on weekends and holidays as far as the parking lot.



THESE VOODOOS ARE laying down a smoke-screen in an attempt to obscure the approaching Argus. The Argus retaliated by dripping oil on the 409 contingent on parade.

## Comm specs second

HALIFAX - A team of three Maritime Command communication specialists have, for the second year in a row, finished second overall in the Annual NATO Naval Communications Competition held this year in Flensburg, Germany.

Cpl. Red Warnke, Khedive, Sask., now serving at the Canadian Forces Communications Station in Bermuda, won top honors in the teletype transmission event. Cpl. R. I. Morrow took third place in the light reception section.

Top honors in the annual competition again went to Italy in winning the Cup for Good Communications.

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and a wide price spread, ranging from \$300 to \$2,500 or more. Trailers equipped with hardtop roofs cost more than equivalent soft-top units, but perform better in wet weather and speed of setup and takedown. As a general rule, lifting mechanisms that are simple but effective will be more trouble-free and easier to repair if problems develop. Remember that the system has to stand up to water, mud and dust. Have the dealer demonstrate how his trailer sets up. Ask how repairs are

done in the event of a breakdown. Soft-top trailers use an arrangement of tubular supports positioned to keep the canvas tight. It is, therefore, important to inspect the supports, pivot points, and adjustments, and look for adequate strength, durability and ease of operation.

Bodies of camping trailers may be constructed of steel or aluminum with plywood or steel floors. Steel has greater strength and resistance to denting than aluminum, but has the disadvantage of being heavier and subject to rusting. Trailer floors should be rigid enough to resist flexing under-foot. The outside front body panel should be resistant to damage and deterioration from mud and flying stones. Some trailers provide an adjustable front jack or jack and dolly wheel, either as standard equipment or as an option. This device helps in hitching and unhitching and is a necessity with heavier trailers. It also makes the trailer more stable when set up.

It is difficult to generalize when a trailer should be equipped with brakes. Important factors are the weight of the trailer relative to size of car and effectiveness of the car's brakes. A car's minimum stopping distance will be increased by the "push" from a trailer without brakes. There is also the danger of jackknifing. Properly adjusted trailer brakes will shorten stopping distances and tend to keep the trailer in line behind the car.

Some cars do not have sufficient cooling system capacity to handle the additional load of a trailer, particularly on uphill grades and in stop-and-go traffic. Overheating occurs because the engine and transmission are working harder. Possible solutions include installation of an oversize radiator or automatic transmission cooler. Both installations increase cooling system capacity and either should relieve the situation. The weight of a trunk-full of camping gear, in addition to the trailer, will cause most cars to settle down at the rear. A severe drop may interfere with steering and stability. An equalizer-type hitch uses a leverage system to transfer some weight to the front wheels of the car. A less expensive solution is to install overload coil springs to fit over the rear shock absorbers of the car. These springs should only come into

operation when the rear of the car settles below its normal level.

Warranties are available on some camp trailers for terms up to five years. The prudent buyer should read the contract and ask the dealer to confirm in writing any items not covered. Some trailers are offered for sale with no warranty. In these cases, the buyer should certainly request a dealer warranty. Duration should be sufficient at least to cover your first trip, since this is when defects are most likely to be revealed.

The only way to be sure your trailer is insured to your satisfaction is to ask your insurance agent or company. An additional premium rider on your car policy may be required in order to provide adequate insurance protection. The serial number of your trailer should be at-

tached to your automobile policy.

The purchase of a camp trailer merits careful shopping because only by knowing what you want can you be assured of finding a unit that will give several years of enjoyment.

This article is extracted from CAC buying guide on trailers available at the cost of 25 cents each of 15 cents each for bulk orders of 50 or more. Same applies for the following buying guide available in French or in English: Tires, The Sense of Sound, Baby's Needs, Don't Make a Move, Memorial Societies, Recycling, and Children's Auto Safety. The buying guide on Children's Auto Safety is made of four parts and sells for 50 cents each or 25 cents for bulk orders.

## These girls are spirited lot

**CFB PETAWAWA** - Heat, mosquitoes and the hard ground on which they slept didn't discourage 65 Canadian women's Army Corps gals during an overnight bivouac at this Eastern Ontario military base. But in the rains came.

The girls had marched into their camp site, cut brush for paths, and strung their ponos to form hootchies (a word of unknown origin used to describe temporary shelters built out of rain trees). Then they enjoyed a slight dip in the Ottawa river, followed by a campfire, meal and late night singing.

They were a weary group when they turned in and were soon sound asleep. But a hard night-long summer downpour, finally ended them beyond operation, and early in the morning about four hours before they planned, they awoke camp and struggled to get to barracks.

But the group was un-

discouraged by their expedition and said they would do it again, even with the threat of possible rain.

Their enthusiasm is indicative of the spirit of the 250 women who are attending the CWAC national camp from militia units coast to coast. They have been especially selected by their district headquarters to take NCO and officer qualifying courses and trade training in various skills.

Major Pat Knott, of Halifax, commander of the national camp, and a regular in the CWAC, told Lieutenant-Colonel Mary Vallance, women's personnel advisor to the chief of personnel, who made an inspection tour of the camp, that the girls considered the bivouac exercise one of the highlights of their training.

It was a "gas" camping out, and weather or not, the only criticism of the one night outdoor exercise was that it was too short, Maj. Knott said.



## Susie SISIP

**OTTAWA (CFP)** - The Directorate of Personnel Benefits at CFHQ takes great pleasure in introducing Susie SISIP to members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

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In three weeks to come, keep an eye out for Susie's advice on all financial benefits you now have in the Forces, and what these mean to your pocket.

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**VOCATIONAL COURSES**  
 There are a number of sources available to us to obtain services of qualified vocational instructors. The Special Projects division of the Department of Education is one of these. A number of courses are available provided the demand is there. The Vocational School in Nanaimo is also another possibility for obtaining vocational teaching talent. In all these cases out-of-district people are involved and it becomes necessary to know in advance as to the exact needs and as to whether a class is available or not.

Our Fall brochure will list more detail and will invite people to phone or write in and let us know what their needs are in this area. In the meantime if you have suggestions do not hesitate to call us at 338-5381 or drop in at the office in Courtenay Junior Secondary School.

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# Holiday Weekend?

## HOLIDAY WEEK-END?

The July 1st week-end started innocently enough with only three short air-displays, one in Campbell River Saturday morning, a second display in Tofino in the afternoon and the third in Courtenay the same afternoon.

The Buffalo crew participated in the first two shows and the Labrador crew was involved in the last effort.

### CHILLIWACK RIVER

That took care of Saturday. On Sunday things started to pick up. The Labrador crew, led by Capt Perry Cunningham, left Comox shortly before 8:00 a.m. to rescue three men who were stranded on a small island in the middle of the Chilliwack River.

The island was heavily treed which prevented the Lab from landing to pick them up. Instead the three men were hoisted to safety and then flown to Chilliwack.

### HOLBERG AND HOPETOWN

This mission complete the Lab returned to Comox only to be sent to Holberg on an air-evac. They were to take a heart patient from CFS Holberg to Victoria.

At the same time the stand-by Buffalo, captained by Capt Chuck Munroe, was called for a boat search in the Alert Bay area.

Four young people had departed Hopetown in a canoe the previous day and had not been seen since.

The search was underway for only a short while when the eagle-eyed loadmaster, Cpl Del Drew, spotted the missing canoe. The canoe was on the beach in a cove a few miles from Hopetown.

The position of the canoe was then passed to a float aircraft which had been helping in the search. The latter landed on the water at Hopetown and a rescue party was sent out from there. As it turned out all four were O.K.

Monday morning Capt Cliff Eakin and his Buffalo crew were called out to search for a missing sailboat. They located the boat within the hour only to find that it was not in serious trouble. The boat had had radio problems and R.C.C. had been erroneously alerted. Although the boat was not in trouble it was still a nice bit of spotting by M Cpl Dutch Franks.

The other incident Monday called for an extremely fine bit of rescue work by the Labrador crew.

### MT. SELESSE

A mountain climber had been injured by a falling rock Sunday afternoon. His knee had been hurt so he was forced to remain on a tiny ledge on Mt. Selesse while one of his partners returned to Chilliwack to seek help.

A nearby civilian helicopter was called in to attempt a pick up however they were unable to reach him because of the confined area. The problem was that the ledge was very small and the wall behind it was nearly vertical. In this situation the length of the rotor blades prevented the helicopter from either landing beside or hovering over the injured man.

At this point 442 Sqn was called upon but daylight was fading rapidly and further rescue attempts were postponed until the following day.

Monday morning the Lab, piloted by Capt Perry Cunningham and Maj Willy Carr-Hilton, flew to the site to assess the situation. The accident occurred at the 8,000' level which is a difficult altitude for hovering in the Lab and power checks had to be made to determine what power reserve, if any, remained.

They decided they had enough power and after close examination it was decided that the only method available was the use of the hoist. Even that could not be lowered directly over the victim as the rotor blades prevented the Lab from moving too close to the sheer face of the mountain.

### MILLER SWINGS OUT

It was decided to move in as close as possible, then the para-rescue member, Cpl Ted Miller, was lowered on the hoist. When he was dangling well below the Lab the flight engineers, M Cpl Bill Ritchie and M Cpl Lew Ervin, started swinging the hoist cable until the oscillations were great enough for Ted to swing to the ledge.

Once on the ledge he attached a harness to the injured man. Ted then attached this harness to his own harness and the two of them swung off the cliff.

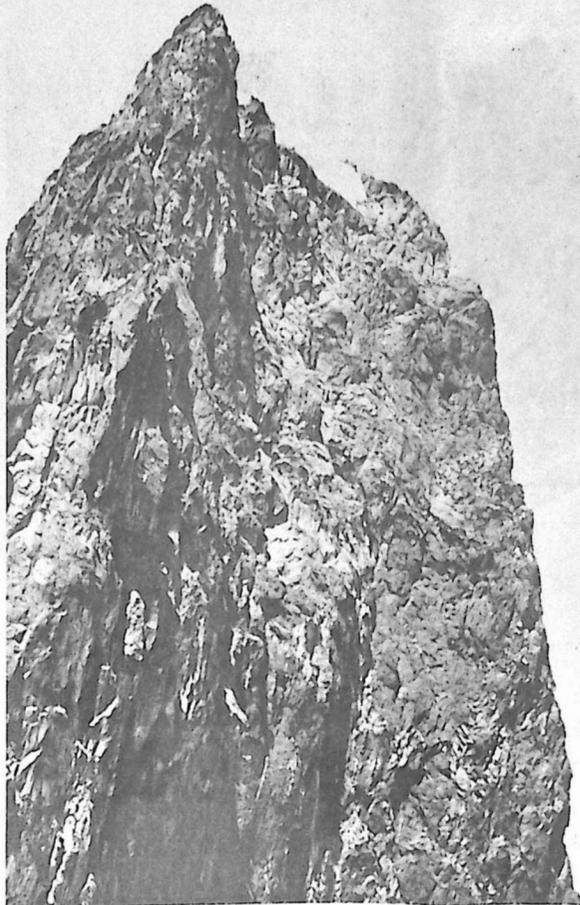
At this point the Lab moved out from the cliff and hoisted the two men to safety. The accident victim was then flown to Chilliwack for treatment.

This rescue was one of the most difficult ones and the crew is certainly to be complimented on the fine job they did.

### PORT HARDY HOIST

The next rescue requiring a hoist occurred on Wednesday. A young girl from Vancouver fell off a rocky bluff near Port Hardy Tuesday afternoon. One of her companions went for help and reached Port Hardy near midnight. 442 Sqn was alerted and Capt Nels Gesner and crew left Comox at 4:00 a.m. to reach the site at daybreak. Morning fog delayed rescue attempts for about one hour but when it cleared the Lab moved in and landed about 600' above the site. From there the rescue party climbed down to the girl. Dr. Landreville attended to her injuries then strapped her in the stretcher. Now they found they were unable to bring her back up the face so the rescue party, with the exception of Cpl Bill Wacey, returned to the Lab.

Bill remained with the injured girl until the Lab came in to hover over their position. They were then both hoisted into the Lab and the girl was flown to St. Joseph's Hospital Comox.



SWINGING FROM THE HOIST of a 442 Labrador, Cpl. Ted Miller rescued an injured climber on the sheer face of Mt. Selesse, July 3. As Cpl. Miller couldn't be persuaded to repeat his act for the camera, we took a photo of Mt. Selesse by itself.

(Canadian Forces Photo)



NOW THAT THE dental Clinic is catching up with the backlog of servicemen's checkups and fillings they are opening their doors to other customers. This one is not sure whether he wants his teeth fixed or that bag of candies hidden in the tree.

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The format of the regulations synopsis has been radically revised to simplify

its use. Regulations and other related information are grouped according to area to minimize confusion between the nine Fish and Wildlife Branch regions; a detailed regional map is included in each. "It was our intention to make the summary both easier to use and suitable for the more detailed management plans expected in the near future," said Dr. Hatter.

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Open Mixed Two Ball Golf Tournament, Comox Golf Club.

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Handicraft Stalls and Concession Booths will be open all day and a Bavarian Fest from 12:00 noon.

8:00 p.m. - H.M.C.S. Quadra Cadets will perform the "Ceremony of the Flags" in Village Park.

The day will conclude with an open air dance on Noel Avenue.

### Sunday, August 13th

2:00 p.m. - Comox Marina - Royston to Comox Swim and Boat Race.

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A detailed program of various events and times will be distributed early in August. Watch for it.

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28 July - Monster Mixed TGIF - 1800 hrs - Band "Timerail" - 2100 hrs - 0100 hrs.  
30 July - BBQ - 1900 hrs - Reservations.  
2 August - JOB  
4 August - TGIF  
6 August - BBQ Steaks 1900 - 2100 hrs. \$2.00 person.  
9 August - JOB  
11 August - TGIF  
12 August - Dance 2100 - 0100 hrs. No Food. No Charge.  
16 August - JOB  
18 August - Monster TGIF  
20 August - BBQ 1200 - 1400 hrs. Steaks. Hamburgers.  
23 August - JOB  
25 August - TGIF  
26 August - Western Nite. Hip-o-Beef. \$4.00 per couple. Food 200 hrs. Dance 2100 - 0100 hrs. Western Dress.  
30 August - JOB

**WO's and SGTS. MESS AUGUST**

29 JULY - CANDLELIGHT DINNER AND DANCE - Entertainment by "The Four Ways" - Cocktails 1900 hrs - Dinner 1930 hrs - Dancing 2130 hrs to 0130 hrs - Admission, Regular and Associate Members \$7.00 per couple - Honorary Members and Guests \$10.00 per couple - Tickets on sale from Mess Secretary.  
31 JULY - MOVIE - "How The West was Won."

5 AUGUST - Social Nite - Music (Records)  
7 AUGUST - Movie - "Brewster McLeod"  
12 AUGUST - Social Nite - Music (Records)  
14 AUGUST - Movie - "Hawaiians"

**JR. RANKS CLUB AUGUST**

Fri., July 28 - TGIF  
Sat., July 29 - Dance - The Spare Room  
Sat., 5 Aug. - Bruce Thompson Trio  
Sat., 12 Aug. - Sounds Unlimited  
Fri., Sat., Sun., Aug. 18-19-20 Aug. - Beer Fest  
Sat., 26 Aug. - TBA

MOVIES  
Tues., 1 Aug. - How The West Was Won John Wayne  
Tues., 8 Aug. - Brewster McLeod - Bud Cort  
Tues., 15 Aug. - Hawaiians - Charlton Heston  
Tues., 22 Aug. - Wild Rover - William Holden  
Tues., 29 Aug. - Start The Revolution Without Me - Jena Wilder  
Fridays, 4-11-18 Aug. TGIF  
Sun., 6 Aug. - Sounds Unlimited  
Sun., 13 Aug. - The Tidemen  
Sun., 20 Aug. - Beer Fest  
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No more Bingo until September.

**BASE THEATRE Schedule for AUGUST 1972**

Wed., Aug. 2	SKULLDUGGERY	Burt Reynolds Susan Clark
Thurs., 3 Aug.	Show starts at 2000 Show ends at 2210	
Fri., 4 Aug.	TASTE THE BLOOD OF DRACULA	Christopher Lee
Show starts at 2000	Show ends at 2150	
Sat., 5 Aug.	WINNING	Paul Newman Robert Wagner Joanne Woodward
Sun., 6 Aug.	Show starts at 2000 Show ends at 2210	
Wed., 9 Aug.	TOPAZ	Frederick Stafford John Forsythe
Thurs., 10 Aug.	Show starts at 2000 Show Ending 2210	
Fri., 11 Aug.	TROG	Joan Crawford Michael Gough
Show starts at 2000 Show ends at 2150		
Sat., 12 Aug.	ANNE OF THE THOUSAND DAYS	Richard Burton Irene Pappas Genevieve Bujold
Sun., 13 Aug.	Drama: Story of Anne Boleyn Show starts at 2000 Show ends at 2235	

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## If at first...

by NOLA WELLS

Who wrote 'If at first you do not succeed, ... try, try again'? Could it possibly relate to the institution called marriage?

A divorce is granted inside a cool business-like Court Room. A judge and groups of lawyers have gone through it all before, many times over. A Court Stenographer sits with her tape recorder and shorthand pad, listening to each word said. How many times she has heard the same old story is anyone's guess. Looks at you, half embarrassed and half sad, because a divorce in an open Court Room, is often like having a personal diary read out loud in the middle of the street. Divorce is granted in a matter of minutes. Within the short period of time that a judge takes to say 'Divorce is granted' a marriage is over, never to continue again. Years of a person's lifetime that brought forth children, and all the memories that children give, are supposed to be erased with the movement of a judge's hand. If life were only that simple!

A woman alone with children, might hold on to new hopes for happiness with the opposite sex. It usually depends on her age, and the way life has or has not affected her appearance. They might be the lucky ones, depending on the way you look at it. The 'old shoes' have a different road to follow.

After a few years on her own, the divorced lady starts believing she will never marry again. After all, who would want a vintage model when so many new ones are obviously on the market? So she digs into the role of being both parents to a group of children, and leaves the hopeful dreams to the younger set. She doesn't meet many men anyway. Who could she meet in the library or the meat section of a local supermarket?

Then one day someone comes along who wants to marry her. 'What in heaven's name does he want with me?' ... she asks herself, as she scrubs the kitchen floor for the third time in a week. She looks at herself in the mirror, but can only see greying hair, and the beginning of crow's feet around the eyes. She looks at the heavy responsibility of bringing up little children as her burden alone. Why would anyone in his right mind desire to share that load with her? A sex symbol she is not. Wealthy she is definitely not. Perhaps the man is touched in his head.

An engagement ring is purchased for her. It is put upon a finger that has been bare of anything but memories for years. It shines in the rays of the bright sun. She finds herself unable to stop looking at it. Somehow it has begun to transfer her into the 16 year old girl she once was ... when life was nothing but beautiful, and dreams could only come true.

A second try at marriage is only for the brave. The realities of marriage are already well known ... too well known to go into it again without serious thoughts. One knows at this stage of the game that marriage is hard work. A foundation must be laid down before another trip down to the altar is made. A foundation not made up of plastic, but a lasting foundation similar only to steel. Things like dignity, and honour, and trust must be mixed within that foundation, or it will crack. One must be equipped to lay down such a base if any future happiness is to be had. Maybe a marriage gone wrong equips us in ways never before possible when hair wasn't grey, and only gay laughter was heard throughout the personal world of young lovers.

"If at first you do not succeed ... try, try again". How else can life be lived?

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WHAT'S ON THE OTHER END of this rope that seems to be giving these Warrant Officers and Sergeants such a hard time? It's the Junior Ranks' Tug of War Team who managed more pull than their competitors on last Friday's intersports day.

### Commodore attends NDC

OTTAWA - Commodore Noel Cogdon, 49, of Ottawa and London, Ont., director-general of maritime forces at Canadian Forces headquarters, Ottawa, will attend the 1972-73 course at Kingston's National Defence College, beginning in September.

Commodore Cogdon enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy as a cadet in 1940, serving in a number of Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy ships. He survived the sinking of the British cruiser Dorsetshire, attacked by Japanese aircraft in the Indian Ocean.

He attained his present rank in 1967 when he was appointed chief of staff for operations at Maritime Command in Halifax. Two years later he became the senior Canadian officer afloat, leaving that post in 1970 to serve in Ottawa.

## Boats and arrows

By NORM BLONDEL

**CHARTER APPROVED** - It's official - The Comox Sailing Squadron is now a full member of the Canadian Forces Sailing Association. Little now remains but to begin sailing. At press time, the small hut formerly situated on the golf driving range had been relocated to Airforce Beach, and minor repair work begun. It will be used for gear storage, and as a beach office.

A recent meeting of the committee decided that operations should begin on or around August 1. Five Mirror kits will be ordered for the club and Tony Brett and Norm Blondel were appointed Training and Fleet co-ordinators, respectively. A general meeting will shortly be held to discuss and vote on the Constitution and Budget, among other matters. Membership forms, now being printed, will be available soon and individual log books for each member will be ordered. A Treasurer is required and the club would welcome a volunteer.

Runoffs for the honour of representing Comox at the CFSA championships will be held this weekend between Baker/Brett and Fox/Blondel. Any other Skipper/Crew combinations that shoot their names into John Fox's telephone (339-4216) before Saturday morning will be entered.

Talking about shooting, the archery club planned to start last week, but the target butts were too far gone. Stand by for news on the starting time, which is imminent. Meanwhile, all residents of CFB Comox and environs who are either DND employed or dependants, and whose age exceeds 13 years, are invited to put their names on the proposed membership list. Each prospective archer will be contacted prior to the first shoot, and a general meeting will be called to replenish an executive sadly depleted by transfers.

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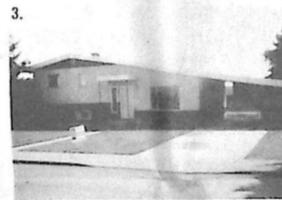
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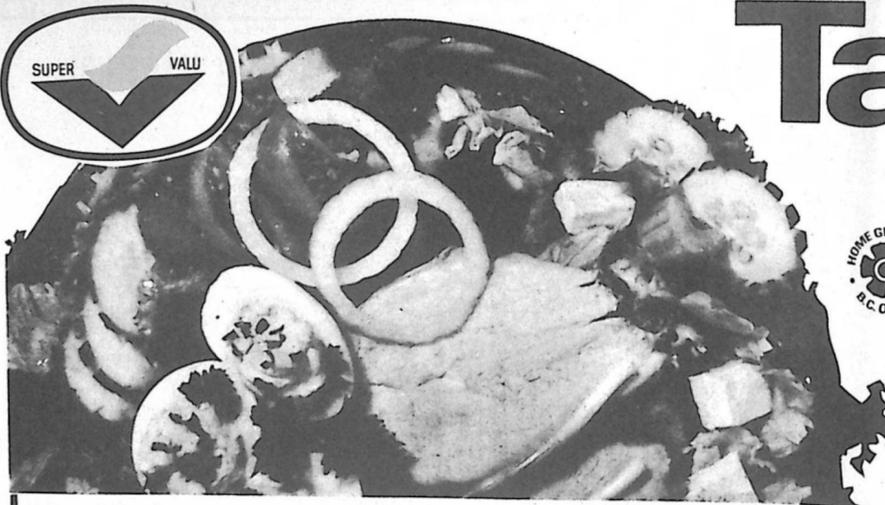
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