

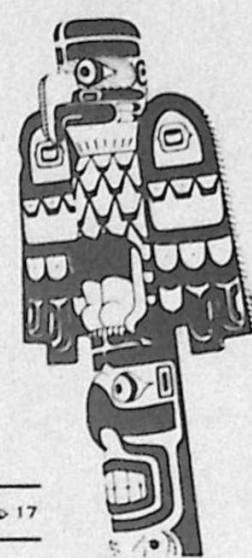
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Voodoos, Buffalo help lost flier



THESE VINTAGE CLUNKS wait to test the NORAD defence system as part of the large target force.

Aircrews from both 409 and 442 Squadrons combined in an operation last Sunday that possibly saved the lives of a Port Hardy flier and the two passengers in his Piper Cherokee. Robert Cartwright was flying from Williams Lake to Port Hardy on a night flight when he strayed off course and became lost.

Vancouver Center called in the Rescue Coordination Center in Victoria when Cartwright declared an emergency at 2035 hrs. stating that he was lost and had only two hours fuel remaining. The RCC ordered the stand-by 442 Sqn. Buffalo airborne and the Buffalo left at 2115 hrs. Meanwhile the NORAD command post at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Wash., was alerted and crews there monitored their radar screens for signs of the Cartwright aircraft. When an unidentified target thought to be the lost aircraft appeared on their scopes, two 409 Squadron Voodoos were scrambled at 2144 hrs. Shortly thereafter they sighted the Cherokee about 90 miles north of Port Hardy. They circled overhead until the Buffalo arrived to join up with the Cherokee and lead it back to Port Hardy. Cartwright and his passengers landed at Port Hardy at 2240 hrs. with five minutes flight-planned fuel remaining.

Operation wins praise from PM

OTTAWA (CFP) — The Prime Minister and two federal cabinet ministers have sent letters of appreciation to the Defence department for a job well done in the movement of Ugandan Asians to Canada.

Prime Minister Trudeau, in a letter to the minister of national defence, said: "I have been following with close interest the movement of the Ugandan Asians from Kampala to Canada. Now that this exercise is complete, I should be grateful if you would extend to those persons in your Department and the members of the Canadian Armed Forces my warm congratulations for the professional manner in which they conducted this very complex operation."

Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp, in a letter to Deputy Minister Sylvian Cloutier, mentioned how so many people in various capacities co-operated in making the project an unqualified success. He remarked how the operations people at National Defence headquarters quickly organized an air-lift of necessary laboratory equipment and despatched a team of military medical technicians to assist immigration and health officials. While in Uganda, he said, the technicians performed in an exemplary manner, and many of the Asians coming to

Canada remarked about the courtesy and kindness shown them. He also had high praise for the efficiency and energy of the commanding officer, officers and men of the Longue Pointe reception centre, in Montreal.

Mr. Sharp said, "We can all be proud of the accomplishments of your Department and of those of the other departments which participated in this exercise. All Canadians who were part of this operation derived great personal and professional pleasure from their association with it."

Former manpower and immigration minister, Bryce Mackasey referred to the contribution by the military as being of such dimensions that he felt compelled to personally write and thank the defence department.

He said, "The operation of the transit centre at Longue Pointe was a model of efficiency and the immigrants were given the warmest welcome. In Kampala, DND technicians with their laboratory equipment provided health and welfare medical officers with the resources to complete health checks. All in all it seems evident to me, that the program's success can be attributed in no small measure to the assistance given by members of the Armed Forces."

RCC busy saving lives

Canadian Forces Rescue Coordination Centre, Victoria, chalked up another busy year in 1972 according to statistics released by the centre today. In the Victoria Search and Rescue Region, which includes the Yukon and the western part of the NWT, aircraft incidents decreased from 129 to 95, and mercy flights and missing persons cases from 219 to 189. However, communications searches and miscellaneous cases increased from 147 to 179, while marine incidents continued their upward trend by increasing from 1,120 to 1,151 as compared to the previous year.

All told, the Rescue Coordination Centre logged 1,614 incidents for 1972 and rescue facilities were instrumental in saving 171 lives during the year.

Phone your taxman

OTTAWA (CFP) — Although servicemen and women have been paying income tax as long as civilians have, they will soon be completing income tax returns for the first time and to lighten the burden the Revenue Department has made available a free income tax information service. All 28 district offices of the Revenue Department offer this service as of January 2nd and taxpayers who cannot reach the district office may call long-distance without charge by asking the operator for Zenith 0-4000. The Revenue Department asks, however, that taxpayers first read the tax guide carefully as it should solve most problems. The telephone tax advice service is available weekdays only during regular business hours — from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time.

\$376,000 for Base projects

CFB Comox's share of the Federal Government's winter works project comes to \$376,000. Improvements to runway approach lighting is expected to cost \$100,000. Continuing renovations to existing married quarters will cost \$99,000.

Other projects involve extension of the fire main and replacement of an aged water line. These will cost \$85,000. 442 Squadron will get an extension for their para-rescue section and the remaining moneys will be spent on various maintenance projects.

Battle of Britain vet

Last of 'few' retires

The closing of a chapter in air force history came on Jan. 5, 1973, when the last of the Battle of Britain pilots still serving in the Canadian Armed Forces retired. Colonel Beverley E. Christmas, 53, of St. Hilaire, Que., deputy base commander Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, leaves the service after a 34-year career.

The veteran flyer joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in Jan. 1939 as a provisional pilot officer. When asked why he joined, Col. Christmas said, "In 1937-38 I was making about \$1.00 a day. I saw this ad in the newspaper which indicated the going rate for pilots was \$4.50 a day so I applied. I didn't hear anything for about a year when I got a call for an interview." He's been in the Canadian Armed Forces ever since.

After pilot training in Canada, he arrived in Britain on the eve of the battle, Jan. 1940 with other members of the RCAF's 1 Fighter Squadron. His squadron was originally equipped with Hurricanes but later received the famed Spitfires. "We were the first squadron to receive Spitfire Mark V's, the hottest aircraft then flying. We thought this was our chance to be real heroes

because the Spits were rumoured to be a challenge to fly. Some of the squadron pilots and I were standing around in our flight boots and white scarves waiting for the arrival of the new 'birds'. When the first two arrived the first ferry pilot to climb out of (Continued on page 3)

Awards go to 92 for merit, service

OTTAWA — First awards of Canada's new Order of Military Merit, created last year, will go to 29 officers and 63 men of the regular and reserve components of the Canadian Armed Forces. The 92 recipients include all ranks, from private to lieutenant-general, with five

appointments as Commander, 21 as Officer and 66 Members.

In his capacity as Chancellor of the Order, the Governor General, with the approval of the Sovereign, makes appointments in the three degrees of membership. The awards will be presented by His Excellency at an Investiture at Government House early in the new year.

The Order of Military Merit was established on July 1, 1972, to provide a means of recognizing conspicuous merit and exceptional service by regular and reserve members of the Forces. The new Order forms part of the enlarged system of Canadian honours which includes the Order of Canada and a series of three decorations to recognize acts of bravery. The Chief of the Defence Staff is, ex officio, the Principal Commander of the Order.

The badge of the Order of Military Merit is an enameled, straight-end "pattee" cross, with four arms narrow at the centre and expanding towards the ends. The ribbon is blue, edged in gold. The insignia of the grade of Commander is worn suspended from a ribbon around the neck. Officer and Member badges are worn on the left breast.

Nominations for the award of the Order of Military Merit may be initiated at any level and come ultimately before an Advisory Committee which assesses the nominations and recommends the degree of membership to be awarded in individual cases.

437 flies tents to Nicaragua

Instead of exchanging gifts with their families on Christmas Day, nine airmen from 437 Transport Squadron, CFB Trenton, Ont., were delivering temporary shelters to the earthquake-stricken city of Managua, Nicaragua.

In reply to the government's request for assistance, a Boeing 707, captained by Major W.B. Carss, flew to St. Louis, Mo. on Christmas Eve, picked up 63,000 pounds of canvas tentage, and delivered it to the Central American city the next day.

Loadmaster Sergeant G.W. McGinnis, of Halifax, reported no unusual incidents during the 4,560 mile return trip which ended late Christmas night.

Hurricane found

OTTAWA — The Canadian Armed Forces has positively identified the wreckage of an aircraft uncovered in dense woods near Chicoutimi, Que., earlier this month, as a Second World War Hurricane fighter that crashed 29 years ago.

The pilot, whose remains were found in the aircraft, has been identified as Sergeant Raymond Wilfrid Bailey, Royal Air Force.

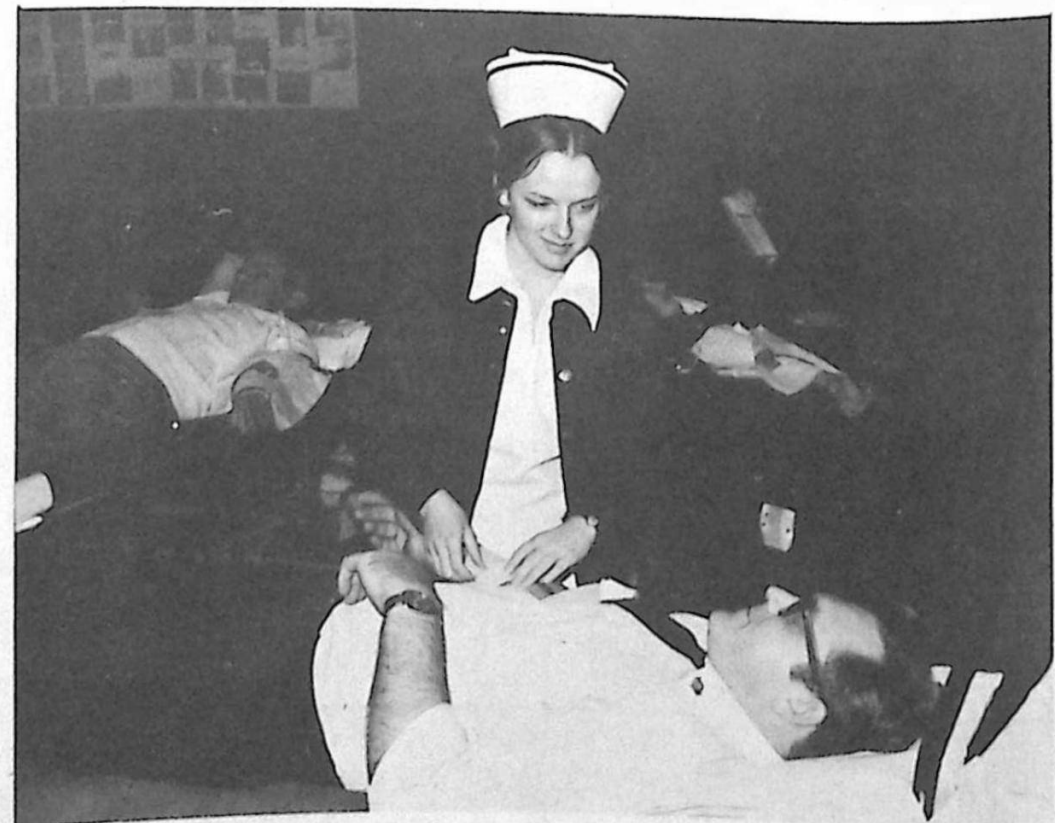
On November 15, 1943, Sgt. Bailey took off from RCAF Station Bagotville, Que., as part of a five aircraft formation training flight. Approximately 45 minutes later, the formation entered a heavy snow shower and Sgt. Bailey disappeared in the poor visibility.

The four other aircraft eventually landed safely and a search was initiated immediately. Records indicate that at least 50 aircraft were involved in the search and over 400 hours flown.

For several days after the crash, search efforts were hampered by snow storms in the area.

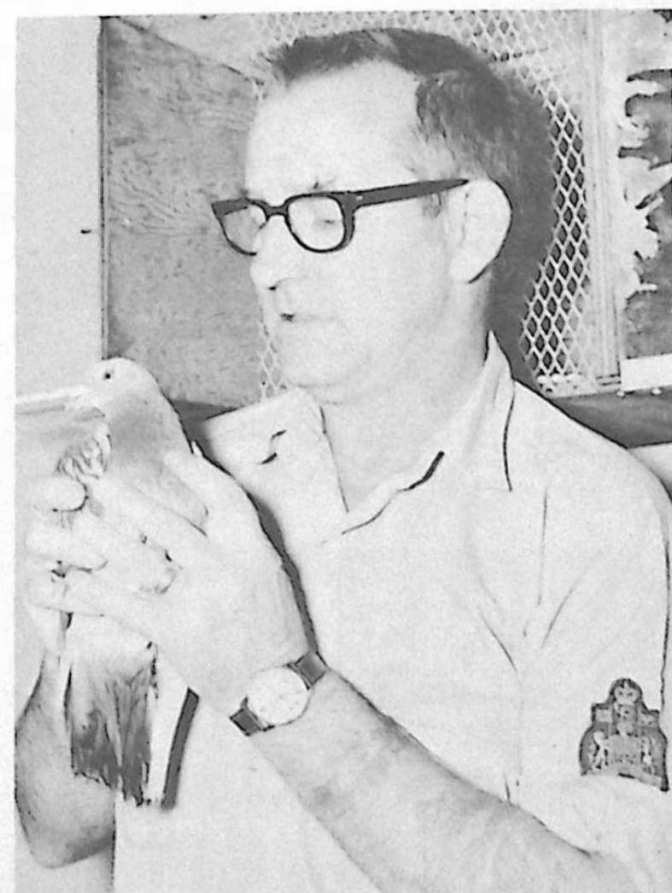
On December 8, 1972, wreckage of the Hurricane was discovered when a bulldozer came into contact with metal during road work in woods near St. David de Falardeau, 20 miles north of Chicoutimi.

Sgt. Bailey's remains have been turned over to British authorities.



DENISE JUTRA and her Sisters of Dracula descended on CFB Comox and hauled away 118 bags of blood last Friday. Larry Cole from Base Hospital was one of the many eager victims who donated in the very successful clinic.

Dave McNair Photo



IN THE TRUE SPIRIT of unification, a pigeon has joined the crew of HMCS Gatineau. He arrived on board completely exhausted while the ship was on exercise off New Zealand last month. Tom, named after skipper Cdr. Tom Murphy, is now the ship's mascot and is under CPO Ken Fisher's care.



DREW PARKER has joined the mass exodus who are selling their "marketable skill" to CP Air. Lt. Col. Price, who flew with Drew on his last trip takes a silent oath to fly Air Canada from now on, while Marv Guile presents a gift which should be helpful.

Nighthawk's Nest

The squadron didn't know that El Mexicano No. 2 from A flite was an accomplished artist. Only one person didn't appreciate our friend's hidden talent. It seems the addition to the "CAF" standard haircut, moustache and sideburns were not authorized. The official profile was suitably adjusted reflecting again company policy.

409 aircrew were hosts to the minions of people who directly or indirectly support our mission. The soft sell to the troops was aided by a little tomato juice additive. Success was apparent for the departing people appeared far happier and relaxed than when they came.

After an excellent steak and king crab menu at the 409 Christmas party, the night was danced away. Many new outfits were evident at the party but none matched Uncle Ern's Grunt tailored sports jacket. It certainly was an excellent evening, night and early morning and late morning. It was a hard act to follow but the senior officers certainly came through. Many a young balloon was

dazzled at the thorough education to see how the "better half" lives. I've heard of the milk of success and I thought it was just a myth. Thanks very much senior officers.

There have been some major changes around 409 squadron recently. The navigator empire, as vast as it is, has sprung forth with three belated promotions to Major ie: Msrs. Middleton, Wagar, and Clements. Times sure have changed. We now have more majors than we do lieutenants — some just society.

The SHACK is closed, what else can be said? Drew Parker is indeed off to never-never land, the land of the big money jets. Commemorating his last trip Drew was given a Havana, Cuba Let Down Chart just in case ...

The Moose Meat Kid's roommate is just eating up his super responsible job as sometimes CINCCANNOR-PACCAC so much so that several times during the exercise he fell off the dais in his chair. He still managed to

answer the phone within five minutes. Just barely though.

Rumour of the Week: Stu Living may not accept Guy's shirt the next time.

Voodoo Nuts, Bolts and Volts

I would like to thank WO Klem for the wonderful job he has done in the past in this column and will be calling on his experience in future in order to keep this column as interesting as possible for you, the reader.

It is much easier to write a "letter to the editor" of a newspaper when you are stirred up about something; than it is to meet a deadline when you are not stirred up. You had better keep me "stirred up" by feeding me any interesting news you may encounter!

One of the greatest hazards of writing in a newspaper are "misquotes and misprints" that occasionally crop up. One example that comes to mind is one of my gems I placed in the local "Green Sheet." The message was quite simple, "Don't smoke in bed or you could make an ASH of yourself." Somehow the word "ash" became Ass. This is quite mild to what can happen when the military become involved. An irate retired colonel stormed into a newspaper office in a great fume one day. It seems that a compliment-laden feature referred to him as "battle scared" instead of "battle-scarred." An urgent correction was rushed through. Unfortunately, the retake called him "bottle-scarred."

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Demon History

The Battle of Bay of Biscay

PART X

Synopsis: Having converted to the Wellington aircraft in February, 407 commenced their participation in the Battle of the Bay of Biscay in late April. Now located in sunny Devon, the warm weather of the English spring was a welcome change from Wick in Scotland. By May 14th the weather cleared and flying operations went up to a full schedule of five or occasionally six sorties per night. LAC Hopkins' log continues "May 4th - Aug. 20th, 1943.

May 4 - Peter went out tonight with P.O. Pritchard and got a sub, it's a very large one and is believed to be a mothering sub. It was in the Bay of Biscay.

May 8 - We heard on the news today that Rizeria and Tunis had fallen. We're sending patrols out every night - but seems very dead, and sure different from shipping strikes.

May 30 - Tonight at 2330 FS Collins and crew went out but failed to return in "C". He was heard to say "If I get into trouble out there, I'll try and make it to Spain," but we've heard nothing. FS Gerry Girouard in "S" and FO Barry Carson was in "R" but didn't see anything.

Jun. 3 - This morning at 10 F.O. Casey Walsh took "G" and dropped his DCs on a sub, but the wrong kind of film was in the camera the A.M. won't credit him with it, although he thinks it's pretty sure. The British Airways kite from Lisbon that lands here was shot down by a Gerry fighter. There was 17 lost - one being Leslie Howard and the crew of 4.

Jun 29 - Sqn. Ldr. Tyrell made his last trip of his tour tonight in "S". He was chased by a half dozen Gerry night fighters off the coast of France. He claims one probable - none of his crew were hurt.

Jul. 24 - Went for my first flip in a Wellington today with Flt. Lt. Farrel and crew, flew over Lundy Island. Not many of us guys fly anymore as we don't like these Limey Kites.

Aug. 6 - Wing Cmdr. Archer went in "E" at 6:30 a.m. and dropped his load on a sub in the Bay of Biscay, he got back at 3:15 p.m. This one has been confirmed by the A.M.

Aug. 13 - Last night Flt. Lt. Pritchard went in "V", Sgt. Muise took "O", FO Austin in "W" and FO Jenner in "P" went on ops and were diverted to Bevie near Southampton. Around 5 p.m. today they left to come back here, but on take-off "V" crashed into a Halifax about 2 miles out of Bevie. All the crew were killed, they were Flt. Lt. Pritchard, FO Tatton, FO Tarver, FO Tachie, FS Johnston and FS Maine. This is sure a blow to all of us, as "Pritch" and his whole crew were almost finished and were well liked.

Aug. 20 - It's just a week ago "Pritch" went and now P.O. Dalglais and crew were killed coming back from Bevie. It was a very foggy day and it is believed his radio



WING COMMANDER ARCHER and an unidentified crew member consult the maps in front of one of their new Wellingtons.

altimeter went hay-wire and he crashed into a hill outside of Tauton. The whole crew were a swell bunch and everyone is feeling pretty bad about it. With Dag were FS Clancey, FS Clark, FS Peters, P.O. Hurtel and FS Buckman who was in the rear turret and was thrown clear, and is going to pull through OK. This is sure a JINX drome.

HISTORIAN'S NOTES:

Re the entry for 4th May, the squadron diary records that this was possibly a mine-laying sub.

The note for May 30th is of some larger historical note. The German agents in Lisbon saw a man closely resembling Churchill board the British Airways aircraft. As a result of such information the German Airforce intercepted and shot down the civilian aircraft. Leslie Howard, the famous movie actor, was among the unfortunate victims of the Germans' error.

Squadron Leader Tyrell's evasion of the German fighters was undoubtedly due to his flying tactics. Meeting each of the fighters head on, he gave them little to shoot at. As they passed astern the Wellington's air gunner got his chance. One ME 410 flew away apparently on fire.

Wing Commander Archer's attack of Aug. 3rd had a most curious aspect. After the attack had been completed, the sub remained on the

surface, circling slowly, and firing at the Wimpy which kept out of range. There was no oil or debris to indicate damage to the sub. For 50 minutes both the aircraft and the sub circled warily. Finally the aircraft was at PLE and had to return home. The Air Ministry concluded that the proximity of at least two of the depth charges had probably caused sufficient damage to prevent the sub from submerging.

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The Comox Canadian Forces Credit Union has grown from its humble beginnings in May of 1966 to a million dollar operation by the

end of 1971, and is well on its way to the second million. This growth is attributed to a greater interest in the Credit Union Movement, the improved service and benefits to its members.

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LOCAL WOLF CUBS worked hard to obtain their Frankenstein Badge during Tuesday night's tour of the Base Hospital. The hapless subject of the experiment, Tim Singer, was fooled into thinking he was going to get an ECG demonstration. Dave McNair Photo

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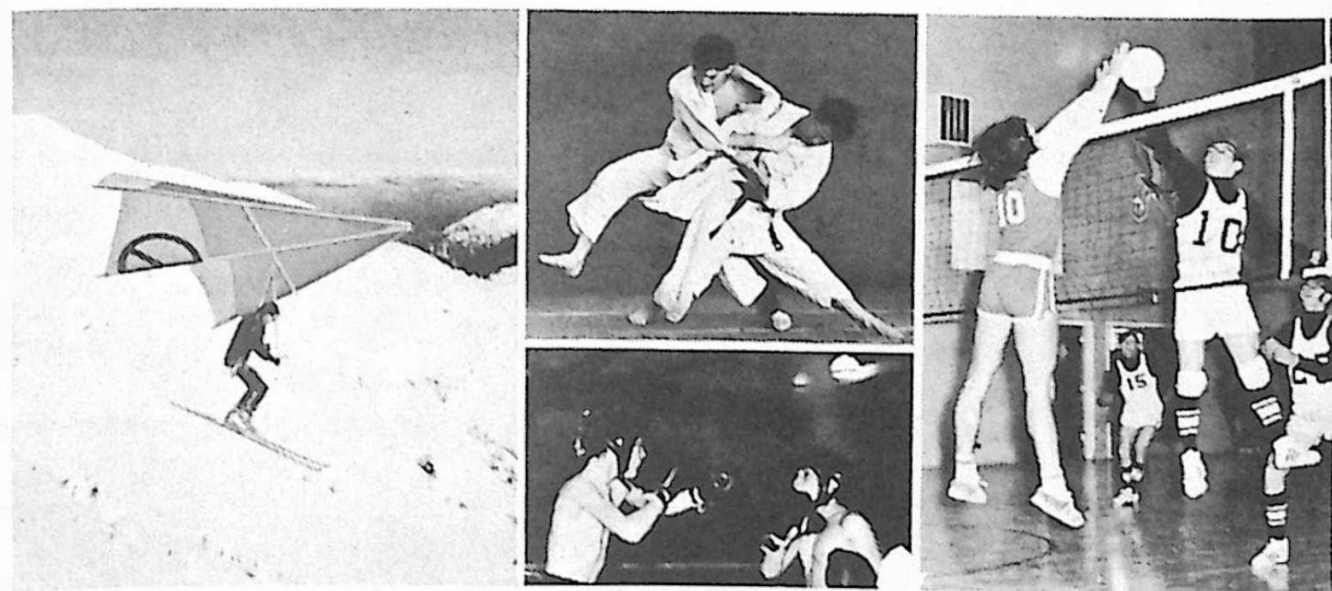
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Women in Forces granted equality

OTTAWA — The Canadian Armed Forces has made available to men and women equal opportunities in a number of officer classifications and other rank trades.

This new policy is the result of a long study arising from certain recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women and not linked to any shortage of male applicants for the CAF.

Women will be excluded from those classifications and trades which call for service in primary combat roles, sea-going duty and duty in isolated areas. This is in

keeping with social mores existing in Canada and countries with whom we are militarily and politically aligned.

At present, several classifications and trades are filled to requirements and neither males nor females are being recruited for these positions.

In addition, a certain number of positions must be retained exclusively for males in order to prevent their continuous duty in operational areas.

The new policy is in line with the government's equal employment opportunities for

both sexes. Senior female personnel in the Public Service Commission, the Department of Labour and the Privy Council Office, concerned with the employment of women, have expressed their concurrence with the program.

The present female strength in the CAF is 514 officers and 1143 other ranks. The new policy will increase the numbers to over 2000 officers and about 5000 other ranks. Recruiting of women will start immediately in those classifications and trades where vacancies exist. Providing there is a

requirement at the time of application, women will be accepted for such employment as aerospace engineer, air weapons controller, communication-electronics engineer, meteorological technician or machinist up to a total of 13 classifications and 30 trades. Lieutenant-Colonel Mary Vallance, the Director of Women Personnel, has been closely connected with the study which resulted in the new policy. Lt.-Col. Vallance is convinced that the new program is a great step forward and a very positive reaction to the government's equal opportunities policy.

Battle of Britain vet

(Continued from page 1)
the cockpit was a one-armed man, the other a woman! So much for our dreams of great challenge and instant heroics," he said.

During the aerial battle over Britain Col. Christmas was credited with two aircraft kills, a share in one other and two damaged. He shot down his squadron's second to last German Messerschmitt 109 before the Battle of Britain was declared over.

In November 1941, he was assigned to the North African campaign and attached to the Royal Air Force and later the South African Air Force. While on operation he was shot down by a ME-109. He parachuted to safety and was later picked up by a desert army unit.

On his return to Canada in 1942 he was appointed Fighter Wing Commander at Patricia Bay, Victoria. He later attended RCAF staff college and was then transferred to Europe with 126 Wing in Holland.

He returned to Canada again in 1945 and served in Western Canada units and attended military college. In 1951 he was appointed commander RCAF Station Bagotville, Que. He later attended NATO staff college in 1954 and then commanded 4 Fighter Wing in Soellingen, Germany.

Following staff positions during the period 1957-63 he was appointed commanding officer RCAF Station Portage la Prairie, Man. In 1965 he commanded RCAF Station Winnipeg.

Col. Christmas was appointed Canadian national and military representative at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, in Belgium from 1967-71 until returning to Canada as deputy commander Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt.

Col. Christmas and his wife have two daughters, both married. They expect to be grandparents for the fourth time shortly. He and his wife will reside at 8502 Ebor Terrace, Sidney, B.C.



Bah! Humbug!

Demon Doins

Well, another year gone and not much wiser, right? Remember that resolution last year? You were going to be kind to the wife and the boss and not kick the cat. And you were not going to drink quite as much at New Years. Managed to break them all in one night.

The New Year has brought some new faces to 407 and seen the departure of some old ones. Last Friday, the squadron mugged out two of our stalwart standards group, "Uncle Earl" Mohns and "The Hammer" Hammersley. Earl will be looking after 407 interests down in More Panic headquarters, and Hammer will be leaving shortly for balmy Winnipeg to pursue a new career as a navigator. Crew 6 is pleased to welcome Cpl Mike Anderson to its esteemed ranks. F.L. Graham Harvey is the proud father of a new crew, Crew 9. Unfortunately, Harvey's Hunters will shortly be disbanded when Bob Gaede departs for Staff School, and Graham takes the reins of Crew 2.

Personnel changes are hitting Ops as well as the rest of the squadron. Postings out

include Capt Andy Stephaniuk, who is heading for MP&EU in Summerside on 1 Feb., and Capt John Collins, leaving for nav training in Winnipeg on 26 Feb. An ASCAC welcome to Cpl Rick Page who comes to us via a two-year posting to Utah. The efficiency level on the dias has recently taken a tremendous jump with the posting in of Pte Frank MacNeil, a Cape Bretoner.

Capt Rick Collins has returned from the three-month Senior Advanced Navigation Course in Winnipeg with mixed feelings: joy and happiness. He can be seen these days sitting in the corner busily figuring out sums on his marvellous calculator. To date, he has successfully solved two thorny problems with it, namely his bowling average and the number of days annual leave remaining.

Security problems being what they are these days, Capt Don Wheeler has undertaken to compile a new "Identity File" of Squadron members. This is a fairly weighty undertaking, but Don is doing his best to get to the meat of the subject. Like

other ambitious projects, this one might well turn out to be a bust. Anyway, good luck Don!

If you hear pilots on the squadron mumbling "pea-em-ays," they are not swearing. The letters PMA stands for perfectly made approaches! At least, this is the object of a new change in cockpit procedures designed to improve chances of arriving in one piece after consuming 16 hours of steak and ham. If you are interested in the intricate details of panic motivated arrivals, look out for the debris returning from pilot trainers in the next few weeks. The pale white one carried by the flight engineers is the standards pilot who must observe each of ten PMAs by each squadron pilot. Ask 'em, they'll tell you all about it! When asked about PMAs, Jack Whittle was heard to exclaim "Humph... how have they been getting it down for the last 15 years? On a Prayer, a Miracle, and an artistic compromise of skill and good luck!"

Support Minor Hockey Week




THE FORCES ARE LOOKING for a light utility truck to replace the 20-year-old 34-ton vehicles now in service. Under consideration are, left to right, top, Chrysler's XW-350, Volvo's 414C; and bottom, left to right, Rover's FC 101 and Volvo's 4143. Tests

are underway at the land engineering test establishment at Orleans, near Ottawa. A contract will likely be awarded in 1973, with production to begin in 1974.

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The thin edge

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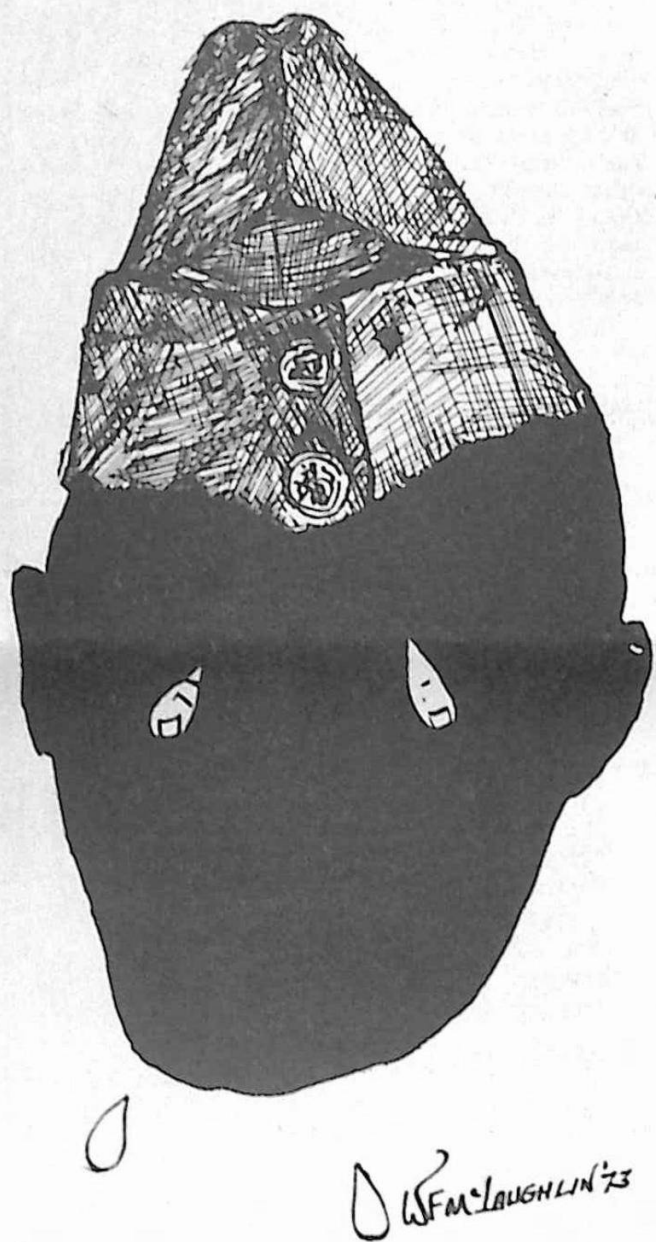
The message, an internal Canex one, advises Canex officers to dispose of their stock of wedge caps and not to reorder. In a parenthetical manner, it explains that the wedge cap will disappear as authorized dress. Presumably this will happen as soon as all the wedge caps in stock have been sold.

The message didn't explain how the Canex officers were to dispose of the caps, but one would suppose that half-price sale stickers would suddenly sprout on wedge caps throughout the Canex system. Advertisements imploring servicemen to buy wedge caps before they became obsolete would appear in all the base papers. The TOTEM TIMES, being one of the basest, would be expected to carry such an ad. If you'll flip to page three, you'll find that there is no such clearance sale on wedge caps here at Comox. In fact, there is but one wedge cap to be found in the BX here. (It's a Stokes, size 7 1/2, \$11.25.)

Well, how is our Canex officer going to dispose of his stock of one wedge cap? Now that the TOTEM TIMES has broken the biggest news story of 1973 to its astonished readers, it seems that that lone wedge cap will languish in the store for an eternity, because no one wants to buy a hat he'll never be able to wear.

And every week, our Canex officer will receive a message from Canex Headquarters in Toronto asking him if he has sold his wedge cap. And every week he will reply in the negative. And the Canex people in Toronto will have to report to NDHQ that Comox still hasn't sold its wedge cap. And NDHQ will have to postpone its announcement that wedge caps are no longer "in."

And we aviators will be able to wear our wedge caps for another week. And we'll be happy for another week because We Love Our Wedge Caps!



Dear Sir:

We at the TOTEM TIMES like to get letters. However, nobody seems to write to us. Perhaps it's because some people don't know how to go about it. Here's how to do it: take a piece of paper and a pen or even a pencil and write "Dear Sir:" on the top left hand corner. Under that you can proceed with the body of the letter expounding on the topic of your choice. At the bottom right hand corner, sign your name. If you wish the letter to be published with a pen name please so indicate and we'll use your pen name. Now put the letter in an envelope and address it to the TOTEM TIMES, CFB Comox, Lazo, B.C.

The very next issue, your letter will be published in the TOTEM TIMES. You can then cut it out of the paper and paste it in your scrap book and astound friends and relatives with your literary talent. (As a matter of fact, you could even clip out someone else's letter published with a pen name claiming it to be your own and nobody would be the wiser.)

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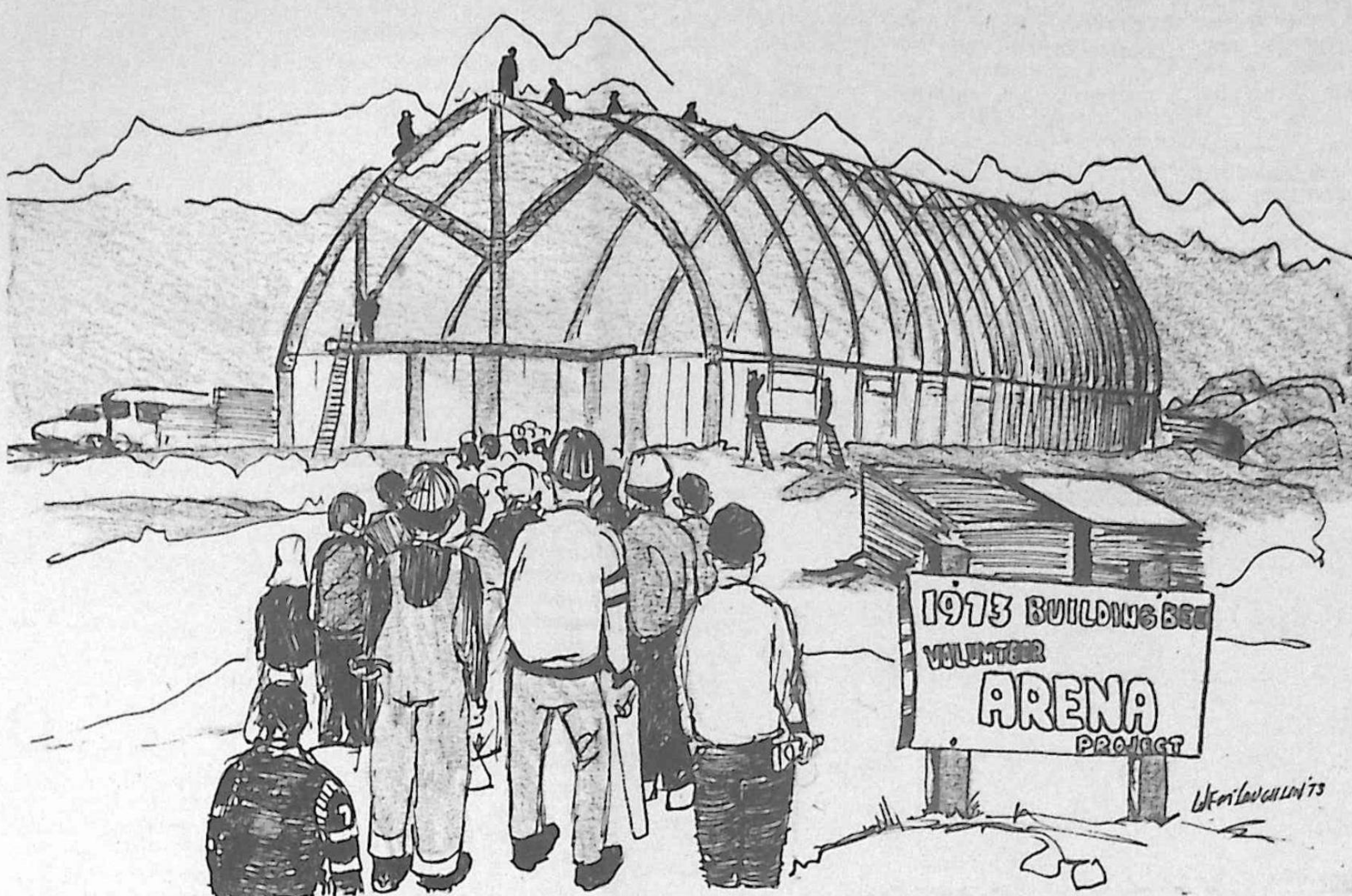
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Help the locals build a rink Support Minor Hockey!

Four points and a clout

by Prometheus

The Totem Times of December 14, 1972, carried a copy of an editorial by Captain Wayne Ralph which had appeared in the CFB Moose Jaw paper, The Plainsmen. Captain Ralph disagreed on the problems and prospects of the Canadian Armed Forces and in particular he disagreed with retired senior officers who on occasion criticize current Government defence policy.

Captain Ralph is way out of line in his criticism of these distinguished officers and, indeed, he should reflect upon what he has said in this regard and then issue a retraction and apology. Primarily, Captain Ralph criticized the speech made by Lieutenant-General E. L. M. Burns in the Hotel Vancouver on 11 November. Contrary to what Captain Ralph reported, General Burns did not "spell the doom of the army, the navy or air force" nor, in voicing his opinions based on a distinguished service to Canada both as soldier and diplomat, did he do the Armed Forces an "injustice" as imputed by our Plainsmen columnist.

How Captain Ralph can conclude that such retired senior officers "do their own case no good", and that they are "put in the unsavory position as a reactionary 'Colonel Blimp' ... In short a 19th century romantic heel dragger, longing for the days of cavalry horse and spurs" is beyond credulity. Captain Ralph is rude and inaccurate in the extreme and forces one to conclude that his lack of taste and an incomplete understanding stems in part from his grasping at any argument in an effort to express his own thoughts, that he substitutes invective and unwarranted attack for an understanding of what is really going on, and that he is undeniably infatuated with the exuberance of his own verbosity. In other words, he runs off at the mouth.

Not all of what Captain Ralph said was such complete nonsense. He voiced opinions on the procurement of new equipment which, although not an original observation, nevertheless gives us all pause for thought. This too is the opinion of retired senior officer, "the bestest for the leastest," to paraphrase Captain Ralph himself, or "more bang for the buck," to quote a Hellyerism of days gone by. On this we are all agreed, the Government, our present commanders, the architects of integration and then unification, and serving personnel in the field.

But there is validity and great value in what retired senior officers such as General Burns say. In struggling through the rebirth of the Armed Forces it would be madness not to listen to the opinions of proven specialists and distinguished men formerly in the field. The present CDS has just commented on the responsibility of all those within the service to follow direction without criticism, but that if they feel criticism of the Forces then they are perfectly free to make it once they are outside the service. Constructive criticism is healthy and keeps governments and organizations honest.

So let us be honest and take a look at what General Burns said in part on 11 November. He said:

"I think that our new government should insert in the order of priority of its tasks a hard look at the changes which were made in the Canadian Armed Forces with a view to finding whether some of them should be reversed, keeping what is good, discarding what has proven to be unproductive.

"I mean unproductive of that devotion to duty and pride in the service without which green uniforms, tables of organizations, destroyers, aeroplanes and tanks mean nothing."

In cautioning his listeners on the importance of tradition in the military, General Burns said, "Therefore any changes in the armed services which tend to obliterate tradition should be very, very carefully scrutinized, but in making changes in organization, or in any and all of the many aspects of military service, the rule must be 'Don't throw out the baby with the bathwater'."

When General Burns refers to "unproductive of that devotion to duty and pride in the service ..." he means the productivity which stems from a high morale and pride in service which has its birthplace in tradition. Servicemen shouldn't be bought and sold like workers in other fields; they may or may not be "marketable commodities" as judged by the civilian standard, but the Nation needs

them in their special tasks for defence commitments, for internal security, and for their role within society which encompasses leadership, sobriety, steadiness, fitness and preparedness. The Serviceman should always serve as the nucleus of an example to youth.

Then with these demands, what is it that keeps the Serviceman "in"; what gives him high morale and the sought after "productive pride in service"? That extra "something" comes from the tradition that General Burns refers to.

Captain Ralph is not only inaccurate in his observations and invalid in his argument but he is naive and misses the point almost entirely when he identifies the problems of the Canadian Armed Forces as only two: an inadequate defence budget and an unrealistic foreign policy. Twaddle!

Primary on the Forces list of priorities should be close attention to the following four points:

Morale. Morale which contributes so greatly to "productive pride in service" is closely bound to an identifiable and proud tradition.

Tradition. The history of honour and accomplishment of a unit or organization which inspires devotion to duty and pride in service.

Identification. The means whereby an individual can proudly show his identity with his ship, regiment or squadron or with his sea, land or air force and thus associate his trade or profession as essential or meaningful to the continued tradition of his unit or service.

Dedication to Excellence. This is the most important point of all and the one which has been most overlooked in discussions of the new structure of the Armed Forces. By "dedication to excellence" I mean the undiluted attention necessary from the lowest ranking soldier, sailor or airman to the highest ranking General or Admiral in any of the three elements to the excellence of that element. We can talk about this dedication to excellence and say that it is there, but saying so doesn't make it so. The specialties within the Service are so varied and so complex that only if the qualifications of morale, tradition and identification are met can they con-

summate themselves in the achievement of excellence.

Let us then not have any repetition of an ill-conceived and ill thought-out conglomeration of fact and fiction culminating in an attack and name calling on the class of retired senior officers. Let us emulate those amongst them whom we admire most and so serve Canada better. Granted there might be the odd "Colonel Blimp" amongst them, but they have no monopoly on the species and we would do well to look amongst ourselves for modern variations of the type and take appropriate steps so that their thinking doesn't becloud the most important issues.

Seeks information

Dear Sir:

My mummy is on vacation in England visiting Grandma for a month and she just wrote my daddy a letter. She said she was at a football game and the half time entertainment was the Grenadier Guards. She said they looked so nice in scarlet tunics and all, and she was blowing a mental raspberry at a Mr. Hellyer and his Greenies. I asked daddy what that meant and he said to ask mummy but she's not here right now. Maybe you could tell me who the Greenies are and what league they play in.

Thank you,
Seymour

Slow down

Dear Sir:

I read with interest an article in the last issue of the Ottawa base paper (the Falcon) about the MPs at that base acquiring a portable radar set to catch speeding drivers. If the same equipment were purchased for Comox perhaps we could finally get the MPs to slow down too!

Radar O'Reilly

Boswell picks a poem

PASSIONAL

What does it matter though you shall forget?
Leave it: I hold your warm slim body yet,
Heart against mine, so that your fragrant breath
Falls on my lips, chanting a marvellous song
Most strange and beautiful, though over-long
For one whose heart shall throb itself to death.

I know your lips shall kindle other flames,
Your dawn-lit voice shall whisper distant names:
You, with the kissed hands of Love's acolyte,
The perfume of the night in your wild hair,
Like sad strange incense, like a pagan prayer ...
I care not, since I hold you here tonight.

Harder, press harder with your scarlet mouth,
That your kiss sear me with the flaming south,
That your frail unstained youth like pain of June
Crush my strong soul your soul's enchantment grips ...
Cling to my mouth with your young curved Greek lips,
Cling closer till the blood come and life swoon ...

God, hold the pallid dawn that thou wouldst send
With slow grey fingers that shall spell the end,
When I must leave my soul and you - ah, sweet!
Let me weep here a moment, let me kneel,
And give you tears for Love's, for Sorrow's seal,
And bow my head, and kiss your sad young feet.

Yes, close your eyes, lie still ... as death ...
My lips hold yet the memory of your breath, ...
The feverish yellow moon is on the wane; Closer it comes, silent,
And mad, and vast,
With blackness round and dead shapes stealing past,
And spashed with one wild blood-red line of pain.

Edmund John: The Flute of Baruch's, 1811

... and for the less passionate lovers amongst us ...

There was a young maid from Madras,
Who had a magnificent ass;
Not rounded and pink
As you probably think -
It was gray, had long ears, and ate grass.

Education

By BEETO

The following letter was received on 14th Dec. and is addressed to retiring servicemen. **POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT**

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J. Addison

Letters

Modelling buffs

Public Relations Officer

CFB Comox,
British Columbia
Canada

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the Air Training Corps (the "Junior" Royal Air Force), and I am trying to finish a plastic model of an RCAF CF-101B Voodoo. Details of markings carried and photographs of Voodoos are very rare in Great Britain, and so, after seeing a photo of Voodoo 101058 at the Abbotsford Air Show (409 Sqn.) I thought it only fitting to consult the experts at Comox. I would be extremely grateful if you could send me any information on markings or colour scheme of your Voodoos.

In return, I would be more than glad to send anyone interested photographs, etc., of Lightning F-6 and Phantom interceptors stationed at nearby RAF Leuchars (23, 43 and 892 Sqn.) or of any other RAF aircraft.

Yours faithfully

Alan Tocco

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Taupo, DD69AG

Fife, Scotland

A service wife

From der Kanadier

A serviceman's wife is mostly girl. But there are times, such as when her husband is away and she is mowing the lawn or fixing a flat tire of a youngster's bike, that she begins to suspect she is also a boy.

She usually comes in three sizes: petite, plump and pregnant. During the early years of her marriage it is often hard to determine which size is her normal one.

She has babies all over the world and measures time in terms of places as other women do in years.

It was at Whitehorse that we all had the mumps - in Germany Dad was promoted.

At least one of her babies was born or a move was accomplished while she was alone. This causes her to suspect a secret pact between her husband and the army providing for a man to be overseas or on temporary duty at times such as these.

A serviceman's wife is international. She may be a prairie farm girl, a French mademoiselle, an Indian princess or a Maritime nurse. When discussing service problems they all speak the same language.

She can be a great actress. In heart-broken children at posting times she is an Academy Award performer. When a flight is going to be such fun, I hope, she is an Indian Reservation - and she has more gophers. But her heart is aching with theirs. She wonders if her service life is worth the sacrifice. An angel's service life has the flexibility of putty. She says: "We'll never move again."

An Optimist: The next place will be better."

A Realist: As well, as long as we are together."

One might say she is a bigot, sharing her husband's prejudices. She becomes "Duty" when she accepts this fact. Number one priority. She is, above all, a her life is a long journey who offered her womanhood to a man who offered her the promise of a life of conformity and loneliness.

When she is packing boxes with her worldly goods, she is sometimes squashed flat - until she hears the voice of that big who

gave her a happy to be - THIS Ser-



ON WOODROW BROTHERS' FARM near the airbase is one of the Comox Valley's largest natural skating rinks this winter. Jill Marie rests her ankles for a while while her father, Capt. Ron Richardson, pulls her on her sleigh.

Dave McNair Photo

Au revoir, you all

By ROBERT PLOUFFE
Well, the time has come to say goodbye. It's strange how you grow fond of a place even though you don't notice it. As Snoopy says "Looking at life through chicken wire fences at the farm gets to you after a while." Putting aside the very few unpleasant moments which occur during the soggy months, you learn to like a place because of its people. Many a blue day, you just had to meet with the TV crowd at the Officers' Mess, stand stoically with them while being pounded by a battery of low-IQ commercials and you would get a lift from the grumbling, snickers and acid or witty comments from the spectators.

You could also go into the dining room (with tie and jacket, if you please!) and you'd be greeted by the smiling and good humored staff and by the usual lively dinner crowd of six, nice

nurses and happy living-ins, would be there to greet you and cheer you up if necessary. There was a kind of "compagnons d'armes" kinship especially after going through the ordeal, bravely and as one man, of the ice cream saga. Or the pork week... when at every meal, pork went through imaginative transformations but still remained pork. It was always good food, though, and you got as much as you wanted.

Vivre dans la vallée de Comox, où les gens ne sont pas pressés pour se rencontrer, on prend conscience qu'on peut les découvrir sous une autre facette que celle qu'ils ont dans les villes. Les habitants des villes sont souvent excités, se rencontrent beaucoup mais superficiellement et papillonnent beaucoup. Dans un endroit comme Comox, on prend plus de temps à connaître les individus et bien que souvent on ait l'impression qu'il n'y a ici qu'une agglomération d'ermes faisant chacun sa petite affaire, sous ces apparences il y a souvent des échanges profonds qui ont lieu et des liens solides qui se forment. On apprend à mieux se connaître et à mieux connaître les autres.

But the people that I got most from were the students following the French course. I've grown to admire them for the determination, the

courage, the fine will and good humor that they have shown in the course of their studies. The path was not always easy in class for four hours each time and to study at least five hours each week at home regularly, even when the going got rough or progress slow, is worthy of admiration. Good weather or not, hunting season or not, busy at work or not, most of the students toiled through and regardless of the results, which could not always be perfect for many reasons, I think I've learned more from them than they did from me. I hope they keep on, especially now that they will have feminine grace added to just straight, plain French. When you see the new French Teacher you'll probably say that it's a beautiful way to take up space.

I feel I will miss CFB Comox when I leave to go to whiter pastures - Saint Jean. I'll miss the soft purr of an Argus warming up at five in the morning, the thundering take-off of Voodoos, the screaming seagulls, the barking dogs, the sea washing up on shore, but most of all, I'll miss the people of CFB Comox that made me like it, made me discover its charms and secrets.

Je vous souhaite bonne chance et peut-être qu'un jour j'aurai le bonheur de vous rencontrer à nouveau. Au revoir.

Amicalement,
Robert Plouffe

Love at first sight

By JOAN FORDHAM

Vibrations, the sound of violins, muffled beat of a drum.

Black is beautiful. Old enough to be his grandmother, several times removed. Oh dear!!

Could this be happening to me again? I thought his selection of ties was a bit flamboyant - yellow satin, "veddy Carnaby" - the ends of which almost reached his shoes, a swirl of green ribbon hanging from one ear. Effeminate perhaps for one exuding masculinity. But to each his own and all that sort of thing. After all, it is Christmas - why not! Yellow and black. Wow!

There was another black friend in the room, one I'd known for a number of years. He greeted me profusely and gave me the customary kiss.

My host helped me remove my cloak and wished me a happy Christmas. But I could feel eyes sizing me up. I mentally checked my appearance. Yes, hair freshly washed, eye brows penciled to perfect bird's wings. I surreptitiously ran my tongue over my teeth. All okay there - no spinach today. Wearing newest hostess gown, no slip showing.

My host seated me and brought me a drink. I lighted a cigarette, hands slightly shaking. Darn those vibrations. I daren't let my eyes meet with those of the young stranger. I knew if I did, I'd be lost. Begone family and friends, I'd throw my cap

to the windmills, kick dust bins, play hop-scotch with a rusty tin can along the country roads, might even get arrested for knocking off a bobby's helmet if I could find a bobby pushing his bike along the road. Oh, let the devil take the hindmost. And someone said something about all being fair in love and war!

But this was love. Decorum, woman, decorum. Use it now. Remember what mother taught you.

Someone spoke to me. I smiled and made adequate noises in return. Yes, a beautiful day. Glad the snow has gone. Safer driving? Oh definitely! I agree, the children will be disappointed. What! Children - sleds and skates... Smile.

Oh my heavens! He was sitting at my feet, cool and soft, was nudging my toes. I tried my aloof bit. After all, we hadn't been introduced. Could that be a nail playing with my toe? What young men will do these days. Mother, you don't know the half of it.

Our charming hostess entered with trays and platters of delights that would titillate the most jaded palate. Could I blame him? Food before romance. I did notice his beautiful manners because he kept to his feet and would have taken full responsibility of Royal Taster, but as the said charming hostess was no relation to the Borgias, we all

felt we could do our own tasting. He graciously took the hint and resumed his seat near my feet.

I was sampling the tasty confections, enjoying each morsel of flavour. Oops, my toe was being nibbled. Well, of course customs have changed. Impetuous youth - love it.

Mother, I know nibbling is not permitted until after the third calling of the Banns. Of course, I know it's supposed to be on the ear-lobe. Mama, tell 'im.

I glanced at his silky black shining head. His yellow satin tie was loose and askew. The silly green ringlet was still on his ear.

I wanted to touch it very lightly. No, he'll probably think you're very wanton and (hopefully) take advantage of you.

I'd not determined who was his mistress. Give her a chance, after all I was looking rather gorgeous and wearing that perfume that the Telly promises us that will make

men commit the most outrageous darlin' sins if they come within a mile of a whiff of it.

He and I couldn't stand it any longer. Quickly he moved, put his paws on my knees. I scooped him up and gave him the rest of my shortbread.

Eyes met, hands touched. A pink tongue like a thin slice of Spam with a black spot near the epigottis explored my face.

He knows nothing about a face out of kilter, contractions or scars.

Our love affair will be such fun. We'll be the envy of everyone. Neither master or mistress but as friends, we'll explore beach and woods together. He has much to learn and so have I.

I know he will find lassies more fair than me - more of his own ilk. He will talk soft and growl to them in a language I don't know.

My home, my hearth I hope he'll always feel is his.

He's a black Irish puppy. And his name? Paddy. What else?

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TIM ZWICKER, of 442 Squadron Gulls, autographs Colonel McNichol's copy of the Minor Hockey Week program as his father, Roland, offers encouragement. Gord Palmer and Stan Ponsford of the C.V.M.H.A. assisted at the ceremony to help kick off Minor Hockey Week.

Dave McNair Photo

Minor Hockey Week comes to Valley

By GORD PALMER
Minor Hockey Week in the Comox Valley will be held from the 19th to 28th of January. During this period, the 34 house league teams will be involved in a double knockout tournament. The four Rep teams will also be playing a number of games during this period.

The official opening ceremonies will take place at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, January 21. There will be two teams from each division playing a ten minute exhibition hockey game. Following these exhibition games there will be a North Island Juvenile

League game between Nanaimo and the Courtenay Laver's Flyers.

The chairman of Minor Hockey Week is Chuck Cronmiller, one of the vice-presidents of the Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association. Also taking part in the opening ceremonies will be Col. D. W. McNichol and the Mayors of Courtenay, Comox, and Cumberland. It is also hoped that all 38 team sponsors will also be present.

In announcing his support of Young Canada's most important week the Base Commander, Col. McNichol,

suggested that local citizens would "do well to keep in step with Canada by attending Minor Hockey games this week."

"It is our duty, and I share it with every local citizen," he said, "to show our appreciation of the efforts of those who make participation in Canada's national sport possible for our youngsters. Minor Hockey Week is Canada's most successful amateur sports promotion, and it is our duty to see that the local observance is equal to that of any in Canada."

The Base Commander pointed out that we have a minor hockey program operating here that does not need to take a back seat to any in the country. "But," he said, "it needs our support."

He did, however, go on to voice another hope — that one day, one or more of our boys may make the Canadian National Team, and thus represent our area and our association on the National Team as it carries the name of Canada into international competition. "Then we shall have reason to be proud of our area, our boys, and of the men who made it all possible."

He urged, however, that our support should not stop at encouragement. Col. McNichol went on to say that "we must pay public tribute to the men, and ladies, who spend so many hours organizing and operating the many leagues and games for our youngsters. By their work they are providing our youngsters with an opportunity to play hockey. Out of this comes better bodies, healthier minds, better boys and better citizens. What greater reward can we hope for?" he asked.

Col. McNichol concluded by saying, "When the boys benefit the community benefits, and because the community benefits, the community must contribute. We do this best by supporting Minor Hockey Week. I can suggest no better way than by observance of the official slogan, which is 'Don't send — take your boy to the arena,' and if you do not have a boy of your own drop in and watch the others. I know you'll enjoy it."

Glacier Greens Report

As evidenced by the numbers of golfers you see on the course these days one wonders if golf has replaced skiing as Comox Valley's main winter sport. At any rate things are booming at Glacier Greens and we would like to use the medium of the Totem Times to bring you up to date on what is taking place.

Maj Rudd Richardson has been appointed by the Base Commander to replace Maj Ron Beehler as Chairman of the Golf Course for the coming year. We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to thank Maj Beehler and his committee for their fine efforts during the past year. Well done, chaps! Maj Richardson has a completely new golf committee and these will be named later in this summary.

Our club house has been completed for some time now. The washrooms are finished and we now have heat. Food and liquid refreshments are available at our well stocked bar and personnel are advised that the facilities of the club house are available for section or all rank parties. For further details see your Canex Officer.

"Clear the Rough" was our number one winter project and believe it or not it is almost impossible to lose a ball now. You can also see your fellow golfers two fairways away and see the clubhouse just about

anywhere on the course. This has been a worthwhile project and we thank all those personnel who volunteered their services in this regard.

If you haven't been out to the course for some time you might not know that our first hole is the original seventh and a practice putting green is fast taking shape between the first tee and the clubhouse.

Two hundred yard markers out from the tee and 150 yard markers in to the greens will soon be in evidence on applicable fairways and don't be surprised if you see strategically placed sand traps the next time you play a round of golf.

We held our first annual Christmas party on the afternoon of 16 Dec. and free beer and food was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Junior NCOs Club emerged as winners of our first annual Boxing Day Golf Tournament. A "shotgun" start set 45 golfers on their way to 9 holes of monkey golf with temperatures in the high forties and the odd sunny period. The inaugural ceremonies were presided over by Col McNichol and the trophy presentation and refreshments were enjoyed by all at the 19th hole.

We have a few sets of golf clubs, bags and carts available for rent at the clubhouse and the cost is minimal, \$1.00 per day for bag and clubs, 50c per day for a cart.

It is hoped that the Base

Exchange will be stocking a good supply of golf equipment to outfit all the new golfers anticipated this season. Canex officer take note.

Our 1973-74 golf dues are as follows:

Before 1 Mar.	After 1 Mar.
Men \$50.00	\$55.00
Women \$35.00	\$40.00
Juniors \$10.00	\$12.50
Man & Wife \$80.00	\$90.00
Family \$95.00	\$105.00

Service personnel can take advantage of the acquittance roll method of paying dues using up to three months to fulfill monetary obligations.

Remember you'll save money by signing up prior to 1 Mar, 1973, so see one of our committee below or sign up at the clubhouse.

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That's 30 for this report, see you at the first tee.

Sports Around the Base

BY "SCOOP" PALMER

The Pacific Region Bowling Championships took place at CFB Comox this week. Unfortunately the final results were not available in time for this issue so we will have to cover this event again in two weeks.

A bonspiel for the CFB Comox Curling Championship was held quite some time ago at the Comox Valley Curling Club. There were eight entries this year for this double knockout bonspiel. The entrants were Dennis Viklund, Art McKay, Terry Bloom, Bill Ballance, Cyril Raskob, Bob Thomas, Don Sterling and Gord Palmer.

The championship was won by the Dennis Viklund rink and he had Wally Kruschel, Gabe Sehn and Harvey Herauf curling with him. They are now representing CFB Comox at the Pacific Region finals and this bonspiel is currently taking place at CFB Chilliwack.

The Bill Ballance rink went

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through the "A" side of the base bonspiel undefeated. The Viklund rink won their first two games and then dropped a 7-4 decision to the Ballance rink. This loss put Viklund into the losers bracket. He came all the way back when he defeated Art McKay 9 to 2 and Bill Ballance 10 to 1. These two big wins set the stage for a sudden death final which Viklund won 8 to 7.

The Canadian Forces Softball Championships will be held at CFB Comox this summer. This event will bring

the best Canadian Forces softball teams to this area for the first time. I am sure that this is an event that everyone will want to see. More information will be released when it becomes available.

The CFB Comox Totems Hockey Club will be commencing team work outs very shortly. A meeting was held this week to find out how many players will be coming to try out for the team. The team will be coached this year by the "Rivers Flash", Sergeant Russ Parker.

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Minor Hockey Schedule

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

6:00 p.m. — Flood
6:15 — Knights of Columbus Doves at Block Bros. Ravens Mosq. "A" No. 1
7:15 — Abel's Moving Sioux at Glacier Press Mohawks. Pee Wee No. 1
8:15 — Flood
8:30 — Court. Comox Travel Falcons at Tyee Cartage Martins Mosq. "A" No. 2
9:30 — Dairyland Chiefs at Central Tire Arrows. Pee Wee No. 2
10:30 — Flood
10:45 — John-Cliff Mustangs at Courtenay Chrysler Cudas. Midget No. 1

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

6:15 a.m. Kiwanis Braves at Outdoorsman Tomahawks. Pee Wee No. 3
7:15 — Nanaimo Realty Huskies at Watson & Ash. Bantam No. 1
8:15 — Flood
8:30 — Comox Valley Lions at Happy's Sports Eagles. Mosq. "B" No. 1
9:30 — Flood
9:45 — Lake Cowichan at Comox All Stars. Mosquito
11:30 — Flood
11:45 — Powell River at Comox Legion Wolves. Bantam
12:30 Glacier Esso Dakotas at Powell River. Pee Wee
10:30 p.m. Comox Hardware Ltd. Rebels at Super Valu Super V's. Bantam No. 2

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

6:00 a.m. Court. Kinsmen Jays at Happy's Sports Hustlers. Mosq. "A" No. 3
7:00 — Central Furnace Comets at Roy Parker Ltd. Astros. Midget No. 2
8:00 — Flood
8:15 — Free Press Larks at Peters Sports Robins. Mosq. "B" No. 2
9:15 — The Sports Centre Rangers at Smith Heating Bruins — Bantam No. 3
10:15 — Flood
10:30 — Hockley Fuels Iroquois at Gulf Oil Apaches. Pee Wee No. 4
11:30 — Flood
11:45 — Powell River at Glacier Esso Dakotas. Pee Wee
10:00 — Comox Legion Wolves at Powell River. Bantam
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8:30 — Nanaimo Clippers at Laver's Flyers. Juvenile

MONDAY, JAN. 22

3:45 p.m. 407 Sqn. Owls at 442 Sqn. Gulls Mosq. "A" No. 4
4:45 — Winner Game No. 1 at Courtenay Elks. Bantam No. 4
5:45 — Winner Game No. 1 at 409 Sqn. Jets. Midget No. 3

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TV special on Churchill

Based on a daughter's fond memories of her world-famous father, a one-hour film portrait, Churchill The Man, will be telecast on CBC-TV on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m.

Produced in England and featuring Miss Sarah Churchill as she reminisces about Sir Winston as only his immediate family knew him, the film is the first in a five-program series of specials to be known as the Shell Collection.

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Minor Hockey Schedule

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

3:45 p.m. -- Happy's Sports Eagles at Free Press Larks. Mosq.

"B" No. 3

4:45 -- Loser Game No. 1 at Loser Game No. 2. Mosq. "A" No. 5

5:45 -- Winner Game No. 2 at Winner Game No. 3. Bantam No. 5

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

4:00 p.m. Comox Valley Lions at Peters Sports Robins. Mosq.

"B" No. 4

5:00 -- Loser Game No. 1 at Loser Game No. 2. Pee Wee No. 5

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

3:45 p.m. -- Loser Game No. 3 at Loser Game No. 4 Mosq. "A"

No. 6

4:45 -- Loser Game No. 3 at Loser Game No. 4. Pee Wee No. 6

5:45 -- Flood

6:00 -- Comox Valley Lions at Free Press Larks. Mosq. "B" No.

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7:00 -- Loser Game No. 1 at Loser Game No. 2. Bantam No. 6

8:00 -- Flood

8:15 Winner Game No. 3 at Winner Game No. 4. Mosq. "A" No. 7

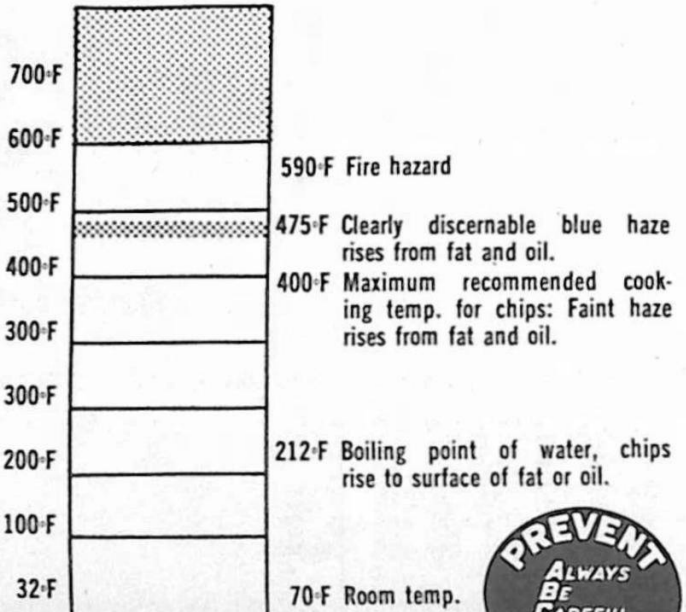
9:15 -- Winner Game No. 1 at Winner Game No. 2. Pee Wee No. 7

10:15 -- Flood

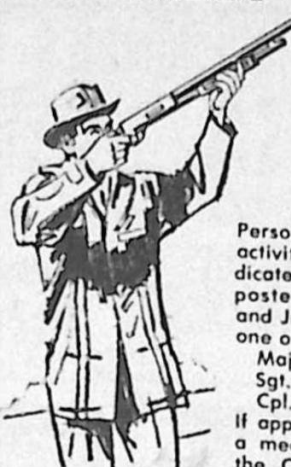
10:30 -- Loser Game No. 3 at Loser Game No. 4. Bantam No. 7

11:30 -- Loser Game No. 2 at Loser Game No. 3 Midget No. 4

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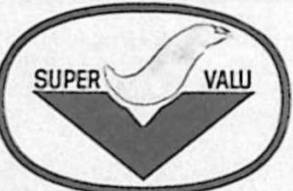


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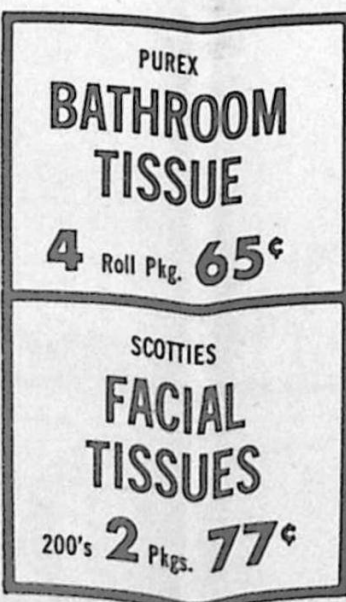
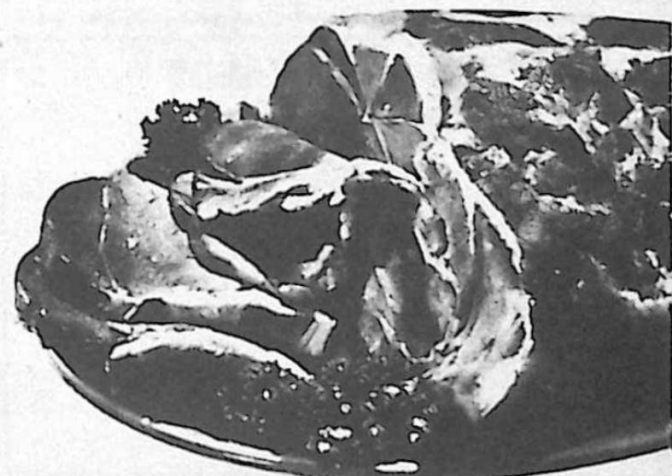
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