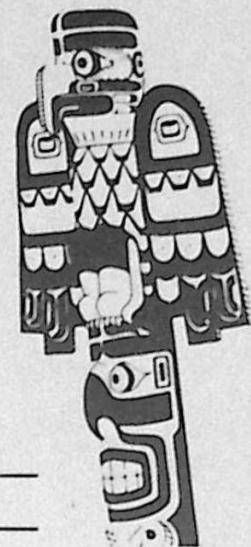


# TOTEM TIMES



Portuguese Joe Passes TacEval - Totem Times Wraps It Up!

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## McNichol Leads Base to Great Victory

### The 'Horde' Vanquished

Once again, the forces of virtue have met and defeated the fire-breathing monster — "TAC EVAL". For weeks, nay months, the good King McNichol has been gathering his knights-errant (some more errant than others) including his champions Prince Letcher, Prince Price, the Duke of Hi-Jenks, the Count of Suds and their vassals — to do battle in, out and over the Seventh Hangar.



KING McNICHOL OF COMOX.



THE BLACK KNIGHT GARTON.

The vile monster, who has been known to attack principally in the pre-dawn darkness, was supported and abetted by a motley collection of renegade and ruffian mercenaries gathered from the eastern tribes and led by the Black Knight Garton from the Baie de Nord.

The horde attacked early Tuesday morning and by noon the followers of truth and light, severely wounded by flying roentgens and clipboards appeared to be going down to dastardly defeat. But, reinforced by liberal doses of elixer administered by the Wizard Kraydon and the Apothecary O'Brien, the forces of virtue, truth and honesty prevailed and won the field.

With victory, assured, King McNichol was heard to proclaim, "This was a victory for the whole kingdom. Without the wholehearted support of all my subjects, the fiends may have won and banished many of us to the barrens of Baie de Nord or worse, the wilds at the junction of the Ottawa and Rideau. For your support, I will reward thee with many flagons of ale, and the fattened sheep, and (maybe) a day off. But let us not relax our vigil. The soothsayers have said that evil lurks in the breasts of those at the Palace of Puzzles and the monster will return, twelve months hence."



"I'M GETTING AWFULLY tired of calling out that 'Rotgut' count every six minutes."



"DON'T GET EXCITED!! Anyone can make an honest mistake." Voodoo of 409 Squadron and Argus of 407 Squadron get their exercises mixed up.

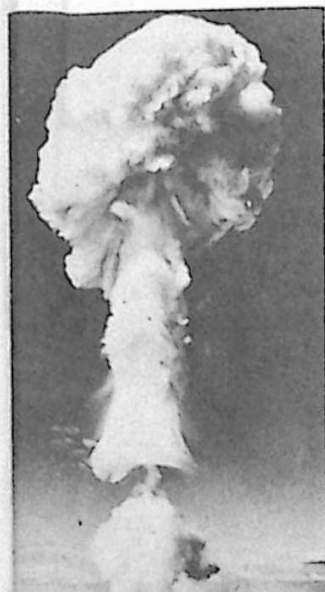
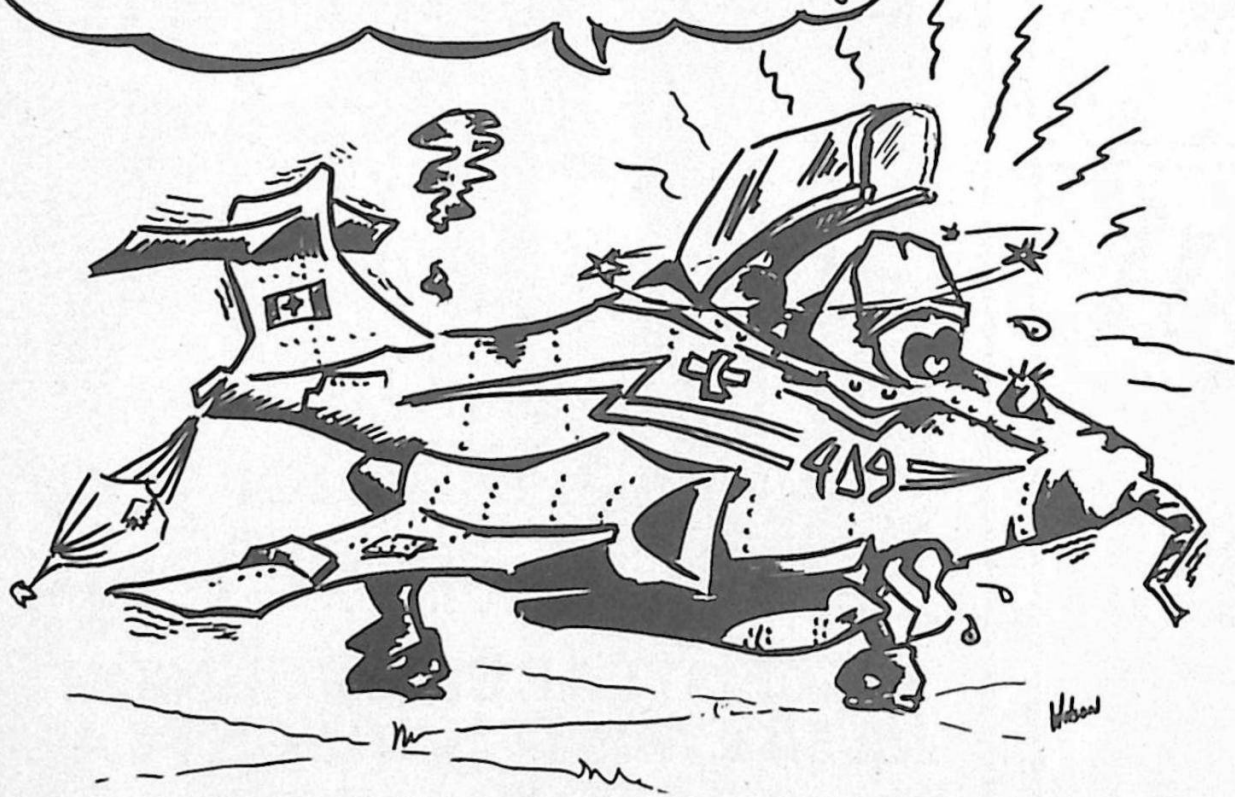


PRINCE PRICE, WHITE SCARF blowing in the slipstream, leads by example rather than by edict.



MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, THE King felt like this little fellow when he contemplated the arrival of the TacEval "horde".

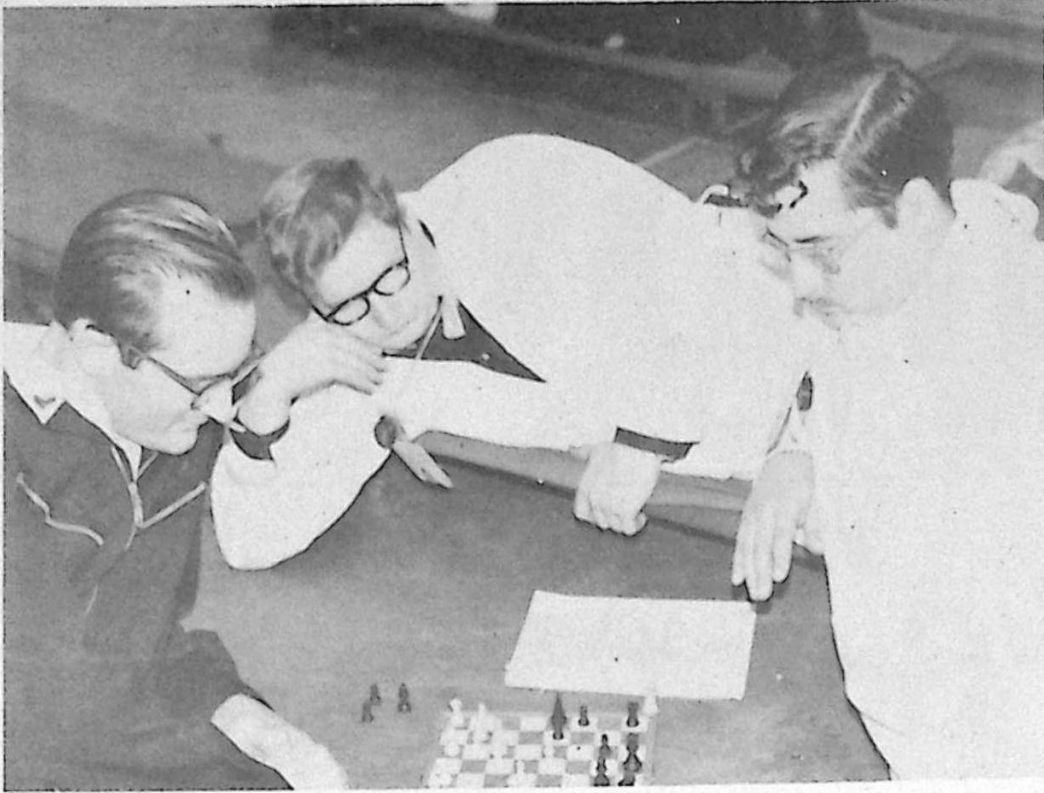
ONE MORE EXERCISE AND I'LL TURN INTO AN ARGUS!



The end of the TacEval monster.







MED A'S BORIS SPASTIC and Anal Fissure match wits in chess during TacEval in Emergency Hospital setup.

## Hospital Anaesthesia

As this is being written, the Base has been under siege by all those inspectors seeing if we know what it is we're supposed to know. And, the Base Hospital is no exception. Like all, we have been working our Glutimus Maximus off doing our share. Of course, the Hospital right now is not the most luxurious place to work or work out of, what with Med A's and MO's falling over CE Techs and other personae. Oh well, after this week we can go back to our orderly chaos and utter confusion.

And, what marvels of misinformation can we produce at this time. . . .

**NEEDLES AND JABS**  
As we have reported before, the East is taking from us. However, they have, out of the kindness of their pea-pickin' hearts, given to us, also. We would like to welcome George Penney from Greenwood, N.S. He'll be right at home out here, we're sure, 'cause once the Island gets you, it keeps you, so you might as well make it Home. And, please,

folks, lets not have any of those trite wittisms of renown, about George, like "a Penney for your thoughts". (Sorry, George, couldn't resist that one.)

We note the return of our Mexico visitor, Capt. Helen Gerrard. If you're on Sick Parade, she's the one waving the red handkerchief at you and shouting "Ole!" (pronounced: o-lee) "Ole!" Darned if she could pick up the language.

We must put in a plug here for "Dirty George's Porno Shop". Really, though, George Gravonic, Med A's turned-bookseller, has a lovely shop in the Courtenay Mall and we urge you to patronize it if only for the free medical advice. It's not generally known but George got his start through the auspices of many unsuspecting patients in the Hospital, to whom he gives his heartfelt thanks. When friends or relatives brought in magazines and paperbacks for the benefit of the shut-in, said magazines and or

paperbacks somehow attached themselves to George. So, if you're down to the shop and see a magazine that somehow looks familiar, well....

Returning just in time to "eagerly" participate in the fun and frolics this week are: Lt. John Maddison, our phunny pharmacist; and Cpls. Bob Pack and Dennis Boutet. Confusion is written all over their faces as can be plainly seen. Not over what's going on, as may be thought, but confusion as to why they came back. (Of course, their WIVES may have something to do with it.)

**FALSE FLASH**...it is NOT true, and vehemently denied by him that Dr. O'Brien writes the "Hospital Mischief" column because he wants to be known for his sense of humor too. This leads us to ponder: DOES he write it? And, has he a sense of humor?

(You'll find out if you don't see THIS column next issue.)

## Mushroom Mutterings

Salutations, dear readers of this vain attempt at literacy.

Relative sanity reigns over the Fungus Farm lately, with the exception of those charged with the responsibility of writing P.E.R.'s. Most of the supervisors can be found sitting in a corner scratching out their opinions on a piece of brown paper with a bent spoon. (They're not allowed to have sharp instruments).

WO Gabe Sehn who soon leaves for Esquimalt to attend the "Sar Major's" course, has got the ball rolling again for the semi-annual "wheeze and wobble" run. The trick is to buy yourself one of those fancy blue track suits from the BX. They make ya go faster.

The 442 "A" team beat the Torp Shop on the volleyball court last Monday, and now advances to the finals against Fire Hall. The general opinion was that Rock St. Pierre's serving was the main factor in winning the games on Monday, but Rocky, in the true spirit of national unity, agreed

to accept only 28 per cent of the credit.

Sorry to hear that Earl Berg and Harvey Herauf are doing time in the Naden Hospital these days. Hope you get back here before they sign you on board a ship.

Enough, already with this funeral excuse for journalism. But before I relieve your tortured minds for this issue, don't forget the Fungus Fasching Fest on the 21st of the month. That's Dirty Thursday, in case you've never been overseas, and there will be hip o' beef and other goodies, plus dancing, presentations to departing members, and general mayhem. See ya there.

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## 407 Tech Ramblings

### ARMAMENT HANG UPS

To mark the recent retirement of John Brown, a retirement dinner for him and his good wife was held at the Comox Bamboo Inn. Following a pleasant repast and an epic speech, the gathering adjourned to the local Legion for further refreshments. John's departure will leave quite a gap in the section, particularly with respect to ground training since his views on child psychology played an important role in the advancement of others.

Now that the Fleet Air Arm detachment have gone back to their ship, what do we do with all the soggy tea bags that are lying around the section? Can they be dried out for further use? Comments would be greatly appreciated.

With the return of Don Hamel from the electronics course, we expect some spark to be injected into 2 crew.

Before closing, we take the opportunity to welcome Ron Anderson and his family who have just joined us from Germany. May your tour at Comox be a long and happy one.

### SERVICING SORTIES

Due to the absence of our regular phantom writer, this one crew blurb will most assuredly be of lesser quality and quantity than our avid followers are accustomed to.

With the successful completion of his two-month period of "De-Repair-ization" training, we can now welcome Bill Grant to our airframe ranks. Your diploma is presently in the hands of the Queen's Printer, Bill. Could there be some connection relative to similarity of condition of both aircraft and technicians repatriated from Repair?

The Little Guy, Weiner, is presently pushing his weight around at the regional broomball playdowns rather than in his accustomed place at the food locker. It is certainly nice to be able to get the odd sandwich for a change and, as a matter of fact, our current food surplus may force us to give a Care package to two crew.

Paul Boucher has returned from that other valley, the one with the "North Mountain" and assures us that he is now an Argus electronics expert. Being a keen type, he also availed himself of a second course and is now a qualified Skidoo driver. You could keep your licence current here.

Paul, by joining Para Rescue. Contrary to some rumours, Herb Massey, Roger Masson and their merry band did get to Barber's Point and back. Herb says that Capt. Irving passed his OJT and is now qualified to go solo on detachments.

In closing, we leave you with two thought provoking questions:

Why did Fred keep driving around PMQ's in Barber's Point?

How does one get poison ivy on the backs of his legs in Ontario at this time of year?

If the second question confounds you, just ask Fred for the answer.

Just to prove that they do in fact still exist, two crew reports that their Guy Lafortune is also a member of the CFB Comox Pacific Region broomball champions. They also advise that Don Fell is indulging in a spot of leave while our chief skiing enthusiast, Mo Morrison, is organizing a base ski club.

The time of reckoning, annual Jr NCO PER's, is once more upon us and finds most supervisors cringing at the thought of trying to come up with terminology appropriate for the expression of opinions relative to their beloved charges. Accordingly, the thought occurred to your scribe that the provision of a few tailor-made phrases might be of some assistance and, contrary to popular belief, the narratives do not necessarily have to make for dull reading. Intentional or otherwise, humor does creep into them as evidenced by the following excerpts from previous years submissions.

"This NCO has talents but has kept them well hidden."

"A quiet, reticent NCO who is also industrious, tenacious, careful and neat. I do not wish to have him as a member of my organization at anytime."

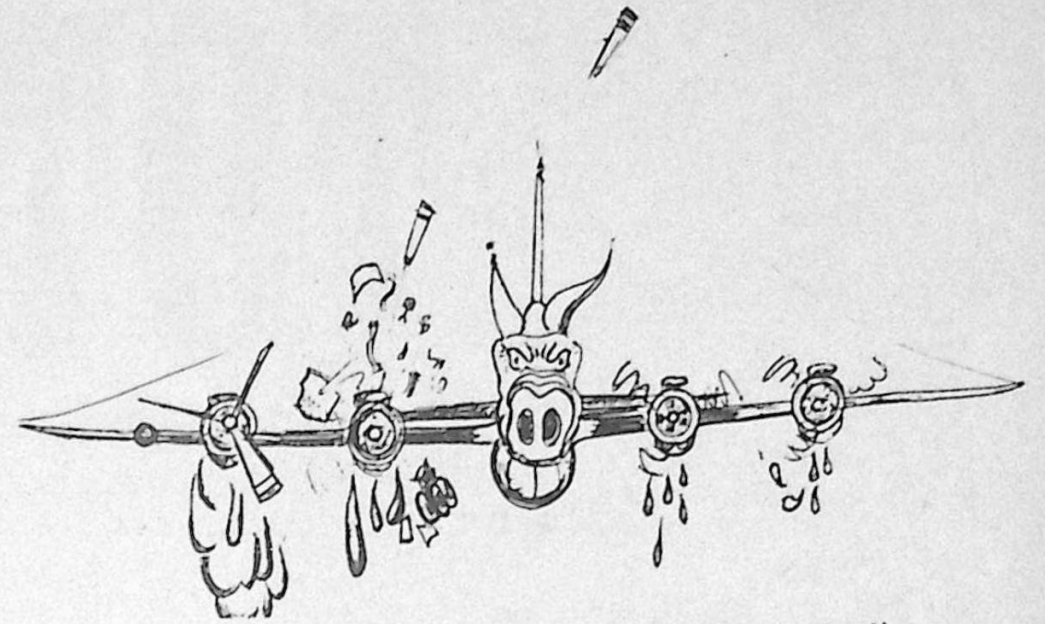
"Can express a sentence in two paragraphs, anytime."

"His leadership is outstanding, except for his lack of ability to get along with his subordinates."

"Needs careful watching since he borders on the brilliant."

"In any change of policy or procedure, he can be relied upon to produce the improbable hypothetical situation in which the new policy cannot work."

For further information or assistance, contact the three crew maestro.



MAXI TORQUE ON 3 and 4, Sir! Everything normal!

## LBR Program

OTTAWA (CFP) - Local Base Rescue (LBR) programs will be stepped up by the beginning of the fiscal year 1974-75 and familiar red, white and blue markings of search and rescue will be added to helicopters at Canadian Forces Bases Moose Jaw, Bagotville, Cold Lake and Chatham.

The LBR program is designed to provide immediate reaction to emergencies occurring within a 100-mile radius of bases which employ high performance training or

operational aircraft. Each base in the program will have two aircraft, one on continuous standby whenever flying is in progress, and the other in maintenance, assisting search and rescue centres or involved in rescue training programs.

Used in LBR is the Bell Helicopter Co. UTH (Huey), already in service with the Canadian Forces, and being reconfigured to meet its new rescue role.

Included in the change is a modernization of the fuel system, an alternation of the flight control stick to stan-

dardize it with other Canadian Forces aircraft, and addition of direction-finding equipment, navigation equipment, and a radar altimeter to increase its overall effectiveness.

At the same time, they will receive a face-lift, including a paint job identifying them as rescue vehicles, installation of stowage facilities for rescue gear, high intensity searchlights and an interphone-equipped hoist.

The Local Base Rescue program is expected to provide better results bringing aid to downed pilots.

## Group Captain Braham Dies

OTTAWA - (CFP) - Group Captain John R. Braham, one of the most decorated flyers of the second World War, died in Capital Hill Hospital in Halifax Feb. 7.

Born in Bath, England in April, 1920, he enrolled in the Royal Air Force (RAF) and received his pilot's wings in 1939. He flew with 29 Fighter Squadron during the early part of the second World War.

His fighter pilot record lists 29 planes destroyed. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and two bars, and later the Distinguished Service Order and two bars.

In 1942, at the age of 22, he became the youngest Wing Commander in the RAF.

He was shot down three times over England, once over the North Sea and once over Denmark. In June, 1944, he was taken prisoner until

May, 1945. Returning to England he went on to hold various staff positions with the British Air Ministry.

Group Capt. Braham was awarded the Air Force Cross in 1951 for his achievements as Commander of the all-weather development wing at the RAF Central Fighter Establishment.

In May, 1952, he was transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force and served in various staff and senior staff positions. In 1962 he moved to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in the operations branch at Versailles, France. He returned to Canada in 1965 as Director of Land-Air Warfare.

After retirement he became Halifax area superintendent for historical sites for the Department of Indian Affairs

and Northern Development.

In addition to wartime decorations for heroism he was honored for his pioneering in night fighting, and his innovations in all weather flying.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, Major Mike Braham, NDHQ, Ottawa and David, Gimli, Man., and Robert at Inuvik, N.W.T., both with the RCMP.

## GED Testing

The next GED tests will be held in Campbell River at the Senior Secondary School on March 15th and 16th. Registration forms and a booklet of sample questions are held in the BITO's office, upstairs in the Base Recreation Centre.

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MEMBERS OF THE INFAMOUS "Rat Patrol" of 442 Sqn. fall back to regroup their forces and lick their wounds as their struggle with their elusive adversary continues.

## DEATH On A Tuesday Morn

CFB Comox (Exclusive) ...Members of the rodent world today mourned the passing of one of their number, who fell on the field of battle in a vain attempt at eluding the infamous Rat Patrol of 442 Squadron. Since their first infiltration of the notorious Flying Fungus, these brave little four-legged

soldiers have wrought havoc throughout the Squadron, not to mention leaving little messages in the air-planes.

Efforts to poison and trap these courageous critters had so far met with little success, until, on a dismal wet morning this week, a poor, gallant, little fellow was run down as he tried to

escape in a helicopter, and unceremoniously beaten to death with a mop. To see his outstretched corpse lying on that wet tarmac with four legs pointing at the leaden sky was too much to bear.

Cremation services were held behind the Hospital, with the Reverend Mick E. Mouse officiating.

## Smoking Salmon

BY DAVE CURTIS

For the salmon fisherman the smoking of the catch can add a new dimension to an already enjoyable pastime. In a previous article I stated that over-mature chum salmon are quite tasty when smoked but so are all types of salmon, large trout and steelhead. Salmon that have been kept too long in the deep freeze and have acquired "freezer burn" can be salvaged by smoking them.

There are as many ways to smoke salmon as there are to catch them but the following method I have found is a fairly simple operation, an inexpensive one, and the results are excellent.

For a smoker I use an old fridge purchased at the second hand store. Make sure it is an old fridge because the interior will be enamel and not plastic which will melt during the smoking operation. An old hotplate purchased from the same source is sufficient to produce enough heat to start the wood chips smouldering. The local BX sells a small smoker which comes complete with racks and hotplate. I find it too small for my personal use but it does produce good results.

For wood to produce the smoke I use hickory chips purchased from the local BX. For a different flavor try apple, peach, alder or any non-resinous wood. Use the sawdust or small chips for better results.

To prepare the cleaned fish cut off the tail and all the fins. Cut the fish into two halves along the backbone, removing this bone but leave the rib bones intact. Then cut the fish into chunks of about eight to ten inches in length. Smaller trout can be smoked by the same method but leave the cleaned fish whole.

Rub pickling salt into flesh side of the meat and don't be afraid to use too much. Then place these salted chunks into a plastic basin skin side down with a layer of fish then a handful or so of salt, then more fish and so on. Place this basin in your home refrigerator over night.

After 12 to 16 hours remove the basin and thoroughly wash the fish under cold running water. Make sure you get all the salt off, but don't over do it as you want a bit of salty taste to remain for flavor. You will note that the flesh is now firmer than when you started.

Once the salt has been removed shake off the excess water and rub demerara sugar into the flesh side of the fish as you did with the salt, using lots. For better results use demerara sugar not ordinary brown sugar. Sprinkle black pepper liberally on top of the sugar.

Now that the fish are prepared place them in your smoker skin side down. Leave sufficient room between the chunks for the smoke to circulate freely.

Place a couple of handfuls of wood chips in a cast iron skillet and place on the hotplate which should be in the bottom of the fridge. Plug it in and close the door. Don't worry if smoke leaks out from around the door as long as it is not excessive. Check the progress every hour or so adding chips as required. The fish should be done in about four hours and ready to eat.

Your epicurean delight makes an excellent companion when served with your favorite brew.

## General Safety

How is your general safety program?

We were having lunch in the mess when a companion asked "What do they want us to do - stop living so we won't have an accident?" The answer is an emphatic NO! No matter what we do there is some risk but if we don't do it, we will never learn how and learning how is essential to life! We can neither completely avoid risk nor can we ignore it. If we are afraid to risk we are afraid to learn, thereby ensuring premature death of mind and eventually body. The key to safety lies not with the complete avoidance of risk (clearly impossible) but in learning how to do things properly, then operating in such a way that our limits will not be exceeded when situations arise. We must be consciously aware of the risks that are very much a part of contemporary life at home, at work and at play. No matter how attractive they may look on your color tube - sky-diving, hockey, hot-dog skiing

and all the other attention-getting activities exploited in commercials can be extremely hazardous if any of the important factors of knowledge, training, physical fitness or safety equipment are absent or the actions of someone else interferes. To enjoy the euphoria you must know your own limits - as our "Shaggy Monkey Story" illustrates.

One day the young monkeys of our Island had a meeting. They were not happy with the leadership they were getting. "They're always telling us what to do and what not to do - they think we are fools!" "They are bores" cried one monkey. "Yeah, a genuine unimaginative drag" cried another.

"We're going to prove that we are neither fools nor slaves to such bores," said the young leader. "We will form ourselves into a band, get an OFY grant and then do just as we like."

So the younger monkeys formed a band and set up a separate life style and followed their daring and

youthful leader in all manner of things.

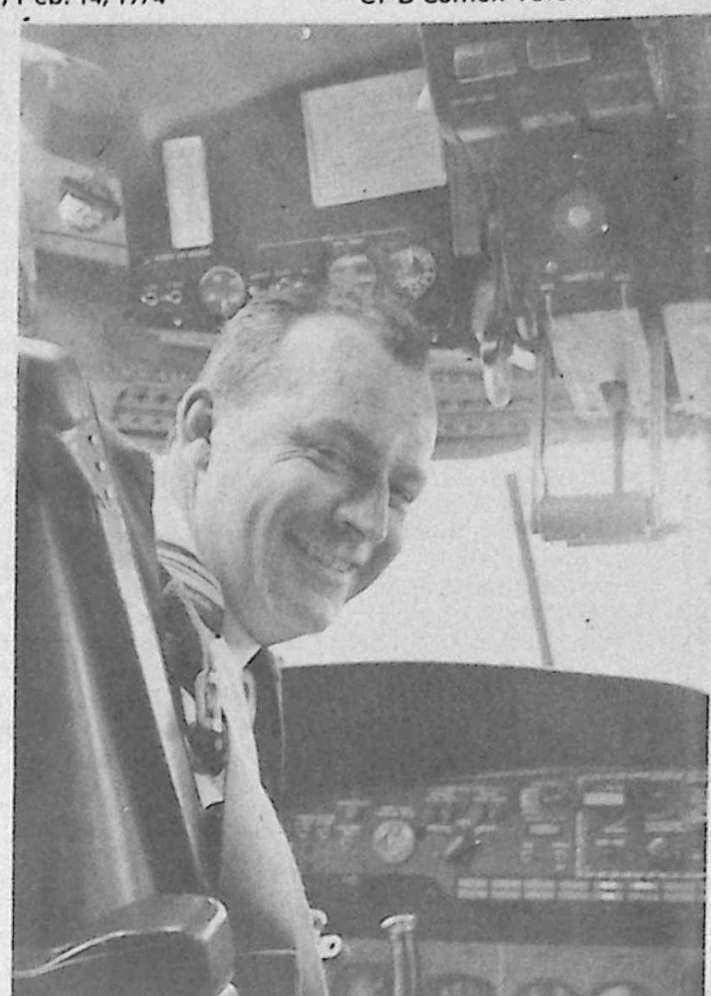
When night approached, they would sleep by the roadside or in old Volkswagens, or by the side of a river or lake, or in a public park or, as they did one night, on the topmost branches of a tree in Lewis Park hard by the river.

Around 2 a.m., the new leader awoke from a deep (and somewhat hallucinatory) sleep. Looking down from his perch, he saw the bright moon shining on the river below. "Get up! Get up, my friends - like the moon has a big coming down and is just floating in the river. Let's lay on it and keep it for ourselves."

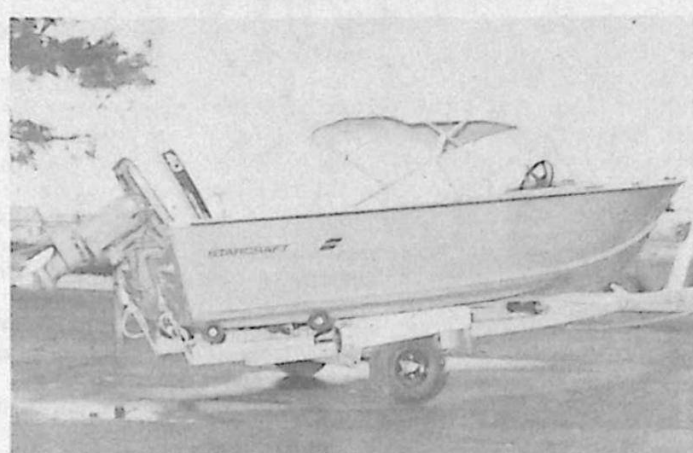
"Like - Wow! - Oh Wow!" cried his friends. "Wouldn't the town council just blow their minds if we owned the moon!"

The young leader parted his bangs, the better to see, and stated: "If we're gonna do our thing - moonwise - we all have to jump into the river in a circle - and all at the same time - that's the only way," said the leader. "O.K. males - get ready for jumping! - you females climb further out on the tree limbs and jump with us. One - two - three ..."

With a splash that shook the old CRA, the whole group, leader foremost, leaped into the water! During their excitement they forgot they could not swim! There was much thrashing and splashing during which the image of the moon on the water could not be seen, but soon it was quiet again and the last ripples died out and the moon's reflection was clear on the surface of the river, just as before.



"WELCOME ABOARD!" from Major Jim Simpson, Squadron Operations Officer, 442 Sqn.



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# TACEVAL 74

Much has been written in past issues of Totem Times about Cudgel Capers TacEvals, etc. Most articles and editorials described in detail the "sharp-end" of the operations. That is the actual flying operations, the input of the aircraft technicians and, of course, the activities of "the horde" the fifty plus members of the ADCHQ NDHQ evaluating team.

TacEval has been described as "an exercise in which the Base and 409 Squadron evaluate their capability to fulfill their role in peace and in war". Now we all know that at CFB Comox (with apologies to 407 and 442 Squadrons) our main objective is to get the Voodoos airborne and to maintain a maximum mission capability in a war-time situation. Naturally most tend to think only of personnel who are directly involved in the operation and maintenance of the Voodoo. But we also must

remember all of the others who support this capability and who, in conjunction with the operating air and ground crews, have put in considerable overtime (unpaid) preparing for and participating in TacEval and other exercises.

The ultimate aim is to destroy and repel the enemy forces (simulated or real) and recognition must be given to the members of 409 Squadron and the BAMEO's hard working technicians. But when the congratulations for a successful TacEval are being passed around, don't forget those who "also serve" and serve well. The Military Police, Firefighters, Supply Techs, AD Techs, Cooks, finance and administrative clerks, the transportation and medical specialists, the Base CE and ground communications workers, the Air Traffic personnel, and others who are just as responsible as those at the "sharp-end" for a successful TacEval.

## Top Heavy with Brass and No Place to Shine

OTTAWA -- Although Jimmy Richardson was one very happy veteran to get the defence ministry portfolio 15 months ago, the wealthy Winnipegger has had no more impact on the public in this job than did his last three predecessors, Edgar Benson, Don MacDonald and Leo Cadieux.

Recently, he has been making noises about refurbishing the dull image of the Canadian defence forces. Stories about boosting militia strength and providing extra funds to buy new equipment have been popping regularly.

The last splash is that the army will buy 150 anti-tank units at a cost of \$30 million.

Things can hardly get much worse for our armed forces. Since 1968 the number in uniform has fallen to 80,000 from 100,000.

In essence, the defence department budget has been stagnant except for small increments annually which have gone to boost salaries and wages of military and civilian personnel. The budget for the current fiscal year totals \$2 billion.

What kind of armed forces do we get for that money?

We know our military are stationed in Germany, Cyprus, and the Middle East; and numerous ranks are spread over the world as attaches in embassies, and at NATO and NORAD.

The current DND budget represents 11.3 per cent of the total federal budget. Ten years ago the DND budget represented 32.8 per cent of that whole. The trend implicit in this downward shift is understandable in this time of relatively more stable world conditions.

Of course, \$2 billion a year may still seem a lot to you. Remember that out of that sum, more than 67 per cent goes for salaries and wages. Only \$192 million is earmarked for acquiring new equipment and machinery and \$192 million is paltry in the arms market. It might buy us a couple of destroyers (cheap ones), a small fleet of 30 or 40 fighters or perhaps 80 modern tanks to bolster our present complement of 30 tanks, half of which are out of commission and all of which are ancient. This re-equipping sum is just short of 12 per cent of the total DND budget.

The bulk of our defence money goes in salaries, wages, and pension contributions for the service personnel, and one-third of a billion pays the department's 36,000 civilian workers.

In rough terms, every two Canadians in uniform is supported by one civvy. The conventional wisdom of military historians is that in long periods of peace a nation must maintain a nucleus of well-trained military people. What is not so clear is why our skeleton armed services need 36,000 civilians to support them.

The dilemmas of an army during a prolonged period of peace must include personnel matters. The armed forces prate that they have a career for those who will choose it. Peace is not an excuse for withholding promotion from the able careerists. So we are not really shocked to find that our armed services today have 77 generals, more than 14,000 officers and only 15,000 privates.

As one general said a few years ago:

Never have so few been commanded by so many.

What keeps all those officers from boredom? Well, the new NDHQ building in Ottawa is so stuffed with central staff that it was declared too small before it had been filled. Although military planning, intelligence, procurement, war games and other endeavors are the tasks of those in NDHQ, personnel administration is seemingly the paramount one.

The department has two parallel structures in personnel administration: one is under a civilian assistant deputy-minister, the other under a rear-admiral. In total, the civil service administration of personnel is the task of 16 directors-general, 50 directors, and three assistant deputy ministers or associate assistant deputy ministers. These numerous civilians are supported by one major general, three brigadiers general, two rear admirals, 13 full colonels and 24 lieutenant colonels.

Do you assume that this emphasis on personnel matters means high morale in DND? Such is not the case. We know that many civilian workers are getting salaries below the poverty line drawn by the senate committee on poverty.

On the military side, things are, if anything, worse. There are 15,000 privates, compared to nearly 14,000 corporals. Recruitment of fresh privates is increasingly difficult. The thrust for promotions among officers has become intolerable for two reasons.

An army in peacetime can only have so many generals. In fact, 77 generals and over a thousand colonels is really swelling the pod.

The second reason is the biculturalism (as distinct from the bilingualism) policy of the department. It has set a goal of 28 per cent Francophones at all levels in the armed services. Whatever promotions there are must first be reserved for those who can help fill this quota.

To make things worse, the traditional outlet for dissatisfied officers, the federal public service, is drying up as a pool to dive into from the armed service. Why? Because the policy there is to take increasing numbers in from the private sector, particularly Francophones.

Former defence minister Paul Hellyer made his mark by proposing and pushing his concept of a unified armed forces. Short of war, Mr. Richardson must come up with something equally imaginative to leave his imprint as minister of national defence.

To drag along the two armies, military and civilian, in their present state, without thinking through their role in peace and their maximum effectiveness in times of need, could be extremely costly in the end.

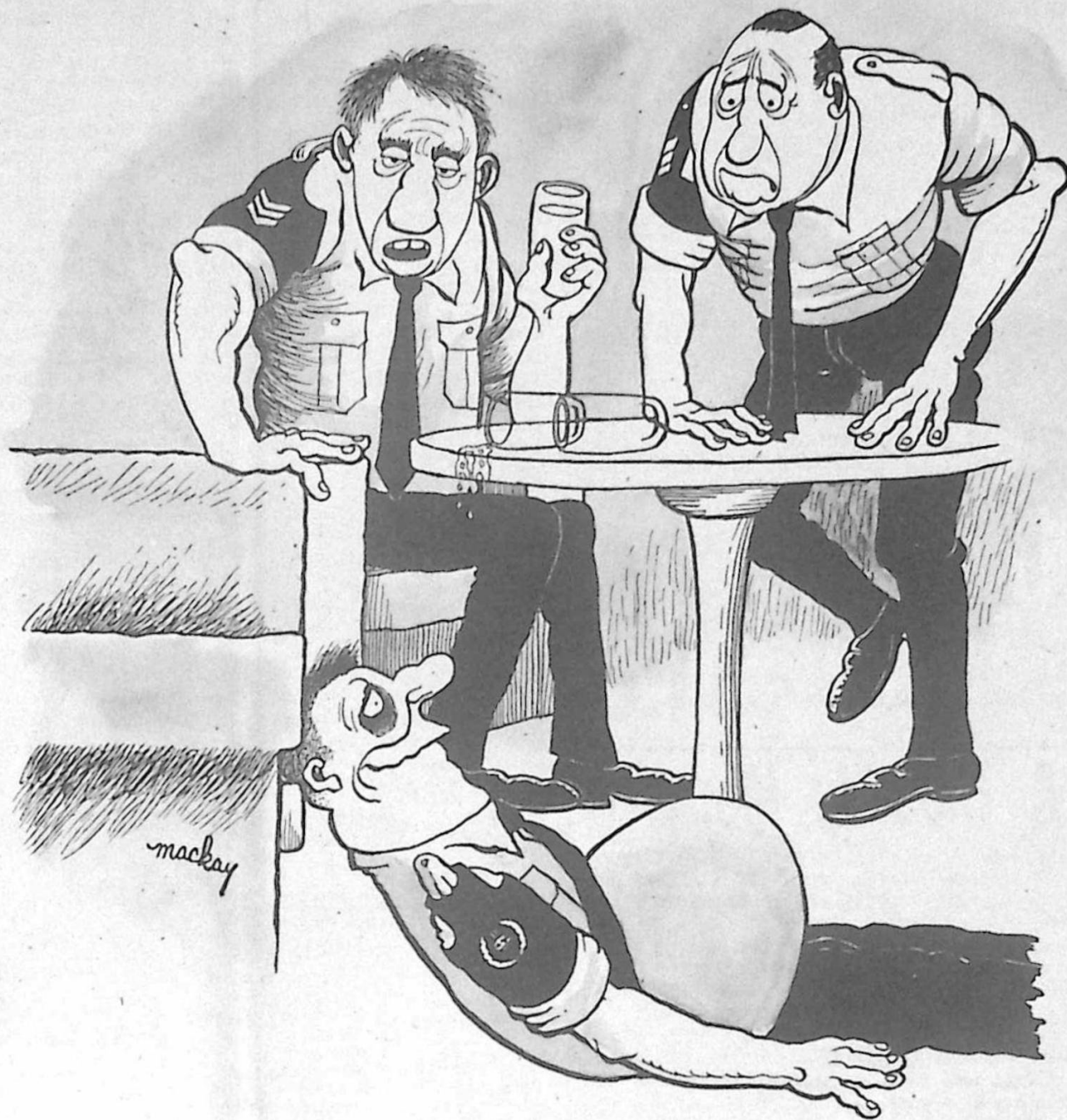
Seemingly, the minister has convinced the cabinet that something had to be given if Canada wants to keep a respectable army.

What we need is a fresh or re-stated personnel policy within a defence policy which faces up to bad morale, outdated equipment, and a lot of officers with no place to go and too little to do.

Douglas Fisher

Vancouver Sun

6 Feb 74



WE WERE TALKING ABOUT TACEVAL and the last thing he said was: "T.G.I.F." - Thank God It's Finished."

## Space Available Travel

A major change to the priority 5 booking system will take effect on March 4th, 1974 for flight space on and after March 18th, 1974. The new centralized booking system is designed to: reduce administrative workload at air terminals and Canadian Forces communications centres; control the number of applications to prevent abuses; be as equitable as possible to all concerned regardless of location; and give some recognition to

length of service while at the same time afford junior personnel protection in the application process.

The system for establishing precedence for priority 5 travel will be based on a member's date of application and also his Retirement Base Election Date (RBE-DT), which is the date on which continuous full-time paid service is deemed to have commenced. Dependents will hold the same RBE-DT as the

members. Applications will be accumulated by the base transportation officer (BTNO) up to and including the 14th day before each flight departure and the applicants will be given precedence according to RBE-DT.

Applications received on each subsequent day, i.e. the 13th to the 10th day, before the flight will be given precedence within the day of application according to the applicants' RBE-DT and will be listed

after applicants of the previous day.

Only one priority 5 request, giving a primary and one alternate flight for both the outbound and return trip, will be permitted at one time. A new request may be accepted when the flight dates of the previous request have elapsed or when all previous bookings are cancelled. Personnel holding a confirmed priority 4 booking shall not apply for priority 5 space on the same flight.

## Letters To The Editor

### PMQ Rent Raise

Sir: Recently as we all are aware, we were the recipients of what one might call a modest pay raise, approximately 6 1/2 per cent. But ... be that as it may.

This week I was informed by a circular delivered to my PMQ door from Base Housing that my rent is increasing as of Apr. 1, 1974. The increase worked out to approximately 8 per cent.

The point I am trying to make is this - with all other businesses chipping away at our pay cheques and no one admitting to making money, why does DND do the same with housing?

If costs have increased to the point where rent increases are justified, why is the increase not proportionate with the pay raise - 6 1/2 per cent?

I sometimes wonder, No, that's not correct. I wonder more than sometimes, how many times the PMQ's in CFB Comox have paid for themselves and how much of a profit making enterprise they are.

True, the rent increase isn't all that much but - the ordinary guy is being nickled to death. When you see the cost of living increased by 1 1/2 per cent per month, how far does 6 1/2 per cent raise go?

P'd Auf

Dear P'd Auf: The rents for PMQ's are controlled by CMHC and any increases are dictated by them. It's just another case of the left arm of the government not knowing what the right arm is doing.

Look for a future article in Totem Times

Ed

### Horse Manure

Dear Sir: As all are aware there are a lot of kids in PMQ's. They play everywhere, wherever there is an open patch of grass and on roadways and lanes. Residents are aware of this and drive appropriately. BUT ... recently there has

been a young female riding her horse down PMQ lanes and across lawns, at times galloping through. I have four children, one of whom came close to being stomped on by said horse as it crossed my lawn.

I have contacted the MP's who referred me to the RCMP who referred me back to Base, as they admit to having no authority in MP's for this type of problem.

The Military Police have given it an honest attempt but have had little success as the horse and rider still visit MQ's daily.

Will it take an injured child to point out that more care should be taken? Besides, there are more appropriate places for horseback riding.

R. Mostowy P.S. Is there a law restricting horseback riding in Wallace Gardens?

Dear Ray: The Base Housing Officer informs us that if you can give him the name of the rider, he will take some action.

Ed

### Lynx Reunion

Dear Sir: I would appreciate it if the following could be included in the "Letters to the Editor Section" of the forthcoming issue of your publication:

"The 416 Lynx Squadron will be having its Colours Presentation and Squadron Reunion in the late spring of 1974. June 1, 1974 has been set as the tentative date. This will be finalized shortly.

"Planning for the presentation has commenced and all aircrew and ground crew who have served with 416 Squadron since its inception on 22 December, 1941 are invited to attend.

"Former members are asked to provide me with their names and addresses in order that "Colours and Reunion" material may be distributed. Members who replied to the "25th Anniversary" event planned for June 1973 which was cancelled, need not reply

to this notice, as you will be on our mailing list already."

Yours truly, S. F. Popham Lieutenant Colonel CO 416 (AW/F) Squadron

### Little Bandits

Dear Sir: I realize that the author of "Little People's Corner" is trying to help to make Totem Times a paper for the whole family but I object very strongly to the latest offering (Jan. 31).

We find Bobby and Terry Rabbit industriously planting carrots, which is very commendable. But they are so impatient for a good carrot feed, that they proceed to Farmer Thomas', sneak into his barn, help themselves to his carrots, hide from watchdog Shep until he falls asleep, then sneak back the way they came. Their guilty feelings are apparent all through the narrative and the only moral I could find was that it is all right to steal as long as you don't get caught!

For the rabbits, substitute a couple of kids shoplifting and you have the type of situation that makes headlines too often.

Yours truly, A Big People

Dear Big People, If your kids emulate rabbits they'll probably get into trouble anyway.

Ed

### Which Way Promotion?

Dear Dear Editor or Ann Landers:

Previously, promotions etc. were based upon merit and performance with credit given for education. So I went and got myself a "sheepskin". Now there's no credit given for education but there is credit given for secondary language ability. Now that womens' lib has

## Totem Talk

### Women's Lib in the Locker Room

We notice that extensive renovations are being made to the locker and shower rooms in the Base Recreation Centre. The BWreckO informed Totem Times that the works in progress will result in increased and improved facilities for both male and female personnel and dependents.

What Totem Times wants to know is why we are having separate facilities for males and females? In the interest of "Womens' Lib", which Totem Times wholeheartedly supports, we would like to advocate common changing and showering facilities. Not only would this result in a substantial financial saving but would enhance the communal feelings between males and females.

### Parliamentarians Travel

The new Priority 5 service air travel procedure looks good, especially for those of us with some time in. But I wonder if we can still get bumped by members of Parliament, their wives and dependents.

Now, it wouldn't be so bad if we were bumped by the Hon. John Diefenbaker or Stanley Knowles because they have some time in. But if it was by one of those junior MP's who are trying to get their six years in so they can qualify for a good pension, then we might be tempted to write to our member of Parliament!

### The Brass Ring

Douglas Fisher, in his column in the Vancouver Sun on February 6th hits pretty close to the truth on what is wrong with the military.

He intimates that DND is a dying industry with the attendant declining morale brought on by a vacillating personnel policy.

Totem Times doesn't necessarily agree with all that Mr. Fisher says. But, we do feel that the article does pertain to DND's present problems and we don't think military personnel should be treated like mushrooms.

training, he stated: "Some of our personnel are reluctant to embark on our French Language course. I am told that this is because of a combination of reasons:

- a. Previous unfortunate scholastic experience with language instruction;
- b. too much study involved;
- c. concern that it may affect future postings."

I feel the point that was completely missed was that many of us are committed to our primary duty - that for which we were recruited - and find it impossible to find time to attend bilingual training for which the Anglophone receives no benefits other than being able to read the "French text which follows".

So it may be disinterest to a point - but it is also that many of us do not have and cannot make time to attend.

Thank you and Merci

Dear Merci: With a genuine desire and help from his supervisor no one should be denied language training.

Ed

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## Open for Comment

The following is an excerpt from an article by Terrence Belford, Globe and Mail Reporter, datelined 21 December, 1973.

OTTAWA -- Federal members of Parliament and their families will be flying home for Christmas courtesy of the Department of National Defence.

The MP's have been awarded No. 1 priority on the 42 special flights the department is laying on over the holiday season to ferry servicemen home to their families.

Their priority situation and a cut-back in special flights this year in light of the energy crisis may mean that some servicemen will get bumped from flights and have to make the best of Christmas and New Year's wherever they are stationed.

Federal members and their families will get first crack at all flights, along with their families. After they make their choice, the armed forces will

assign the remaining seats, taking into consideration such factors as rank, seniority, marital status and length of separation from family.

The situation may seem incongruous, considering that MP's already are entitled to free passage on commercial airliners to and from their constituencies once a week.

This privilege does not apply, to a member's family. The saving to MP's from using the defence flights can be considerable.

Mr. Belford's observation was, "incongruous", but was there any basis of fact in the joke we heard last year about Canadian Forces travelling Priority Five to Vietnam. If there was, then "incongruous" may not be an apt description. It's just a matter of getting your "Priorities" straight.

The Plainsman  
CFB Moose Jaw



## Little People's Corner

Dear Little People:

Just a quick letter this week to ask how you are all getting on. I expect you are working hard at school and looking forward to St. Valentine's Day. I hope you all get lots of cards.

Spring isn't very far away. Have you seen all the bulbs coming up in the gardens? Soon we will have lots of crocus and tulips and daffodils. I even found some pussy-willows and cat-kus last week.

Happy Birthday to all of you with birthdays. I hope you have a lovely day and now if you are all settled comfortably, here is our story for today.

This is a story about a little boy called Simon. Simon was a happy little boy. He liked going to school and he enjoyed learning to read and to write but the thing he liked best of all was playing football.

Simon would run all the way home from school and quickly change into his old clothes and football boots, pick up his ball and off he would go, kicking the ball every which way. Very often a crowd of boys would collect and soon they would be in the middle of a game.

Usually this was the time Mother would call him in for his supper, and he would arrive covered in mud but very happy.

"Simon, you are not going to eat supper like that," his mother would say. "Upstairs, into the bath with you."

"Oh Mum, I'm going out again," Simon answered.

"You are going to bed after supper," his mother replied and packed him off to get cleaned up.

One bright sunny morning, Simon woke up early. Today was his birthday. It was also Saturday so he didn't have to go to school. That was the best thing about a Saturday birthday - you had all day to do what you liked, and he was going to play football - all day!!

Quickly he jumped out of bed and raced to the bathroom. Carefully he brushed his teeth then splashed water over his face and dashed back to his room

to put on his football clothes.

Once downstairs he started to look for his birthday presents. He wanted a new football; his old one was a little battered. He looked all over the living room. Not here. Next, the dining room - maybe Mum had put it on his chair. Nothing there. The kitchen after that. Quickly he peeped in all the cupboards, even looked in the fridge, but could see nothing that looked at all like a football.

"Wherever can it be?" he sighed; this would take some thinking out, so maybe he would have some breakfast.

The bowl of cereal was soon eaten and Simon still hadn't found his football.

Suddenly he had an idea, and rushing out of the kitchen, he raced to the garage. That's where it would be! Daddy would have bought it last night and left it in the car 'til today.

Trying to open the door seemed to take a long time but he finally managed to pull the big doors open and looked inside. And what do you think he saw?

Well, first of all, there was no car in the garage. And, second, a box was standing right in the middle of the floor.

Just as Simon started forward to look at the box, it moved. Simon stopped and as he watched, suddenly a big brown head appeared and two jet black eyes peered at him over the top of the box. Next a big shaggy tail appeared waving like a flag and with a short, sharp yelp the dog jumped out of the box and bounded up to Simon.

"Yippee!" yelled Simon, and before he knew what was happening he was rolling on the floor and the big brown dog was licking his face all over.

Eventually Simon managed to sit up and the big dog sat quietly by him, his long red tongue hanging from his mouth like a big red duster. Simon flung his arms around the dog and hugged him.

"You are the best birthday present I ever had," he told the dog, and again the dog licked his face and thumped his tail on the floor.

Just then Simon heard a noise behind him and turning

around, he saw Daddy standing at the door.

"Happy birthday, Son," said Daddy. "I see you found your present."

"Oh, Dad, he's terrific!" Simon jumped up and ran out of the garage, the big brown dog following him.

"Oh, look, he knows me," Simon jumped up and down, he was so excited.

"What are you going to call him?" asked Daddy.

"Can I really pick a name?" "Well, he's your dog. Let's take him in and show Mum, and you can be thinking," said Daddy.

So off raced Simon, with the big brown dog trotting at his heels.

In the kitchen Mum was busy cooking breakfast.

"Happy birthday, Simon," she called, and then suddenly, she saw the dog. "What have you got there?"

"He's mine, Mum, all mine!" Simon laughed as the dog sat down in the middle of the kitchen floor and looked around. "See, he is looking all around."

"Well, you had better get him out of the kitchen or I will fall over him," said Mother.

"Come on, dog," Simon called. "I will show you my room," and together Simon and the dog bounded out of the kitchen and up the stairs.

"See, this is my room," said Simon, "and you can sleep here with me."

Simon sat on the edge of the bed while the dog sniffed all around the room.

"Now, what shall I call you?" and the dog gave a short sharp "Wuff" and from under the bed he pushed Simon's old football.

"That's it!" yelled Simon, "I'll call you 'Football'!"

"Wuff! Wuff!" said Football and wagged his tail.

"Come on Football, let's go and play," Simon jumped off the bed and picking up his old ball, he and the dog went helter-skelter down the stairs.

All day Simon played with his football and the dog, and when it was time to go to bed, Football curled up at the end of his bed.

"Oh," said Simon, "this was the best birthday ever."

"Wuff, wuff," said Football.

MAE

## On Briefings Briefly

Anyone who attended last month's briefings on Conditions of Service, will agree that, notwithstanding the restrictions placed upon him, LCol Bob Ford does have a better idea. He shot straight from the hip and covered a wide range of subjects, from women's lib (yahoo) to gay lib (taboo) to PMQ rents (boohoo).

But, albeit there are many problems to be solved, the one that stands out most in my mind is the lack of purpose; the "civilians in uniform" stigma presently hovering over us. Consider if you will, the following poem, with apologies for any deviations from the original:

God and the soldier, all men adore,

In time of trouble, and not before,

And when the troubles are over, and

The wrongs all righted, God is forgotten, the old soldier slighted.

These words were spoken by the late John F. Kennedy in 1962, in an address to U.S. troops in Europe. But he didn't write them. The original author was Friar Tuck, over six centuries ago. I guess the more times change, the more they remain the same.

## Among the Moguls

By MARCEL KUMLI

Well folks, it looks like this base is going to have a ski club. We had a meeting on Feb. 4th, with a very good turnout. After some discussion it was decided we needed a committee.

More Morrison was elected president, yours truly was elected vice, and Ray Freve was deemed to be the ideal secretary. This committee will have to be expanded if only to share the work load. Besides that, it would give us added brain power.

It was decided that transportation was a major problem area. It is up to us to develop an effective method of getting our skiers to the plateau. Mrs. Marilyn Lazenby has graciously offered to be our co-ordinator. People in the club requiring rides to the hill, or having available space are to call her the evening before at 339-3831. We need your co-operation to make this scheme work.

Some of the other benefits of a ski club are as follows: Ski trips to areas on the mainland, and one is being planned now. Entertainment, such as the gluhwein we held on Feb. 3. There we had hot wine and several ski movies were shown. Many thanks go to Don Bool of the Telemark ski shop in Courtenay for getting these films. In fact he has offered us instructional

assistance on any ski clinics we hold. Don is one of this area's most respected ski instructors and his store has also been highly recommended.

We had a chat with Herb Bradley, the ski school director, and he informed us of reduced lift and lesson rates for groups such as ourselves.

Although we are not an officially sanctioned club until we receive the Base Commander's approval, we have laid some ground work. The people at the meeting voted to charge dues of fifty cents a head per month to a maximum of a dollar per family. Several other fund raising schemes have been mentioned and are being looked into.

We'll know more at the next meeting which is tentatively scheduled for Mar. 4, 1974 hrs. in the Totem Lounge. In the meantime, the "ole prez" and myself have found time to go on a ski trip to the mainland. By the way Moe, the Island Highway really isn't the ideal place to refinish your skis.

Several local skiers are headed for Valcartier to participate in the Forces National Championships. You have our wishes of success fella.

Meanwhile, short lift lines to you all.



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SUNDAY, FEB. 17 — Family dinner. Reservations required. 1730-1930. Informal dress.

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Thursday, March 7 - Retirement Dining-in Nite. Maj. Gammie - 442. Capt. Connelly - ATC.  
Saturday, March 16 - St. Patrick's Costume Party.

### COIN CLUB

Anyone interested in joining a Coin Club in the Courtenay-Comox area please contact Mr. or Mrs. Holt at

339-2948

### CWL ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA AND BAZAAR

MARCH 16 AT AIRPORT SCHOOL

The CWL of CFB Comox would like to remind their friends of the St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bazaar, to be held March 16 at the Airport School Gym.

Tickets for the Grand Raffle - \$150.00 Gift Certificate from Dick's Quality Meats in Comox - will be on sale Saturdays Feb. 16 & 23 and Mar. 2 & 9 at Overwaita in Courtenay and Super-Val's in Comox and Courtenay.

Advance tickets for the tea Terrace and door prizes at 50¢ each can be purchased from the CWL ladies.

The ladies of the CWL invite the Comox Valley to help us help others.

### WO & SGTS MESS

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Wed. Feb. 20 - Bingo  
Thurs. Feb. 21 - Shuffleboard and Crib  
Fri. Feb. 22 - TGIF  
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Mature: Some brutality and swearing  
Showtime - 2000 hrs. to 2155 hrs.

Fri. 22 Feb. **THE SALZBURG CONNECTION** Barry Newman  
Spy Thriller Anna Karina  
Showtime - 2000 hrs. to 2150 hrs.

Sat. 23 Feb. **DELIVERANCE** Jon Voight  
Sun. 24 Feb. Burt Reynolds  
Warning: Pervasive sex. Much swearing and coarse language  
Showtime - 2000 hrs. to 2155 hrs.

Wed. 27 Feb. **RETURN OF SABATA** Lee Van Cleef  
Thur. 28 Feb. Western  
Showtime - 2000 hrs. to 2150 hrs.

Fri. 1 Mar. **THE LIGHT AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD** Kirk Douglas  
Science Fiction Yul Brynner  
Showtime - 2000 hrs. to 2155 hrs.

Sat. 2 Mar. **FISTFUL OF DYNAMITE** Rod Taylor  
Sun. 3 Mar. James Coburn  
Showtime - 2000 hrs. to 2210 hrs. Comedy Western

Wed. 6 Mar. **DRIVE HE SAID** Karen Black  
Thur. 7 Mar. William Tepper  
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Showtime 2000 hrs. to 2150 hrs.

Fri. 8 Mar. **RED SUN** Charles Bronson  
Sat. 9 Mar. Ursula Andress  
Sun. 10 Mar. Western  
Showtime - 2000 hrs. to 2200 hrs.

### SATURDAY MATINEES

Sat. 16 Feb. **BATTLE IN CAST** All Star Cast  
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs. Science Fiction

Sat. 23 Feb. **GUNS OF FORT PETTICOAT** Audie Murphy  
Western Katherine Grant  
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.

Sat. 2 Mar. **KILLERS OF KILIMANJARO** Robert Taylor  
Jungle Ann Aubrey  
Showtime - 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.

Sat. 9 Mar. **SARAZANS BLADE** Ricardo Montalban  
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.

Sat. 15 Mar. **ZEBRA IN THE KITCHEN** Jay North  
Comedy Andy Devine  
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.

### COMING SOON . . .

MARCH - Strange Vengeance Of Roselin - Roy Bean, Hickey & Boggs.

APRIL - Soldier Blue - The Mechanic - Hitler: The Last Ten Days - Chato's Land - Save The Tiger - Brother Sun Sister Moon - Gumshoe.

MAY - The Candidate - Soul Of Nigger Charlie - Live & Let Die - What Became Of Jack & Jill - Conquest Of The Planet Of The Apes.



## Gliding Club

Greetings! fellow victims of meteorological phenomena. At our last executive meeting there was a general feeling that there wasn't much to write about for this issue, so I, apparently prone to the talent for written speech, was given the chore. Upon reflection, it seems there is considerable to write about.

Comox Gliding Club is probably the only club in North America, if not the Northern Hemisphere, that flew and carried out a training program on Christmas Day, New Year's eve and New Year's day; a tribute to the enthusiasm of our membership.

The club annual meeting will be held on March 14 at 1900 hrs. at the Golf Course. All members and interested people are welcome. This is an important meeting because things such as Insurance, membership and elections will be on the agenda. This is your chance to influence the future of your club; don't miss it.

There will be a Soaring Association of Canada Western Instructors Seminar held at Penhold this coming May. Our club will be sending candidates to this course to ensure we will continue to have a competent staff of instructors available.

The Western Canadian Soaring Championships are being held in Alberta this summer and CFB Comox Gliding Club will be sponsoring a team for this competition. This is an excellent opportunity to gain some valuable experience in cross-country work. Hopefully in the near future our CFI will write a column explaining all the interesting points of soaring competition for those who aspire to this fascinating game.

I'm taking this opportunity to say farewell as I am posted to Winnipeg this Spring. Yes! off to the land of the big thermal and ten thousand foot cloud base and I'm looking forward to some great soaring in that county. I cannot leave without paying tribute to two people who have contributed a tremendous amount to the success of our club. First, our CFI Danny

Webber. Dan comes to us with a lot of soaring and instructing experience; although he had never held the exalted position of CFI, he reluctantly accepted since he had more experience than the rest of us. He has all the responsibility for flying safety and training (both Instructors and Student Pilots). There is one MOT flying test for Glider pilots; the CFI has this responsibility. The next time you are scowled upon for making a low final turn or getting too slow on approach, remember it is the CFI who will have to answer questions if you break a glider, it is the CFI who signed your licence application saying that you are competent to fly a glider. Stay with him; he's a good one. Well, Dan, we have flown in a lot of skies together and I'm sure we will again. Til then Good Luck, Green Air and Diamonds in the Fall.

Next our maximum Leader, Al Haan. He took over as President of our club when we were still in the throes of organizing a flying and training program. Glider pilots are a notoriously individualistic lot in general and a lot of meetings I have attended in Gliding clubs might remind one of forty dogs with one bone. We were soon to realize, however, that we had more than met our match. Al organized us in spite of ourselves. And that great bureaucratic slough-off "they" was soon to disappear from the Gliding Club vocabulary. His complete honesty and courage is like a breath of fresh air in a society abounding with cloudy phrases and innuendoes (not Italian suppositories). We would be fools not to cajole him into accepting another term as President at our annual meeting in March.

It would be unfair not to mention the work of the Club members in general. Gliding is an inexpensive sport because of the work of Club members. No one is paid, everything is done through volunteer labor. I see nothing but a great future for Comox knowing the enthusiasm and energy we possess now.

I'll see you all the first weekend the Weather Gods smile.

## Komux Brownies

### 3rd Komux Brownies

The 3rd Pack began their year on September 18 with 16 Brownies and 4 Tweenies. At this first meeting Laura Voit and Jennifer Redshaw were presented with their Golden Bars.

On October 30 the pack had a Halloween Party. Everyone came in costume and a good time was had by all in bobbing for apples on a string, playing games and singing. Cookies and kool-aid were served at the end of the meeting.

The November 6 meeting was devoted to crafts with the Brownies making kleenex flowers for use at the enrolment. The November 13 meeting featured the enrolment of Cheryl Trenholme, Brenda Thibideau, Laura Ann Koester and Karen Ann Alstad. They received their Brownie Pins from the District Commissioner who also made the following presentations:

First Year Stars to Carole Herauf, Kim Cofield, Laura Voit, Cindy Folster, Marni Bell, Susan Denton and Jennifer Redshaw.

Second Year Stars to Andrea Smith, Nancy Brooks, Lynn Raskob, Bonnie Bloom, MaryLou Montgomery, Tammy Englemeyer and Cheryl Hupman.

Golden Bars to Carole Herauf, Kim Cofield, Cindy Folster, Susan Denton and Cheryl Hupman.

December 4 and 11 were spent making Christmas ornaments. A total of 15 badges have been presented to date as follows:

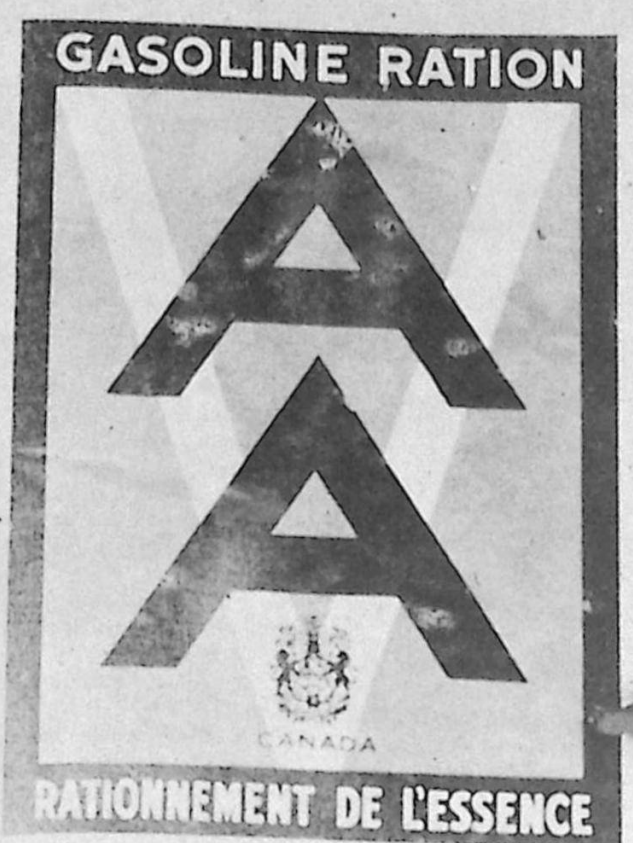
Cook to Bonnie Bloom, Susan Denton, Tammy

Englemeyer, Kim Cofield, Cheryl Trenholme, Laura Voit and Karen Alstad. Swimmer to Lynn Raskob, Swimmer to Lynn Raskob, Housekeeper to Tammy Englemeyer, Beadworker, Cindy Folster and Jennifer Redshaw. Toy maker, Carole Herauf Collector, Carole Herauf Native Lore to Lynn Raskob and Bonnie Bloom.

### 6th Komux Brownies

Thursday, November 8th marked the enrolment of twelve Tweenies in the 6th Komux Pack. District Commissioner, Mrs. C. Hazlett, received each new Brownie and heard their Brownie Promise. Our newest Brownies are: Theresa Breffle, Maribeth Arsenault, Lori Speight, Angela DesRoches, Teresa Cave, Nicole Sinclair, Tracy McGivern, Lisa Marche, Theresa Geneau, Janine Dupuis, Patricia Sloan and Cheryl Auld. Snowy Owl, Mrs. A. Arsenault was also enrolled, but as a Guide. The hall was decorated by the Brownies in an autumn scene and the Canadian and American flags were displayed as it was an International Enrolment. Many thanks to all the parents who came out for the occasion. The pack thanks you for your support.

Later in November Golden Bars were presented to Christine McDonald, Cheryl Bulawka and JoAnn Wolf. First Year Stars have been presented to JoAnn Wolf, Paula Nicol and Lynn LeBoeuf.



WELL, IT MEANS we've come the full circle.

The following badges have been earned to date: Housekeeper - Heidi Barker; Petkeeper - Cathy Boychuk, Trens Klein, Callie-Lynn Deegan; Toy maker - Lisa Marche, Cathy Boychuk; Skater - Lynn LeBoeuf and Cook - Heidi Barker. Keep up the good work, Brownies!

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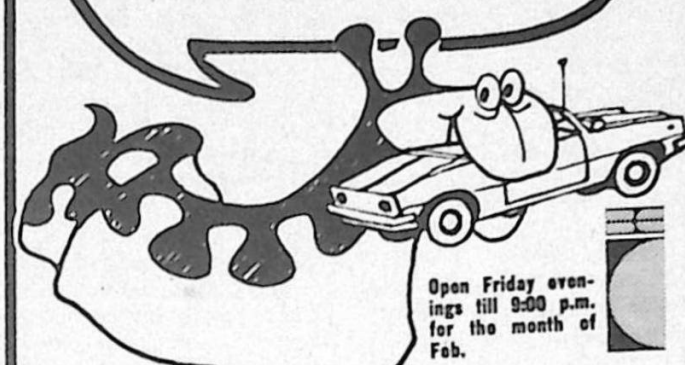
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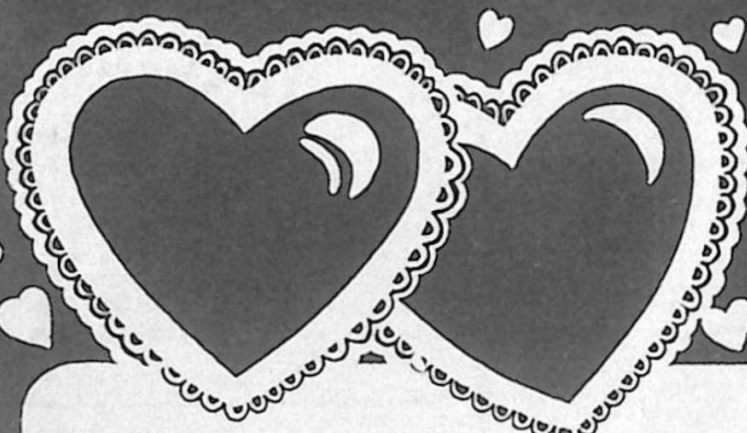


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Friday 22 Feb 74 10:00 a.m. in the R.C. Chapel  
Ash Wednesday 27 Feb 74 7:45 p.m. in the Protestant Chapel  
Sunday 24 Feb 74 9:30 a.m. Mass - Baden Powell Sunday.  
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SACRAMENT OF PENNANCE: Before Mass on Saturday from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and before other Masses.  
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PARISH COUNCIL-CHAPEL COMMITTEE: The regular meeting of the Parish Council-Chapel Committee will take place on Wednesday, February 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members of the Parish Council are urged to attend and any parishioners who wish to attend are also welcome and may have a say in all Parish activities.

ALLIANCE FOR LIFE MEETING: There will be an organizational informational meeting to start a Pro Life of B.C. Branch in the Comox Valley which is a non-denominational organization to protect the life of the unborn. This will take place in St. George's United Church Hall, Courtenay on Monday, 25 February 1974 at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Rhone, M.D. of Vancouver will be the guest speaker and Dr. J. Cabbage, M.D. will chair the meeting.

## GYM SCHEDULE

Monday - 1830 - 1230 hrs Open Recreation.  
Tuesday - 1830 - 1930 hrs Open Recreation.  
1930 - 2130 Ladies Fitness Class (Come prepared to participate)  
Wednesday - 1930 - 2130 hrs Base Badminton Club (Enthusiasm is the key!)  
Thursday 10:30 - 1145 hrs Ladies Fitness class  
1830 - 2130 hrs Open Recreation  
Saturday 1330 - 1630 hrs Open Recreation  
Sunday 1330 - 1630 hrs Open Recreation.  
1830 - 2130 hrs Base Badminton Club  
Other Programs  
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## HOCKEY

### Mann's Mini-Mushrooms

The 442 Gulls (mini-mushrooms) can be described as "mini" in relation to their elders' size, but in heart they are right on the top of the scale.

The Gulls recently competed in the Minor Hockey Week tourney in which they emerged the victors. They are currently in the latter stages of the regular season.

All of their success is dependent on the players themselves. Our line-up starts with Billy Tabler patrolling the mesh, while Dwight Mathison, Prakash Gill, Billy Lewis, and "Topper" Mann supply the defensive work. Our forward lines are comprised of Tommy McCormick centering Ron Johnston and Terry Kee, Gary Montgomery between Dave O'Brien and Mike Elvens and Ricky Moore with Barry Scow and John Brett.

These boys play a game a week against other teams from the Atom A division. I'm sure these boys would appreciate some more fans, especially from their sponsors (442 personnel). See you at the rink.

Carey Mann  
Ass't Coach

### Pacific Region Hockey Playoffs

The Pacific Region Hockey Championships will be hosted by CFB Comox between the 18th and 22nd of February.

This tournament, coming on the heels of TACEVAL, will not, we trust, result in the CFB Comox team taking out their frustrations on their opponents.

The first game will start at 7 p.m. on Monday, 18th February and the presentation of the Pacific Region trophy and other awards will follow the final game, which will be completed at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd February. A complete schedule of games can be found on page 5 under Entertainment and Events.

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## Feb. Weather Comox, 1945-1972

### TEMPERATURES

Maximum temperature on record	59 F	(9th, 1963)
Minimum temperature on record	3 F	(5th 1949)
Mean temperature for month	39.0	
Mean maximum temperature for month	44.9	
Mean minimum temperature for month	33.0	

### RAINFALL

Average monthly total	4.21 Ins.	
Greatest monthly total	10.22 Ins.	24 days 1961
Lowest monthly total	0.94 Ins.	(12 days 1955)
Heaviest rainfall in one day	2.04 Ins.	(16th 1954)
Average number of days with rain (.01" or more)	14.0	

### SNOWFALL

Average monthly total	6.8	
Greatest monthly total	28.0 Ins.	
Lowest monthly total	0.0 Ins.	(14 days 1949)
Heaviest snowfall in one day	10.0 Ins.	(1953, 1958, 1970)
Average number of days with snow (.1" or more)	2.3 Ins.	(1st, 1947)

### THUNDERSTORMS

Reported six times in past 28 years, twice in 1956 and once in 1948, 1950, 1963 and 1971.

### HAIL

Reported three times in past 28 years, twice in 1971 and once in 1951.

### FOG

With visibilities ½ mile or less, no reports for 9 years, 10 reports in 1970. Remaining 18 years averages to 2.8 reports per month.

### WINDS

For the ten year period 1954 to 1963, wind speeds of more than 18 mph, averaged 75.5 hours (11.1 per cent), out of a monthly total of 676.8 hours.



COMOX (CANADIAN FORCES)  
CREDIT UNION

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TOTEM INN LOUNGE  
CFB Comox  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd  
1974  
8:00 p.m.

There will be valuable door prizes

Dancing 2100 - 0200 - Smorgasbord 2200 - 2400

TICKETS \$1.00

## PACIFIC REGION HOCKEY PLAY-OFFS GLACIER GARDENS, CFB COMOX SCHEDULE OF GAMES

### MONDAY - 18 FEB.

1900 - 2130 Aldergrove vs Chilliwack  
2130 - 2400 Esquimalt vs Comox

### TUESDAY - Social

### WEDNESDAY - 20 FEB.

1900 - 2130 Aldergrove vs Comox  
2130 - 2400 Chilliwack vs Esquimalt

### THURSDAY - 21 FEB.

1330 - 1530 Aldergrove vs Esquimalt  
1800 - 2030 Comox vs Chilliwack

Presentation of Trophy and Awards following final game.

Admission 25¢ Per Game  
"SUPPORT THE TOTEMS"



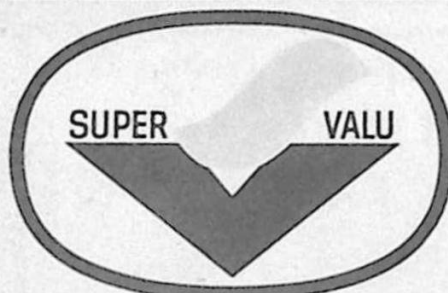
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