

# TOTEM TIMES

If You Budge-it Too Hard The House Will Fall

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## 414 Squadron Canucks Fly At Comox

### Canadian Invasion

SPOKANE - This World's Fair city 100 miles from the Canadian border has a bit of Canada right downtown.

Canadian visitors refer to it jokingly as their beachhead in the United States. From there, they say, the invasion will start.

It's the kind of invasion which will meet no resistance. The Canadians are building a children's park and an indoor and an outdoor theatre, and will turn them over to the City of Spokane when the fair is over.

Canada is among 11 nations participating in Expo '74 from May 4 to Nov. 3, and the western provinces of British Columbia and Alberta are also represented separately.

Together they occupy an entire island in the spectacular Spokane River rapids that churn through the fair site in the heart of the city. Once known as Cannon Island, it has been renamed Canada Island in their honor.

The Canadian Government is spending about \$500,000 to turn the island, once cluttered with an old laundry, warehouses and railroad marshalling yards, into a park which will become part of the larger downtown riverfront park left when the fair is over. The island is being planted with shrubs and trees imported from all over Canada.

The amphitheatre will be the scene of almost continuous entertainment throughout the 184 days of the fair. Many, but far from all the performers and groups will be from

Canada, and admission will be free.

British Columbia is building a pavilion that will stress Expo '74's theme, "Celebrating Tomorrow's Fresh, New Environment," in a series of educational exhibits that will go on tour in the province after the fair.

Canada is also participating in the International Environmental Symposia Series that is one of the main aspects of Expo '74, the first environmental world's fair ever held. The Canadian Government will present its views on environmental problems in a formal Environmental Viewpoint Statement.

August 28 through Sept. 2 has been designated Canada Week at the Fair. Entertainers from all over Canada will take part in ceremonies centering on Canada Island. Among the groups appearing will be the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride and Canada Spectacular.

### Last Issue

24 May

Unless someone volunteers to be Editor of Totem Times in the next week we are sad to announce that the 24 May issue of Totem Times will be the last. Contributions to the 'Ex-Editors' Fund' will be accepted in lieu of flowers.

A detachment of 32 Canadian Forces Personnel, both air and ground crews have been exercising here the past two weeks hosted by 409 Squadron.

The aircraft flown by the 414 Squadron is the Canadian designed CF-100 "Canuck". Originally an all-weather fighter interceptor, the CF-100 was flown by thirteen squadrons in Canada and Europe until its retirement from active service in 1962. Several of the aircraft were reconfigured for an electronic warfare role and brought back into service with the North American Air Defence Command.

The basic role of the squadron is to train NORAD forces in the conduct of an effective air defence battle, in spite of an unfavourable electronic environment and disruption of normal means of control of the defence force.

The squadron acts as friendly enemies and penetrates the protected airspace around North America and in so doing exercises the Interceptor Aircrew along with the men and machinery who control the interceptors.

Electronic Warfare takes the squadron from Puerto Rico to Alaska and from the Atlantic to the Pacific providing our Air Defence System with realistic, unrelenting and imaginative electronic counter-measures situations. They provide assurance that if the day comes when a real enemy triggers our alarm system the NORAD complex will be ready and able to destroy the enemy before he destroys us.



414 SQUADRON CF 100's on the flight line at CFB Comox.



ONLY IN CANADA you say - Bloomin pity.

CF Photo



NEW STAFF CAR? General J. A. Dextraze, chief of the defence staff, Canadian Forces is presented with a commemorative plaque and keys to the first 1 1/4-ton Chrysler truck which is being issued to land forces and Canadian militia. L. G. Crutchlow, assistant deputy minister materiel made the presentation. (Canadian Forces Photo)



CAPT. BILL FARLING has 5000 hours in "T" Birds. CF Photo

### 5000 Hrs. In T-Bird

OTTAWA (CFP) - Captain Bill (Turbo) Farling, 36, of Toronto is looking for someone who can beat his record of 5,000 hours on a T-33 aircraft.

A Voodoo pilot with 416 AW (F) Squadron, Chatham, N.B., Farling went over the 5,000 hour mark on a flight from Bagotville P.Q., to Shearwater, N.S., March 10.

He says "I checked out when I was 18 years old and liked it so much I just kept going. It's nice to have a job that's also your hobby."

Turbo, "a name I had before I joined, but it sorta fits," recounts T-Bird adventures when he blew tires in two less-than-perfect landings and of a black and dirty (Continued on page 7)



WO WILHELM F. WEILER, champion gymnast honored by Governor General Jules Leger. CF Photo

### Gymnast Honoured

Warrant Officer Wilhelm F. Weiler, 38, Canadian Forces Base Europe, Lahr, West Germany, and world champion gymnast receives his decoration as a member of the Order of Canada from Governor-General Jules Leger at an investiture at Government House in Ottawa. Born in Rastatt, Baden, Germany, WO Weiler came to Canada in 1957 and joined the Canadian Army in 1958. He established an outstanding record as a gymnast, topping it by winning three gold, four silver and one bronze medal at the Fourth Pan-American Games in Sao Paulo in 1963. He represented Canada at the Olympic Games and the world championships in 1964 and 1966.

(Canadian Forces photo)



SPLICE THE MAIN BRACE: What's this -- an old DND photo? Not really. The former naval practice of rum drinking on the quarter deck of HMC Ships, discontinued April 1, 1972, was repeated with gusto by HMCS Terra Nova crewmen, CFB Esquimalt this week (Apr. 15, 1974) The occasion, Governor-General Jules Leger ordered a "Splice The Main Brace" for the ships' company for their hospitality the previous day when Governor-General and Madame Leger were guests on board HMCS Terra Nova for a tour around Victoria waters. (Canadian Forces Photo)



"BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY drive, you'll all have to share this one!" Base Commander Col. D.W. McNichol has a busy time with 407 Sqn. awards. Receiving the first clasp to their CDs are from right to

left WO Herman, Sgt. Graham, WO Raymer, Sgt. Trent, WO Peters, Sgt. Bourgeois, Cpl. Hamilton and MWO Alstad.





## Nighthawks Nest

I was glad to see all the well meaning people who came out to give us a hand a few weeks ago. They were quite a colorful lot and as long as you stayed upwind of them, you could really sympathize with their cause. I only wish that the people in Ottawa had the help of these concerned citizens who are instant experts on the need for defensive air to air rockets. I mean, like, you know just because someone has you know, threatened to like to destroy your way of life is no reason to get all hostile and defend yourself, like wow, you know. Or as my old friend Barry Clauswitz used to say, "Si vis pacem, para bellum" whatever that means.

Fast Eddy Leask and Tim O'Rourke have just returned from the Air Weapons Course at CFB Bagotville and are now experts on all phases of air defence. Among the other honors given the two intrepid aviators were the '100 Missions Over Quebec' patch, a bottle of Atabuse to help them get dried out and first chance at the enrolment for a new total immersion French language course to be held somewhere in extreme northern Quebec.

409 Squadron will have a new commander starting the second half of May. Maj. McKay will become CINC Nighthawk and LCol Price is going off to the SOOT shop in North Bay and he will be heading the TACEVAL team. He has been smiling more lately and is having a plaque inscribed with the words "It is better to give than receive". I'm sure that we can all look forward to receiving a great deal of help from LCol Price in the future. Good luck, sir, no matter how much you change when they give you your own whip.

A few other changes are occurring during the month of May. Maj. Mike Mahon is at

the helm of B Flight and Capt. Vern Barker is running the competition over in A Flight. Keeping these two future division commanders in check is now the responsibility of our new Operations Officer, Maj. Pete Zinkan.

The Mystery Major is at it again. No sooner was the indoor-outdoor carpeting installed in the shower of his motorcycle sidecar and the quadraphonic system tuned in for the built in library than the coupling bolt disappeared. What good is a side car if you can't couple? Next thing you know he'll be opening up a bird sanctuary in Royston.

All the Nighthawks have been girding up their loins in anticipation of the coming test of manhood. Every year the

fearless fighters of 409 must face a period of hunger and privation in the wilderness, pitting our wits against a pitiless nature, alone, unarmed and unafraid we survive the rigors of SURVIVAL! And if the Survival MFWAIC forgets the bread and steak sauce again this year he's going to have to spend an extra turn driving the ski boat.

The sounds of spring are filling the air at CFB Comox. Lawn mowers start at dawn and quit at dusk when the jet engines take over. We know that we make a little bit of noise and sometimes if you're a light sleeper you will hear us practicing for the one day when we dare not fail our mission. Pardon our noise, it's the sound of freedom.

## Mushroom Mutterings

First of all this week, a welcome goes out to the new faces around 442 Squadron, with none other than Major Ken Durrant, an ex-Albatross driver, returning to the fold after an absence of four years at 440 Sqn., Edmonton. Right behind him is Sgt. Larry Cote, the new Buffalo F.E. leader, from 424 Sqn., Trenton, by way of Egypt. Also new in the F.E. section are Cpls. Mick McGuire and J.J. Landry, fresh off course.

Down on the hangar floor, where it really counts, new Mushroom Mechanics include: Cpl. Barry Gerrior, who's been banished to G.S.E. for the time being, and Privates Marc Decurtins, John Gurholt and Tom Witke, all from Borden. Welcome to the Fungus Farm, one and all.

On the departing side, Sgt. Russ Engelmeyer has been traded off to 407 Sqn. for two cases of hydraulic fluid, and Dick Bruce (MCpl retired), went through his clearances

like a shot, so he wouldn't lose any fishing time. Art Howald of Avionics has his walking papers, soon to be heading for Edmonton.

Congratulations go out to Michelle White up in the Orderly Room, who recently made Master Corporal. When asked to what she attributed her rapid rise in rank, Michelle replied, "I always iron my typewriter ribbon every day."

442 Sqn's first golf tournament of the year, the "Gumshoe Invitational", was played on the 25th of April, with an even two dozen players on hand. The prizes went like this: first, second and third low gross, Dave Davidson, Ron Carter and Bill Carr-Hilton. First, second and third low net, Dick Norman, Bill Olendy and Bill Brown. Longest drive, Hank Comtois; closest to pin, Russ Engelmeyer; most honest golfer, Mike Olive; best poker hand, Bill Carr-Hilton; and hidden hole, Bob Smith.

## Flash Flaredrop

In this exciting issue, our intrepid aviator ponders the fate of the nation, as rumblings of an election grow even louder.

"Rats," muttered Flash, as he stomped out of the C.O.'s conference, his brow, wrinkled with many problems. "Everybody's got questions but nobody's got the answers! Inflation, strikes, budget speeches, recruiting, even phantom story writers! And the most important one of

all, when am I going to the Middle East?"

"Well, Flash," offered Major Minor, as he lit his pipe, "I'll try and answer them in the order you pose them: worse; more; not much; even less; and nobody knows. As for your most important one: sooner than you think."

"Well," mumbled the stallion of the skies, "that's a start, but right now I've got to get airborne. Sidekick, get

your carcass and your oil cans out to our aircraft! We'll maintain a roving standby over Tree Island, in case anybody is in need of our vital and humane services.

Once airborne, Flash settled his mount into an orbit over the bay. He was quite pleased with himself, having managed to talk that lovely young voice in the tower into allowing a takeoff on runway 36, although they narrowly missed a T-Bird doing a slow approach from thirty miles back. Suddenly, there came a crackling over the radio: "Flash, this is Budget, return to base immediately!"

Whereupon our hero thrust his control column to one side, nearly crippling his co-pilot and put his trusty steed into a power dive, as his mind raced with anticipation. "Maybe my posting has come in, or my new silk scarf has arrived in the mail. Oh, what a joy to be needed! (A thought which was just a dream for many of Flash's colleagues).

After executing a controlled collision with the runway and taxiing at takeoff speed back to the ramp, our man raced up the spiral staircase to the Ops Room where he breathlessly confronted Capt. Sweatsock, who was desperately trying to

figure out who had managed to avoid their physical fitness testing. "I'm here, gasped the stallion of the skies, as he clung to the ops counter. "What do you want me for? Oh, nothing much," answered the ops officer as he looked up from his black list, "just another question. Since you're on standby today, you're entitled to a free meal of your choice, courtesy of the government. What'll it be, hot dog deluxe or the chef's bologna surprise?"

Wood formed in early years is usually weaker than wood formed later in life.

## Hospital Anaesthesia

We'd like to do something (again) that we are not normally known to do...be serious. We'd like to gratefully express our thanks to all who came out to the Blood Donor Clinic, those who were accepted, and those who were not. A total of 117 donations were taken. Thank you, blood donors. And, thanks, too, and especially to the Catholic ladies auxiliary who donated their time and help in making this a successful Blood Donor Clinic. NEEDLES & JABS

Don't be surprised if you see a sign on the front door of the Hospital one of these days, saying: "Closed for Business...Gone Fishing!" At

least, by the way some of the talk around here goes, Moby Dick ain't got a chance. Maybe that's why a number of our people look and smell so fishy to you.

A.F.says D. B. is still a "virgin fisherman". Hasn't caught anything yet (that he can brag about).

Congratulations To Mrs. T. on becoming a Grandmother again.

To Robbie MacBourne and Betty, the proud parents of a bouncing baby BOY! (Around here they usually come up with girls). Robbie had a hard time of it, of course. When he woke up the next day, he had a sore head.

On the latest, Airevac, Lloyd McKay, as usual, got himself into a mess. Seems he doesn't know the powers of the press. He tried to prevent the Vancouver Sun photographer from doing his thing. Anyway, doesn't he know that we get enough publicity without fighting with the Vancouver Sun.

Speaking of airevacs, if Capt. Helen Gerrard uses talcum powder on the babies the way she used it on Ray Mostowy, she had better not go on too many airevacs involving babies. She gave it to him on the wrong end! (It took him an hour to clean off his glasses).

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Premier Dave Barrett will light the Festival cairn in front of the Parliament Buildings in Victoria at noon on Thursday, May 16, 1974, to mark the official opening of the fifth annual British Columbia Festival of Sports.

### COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

Each year, a growing number of communities are featuring Festival of Sports programmes that have a broad base of participation in sports and cultural activities combined with major attractions, parades and pageantry.

**CUMBERLAND** - Empire Day Celebrations May 18, 19, 20. Festival of Sports events include: Comox Valley Little League Baseball Tournament, Old-Timers Soccer Tournament, Regional Track & Field Meet, Highland Dancing, many family participation events; Smorgasbord dinner and dance. 1 Wm. Moncrief Jr Box 340, 336-2111.

**NANAIMO** - Empire Day Celebrations - Nanaimo Centennial May 17, 18, 19, 20. May Queen Pageant May 17, Empire Day Ball May 18, Fireworks Display May 19, "Days of Yesteryear" Parade May 20, Logger Sports at Fish and Game Grounds May 18, 19; Straits of Georgia Regatta May 18, 19, 20; Festival of Sports Events include: International Horseshoe Pitching Tournament May 18, 19; City Centennial Soccer Tournament May 18, 19, 20; Regional Tennis Tournament May 18, 19; Little Britches Rodeo May 19 Exhibition park. 1 Mrs. Margaret Foley 398 Hillcrest 754-5874.

**VICTORIA** - Victorian Days Celebrations May 17-26. Full 9-day programme of participation, sports and cultural events. For full details 1 Victorian Days Society, 1020 Government St. 353-7191.

**Friday, May 17** Opening Victorian Days Salute, Parliament Buildings 10:30 am.  
**Saturday, May 18** Armed Forces Day; Woodward's-CKDA Pancake Breakfast 8-10 am; Yates St. Arts & Crafts 10 am - 4 pm; Snowbird Acrobatic Team off Beacon Hill Park 11 am; Naval Dock Yards ship tours, displays and demonstrations 1 - 5:30 pm; May Queen Crowning at Centennial Square 3 pm; Concerts & parades.  
**Sunday, May 19** Air Rally 7 am - 7 pm; Blakthorn, 25 mile circuit, 9 am checkpoints Mile 0, Cattle Point, Cedar Hill & Shelbourne & Naden 9 am; Junior Horse Show Victoria Riding Academy 9 am; Gay Nineties Fun Frolic Day Centennial Square, Douglas & Yates Sts. 2 - 9:30 pm; Concerts & Costume Parades; Crowning of Miss Victoria, Legislative Buildings 10 pm.  
**Monday, May 20** Open Horse Show Victoria Riding Academy 9 am; Pre-parade entertainment Douglas St. 9:30 am; Grand Parade Douglas St.; Bastion & Centennial Squares Activities 10:30 am - 9 pm; International Village & Ethnic Dancing, Concerts; Logger Sports Inner Harbour 2 pm; Inner Harbour & Gorge Regatta & Canoe Races 2 pm.  
**Tuesday, May 21** Bastion & Centennial Squares, activities, 10:30 am to 9 pm; International Village & Ethnic Dancing; Arts & Crafts, Yates St. Mall, 10 am - 4 pm; Reelathon, Hillside Shopping Centre, 12 noon.  
**Wednesday, May 22** Bastion & Centennial Squares, activities, 10:30 am to 9 pm; International Village & Ethnic Dancing; Arts & Crafts, Yates St. Mall, 10 am - 4 pm; Joint Secretaries and Victorian Days Luncheon, Empress Hotel, 12 noon; Colligan Ball, University Craigdarroch Hall, 9 pm.  
**Thursday, May 23** Bastion & Centennial Squares, activities, 10:30 am to 9 pm; International Village & Ethnic Dancing; Arts & Crafts, Yates St. Mall, 10 am - 4 pm; Garage Sale - 2 to 10 pm; Curling Rink.

### SPORTS EVENTS

#### BASEBALL

**CUMBERLAND** Village Mayday Regional Championships May 16, 17, 18, Village Park 1K, Allen Box 340 Cumberland 336-2643

#### BOWLING

**DUNCAN** 5 Pin Regional 1974 Tournament of Champions May 19, 11 am Duncan Lanes 1S, Manning 3481 Kingsway Vancouver 437-8494  
**VICTORIA** 5 Pin Regional Golden Age Bowling Championships May 17 Town & Country Lanes 1V, Jones 3494 Saanich Rd Victoria 388-4013

#### CYCLING

**CAMPBELL RIVER** Regional Festival of Sports Bike Race May 19, 1 pm 22 Miles Road Race Ripple Rock Look Out 1C, Padeur 91 South Thulin Campbell River 287-7028

#### DARTS

**VICTORIA** Provincial British Columbia Darts Championships May 18, 11 am 19, 1 pm Britannia Auditorium 1K, Fowler Sooke Road Victoria 478-1975

#### HIGHLAND DANCING

**CUMBERLAND** Regional Mayday Highland Dancing May 19, 10:30 am Village Park 1W, Moncrief Jr Box 340 Cumberland 336-2111

#### HORSESHOE PITCHING

**NANAIMO** International Tournament May 18, 19 registration 10 am play starts 11 am Exhibition Park 1R, Blunt 3267 Graveley St. Vancouver 253-3234

#### HORSE SHOWS, RODEOS

**NANAIMO** Little Britches Rodeo May 19, 1:30 pm Exhibition Park Nanaimo 1H, Chilton 442 Wakesiah Ave Nanaimo 753-8566

#### LOGGER SPORTS

**PORT ALBERNI** Novice Professional International Open Championships May 19 eliminations 10 am starting time 1 pm Timber Bowl (Canada, USA, Australia) 1A, Harley RR 1 Port Alberni 723-8307

**VICTORIA** Victorian Days Logging Show May 20, 2:30 pm (USA, Australia, New Zealand) 1L, Crutchlow 5187 Sapphire Victoria 657-8070

#### MOTORSPORT

**PORT HARDY** Victoria to Port Hardy The Missing Link Car Rally May 18, 19 starting Legislation Buildings to G. E. Wilson Arena Beaver Harbour Park Port Hardy 1S, Johnson Box 168 Port Hardy 949-6582

**VICTORIA** Regional Victoria Day Championship Auto Racing May 20, 1 pm & 7 pm Western Speedway 1J, Begg 2647 Quadra St Victoria 388-5711

#### SOCCER

**CUMBERLAND** Invitational Annual Old Timers Soccer Game May 19, 1 pm Village Park 1W, Moncrief Jr Box 340 Cumberland 336-2111

#### SOFTBALL

**CEDAR** Open Invitational Empire Day Tournament May 19, 20, 9 am Cedar Jr High School Field 1C, Thompson RR 2 Raines Rd Cedar 753-1605

#### TENNIS

**NANAIMO** Regional B.C. Festival of Sports Tennis Tournament May 18, 479-7539

19, 10 am - 6 pm Nanaimo Tennis Club 1T, Simmet 970 Milner Ave Victoria

#### TRACK & FIELD

**CUMBERLAND** May Day Sports Day May 19, 10:30 am Village Park 1W, Moncrief Jr Box 340 Cumberland 336-2111

**DUNCAN** G. R. Pearkes - CeoVAC Invitational May 18, 19, 10:30 am Zenith Gyro Track 1R, Major 1015 Vista Ave Duncan 746-6241

#### WATER SKIING

**VICTORIA** 1974 B.C. Festival of Sports Water Ski Championships Open May 18, 19, 8 am Victoria Aqua Ski Club - Site Shawnigan Lake 1C, Moffat St W Burnside Rd Victoria 388-4045

Plan to participate in the British Columbia Festival of Sports this coming week. You, your family and friends can take an active part in many scheduled events. Or, you can attend events as a welcome spectator. Either way, you will enjoy memorable, leisure-time activities of your own choosing.

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## 407 Tech Ramblings

### ARMAMENT'S ANTICS

Due to the combination of a tremendous workload, nearly 30 per cent of section members either retiring or resigning, and more importantly, the recent posting of our column's last writer, we haven't been heard from for a while. This week we'll try and recap some of the more prominent recent happenings.

Not long ago four of our dedicated and serious young (?) athletes managed, through sheer desire and rare (for them) sobriety, to capture the much coveted "Silver Whisk" at the annual 407 Techs' Bonspiel and Drink-in.

Although talk from the disgruntled and obviously disappointed opposition team members would lead an uninformed bystander to believe the armament four-some were really the fabled Richardson brothers in disguise, I would like to refute this publicly. Granted, there were remarkable similarities to the Richardsons' in the style and techniques displayed by our championship rink, but any curler should know that the Richardson brothers are even older than our four stalwarts.

Bob Tremblay, our resident 28 per center, has constructed a colorful trophy shelf to display the Silver Whisk and all of 407 Armament's other trophies (one). They will soon be displayed for visitors viewing and no doubt be the envy of many.

Friday last was a very eventful day as most section personnel had a serious run-in with the WO i.e. The run-in was the mile and a half of pain, nausea and cramps called Physical Fitness Testing, or something like that. This is a device cleverly designed to kill the weak and thus keep the forces fit by attrition.

The wet track and high cold wind velocity precluded any serious attempts at world records, but nevertheless, sheer pride and a fear of Ottawa, drove all to assault the course. Pre-run tensions were terrific. Many poor souls were seen nervously puffing cigarettes, and worrying about how their wind would hold out. The familiar habit of

up-tight athletes having to have a nervous one prior to an event no doubt accounted for the many puddles on the track.

The mode of dress worn readily indicated the individual's attitude toward the whole thing. There was the serious type - track shorts and matching "T" shirts; the experienced - full track suits and adidas; the nonchalant blokes - street clothes with borrowed sneakers; and, of course the clumsy type - coveralls for falling (or fainting).

The little guy with the flashy forty dollar track suit and his great grandfather's re-treaded sneakers was a bit of a puzzle although one Bird borrowed his son's well ventilated tennis shoes, jacket, "T" shirt - in fact the kid got the day off from school as he had nothing left to wear.

The big event was timed by lucky (medical deferment) "Zeke the Streak" and his trusty aide "The Hefty Honky". It was unanimously decided to keep Big Bruce out of the run as everyone was afraid he might get confused and run the course backwards. God, it would have been like hitting a brick wall while going full tilt. The gruelling monotony and gasping pain of the six long laps had a few lighter moments. For instance, the two utterly exhausted runners who were sticking together like glue in case of an emergency; blown runner, heart attack, etc. They were given inspiration when they spied a female form jiggling, er - jogging, er - running up ahead. They called up tremendous reserves of energy and managed to draw up just behind the object of their inspiration. Unfortunately they couldn't hold it though.

I passed (slowly) one half-dead and barely moving runner (?) who had a most original and curious breathing technique. With every intake he gave a wavering "Ohhh", and then exhaled with what sounded like "God". His constant prayer, or curse, of "Oh God, Oh God", drove me on as I knew I didn't have the strength left to apply artificial respiration should he expire.

At one point I managed to get abreast of the boss-man and thought it an opportune time to ask him for the afternoon off, it being Friday and all. It took nearly a lap to convince me that I didn't have the ability to talk and pant together and that I probably wouldn't live until the afternoon anyway.

Surprisingly, the entire gaggle managed to finish, but it is very doubtful if any will be going to the Montreal Olympics in any other capacity than just spectators. The perfect finishing remark to the morning's fun came from the wagg, while lying utterly spent just over the finish line, lifted his sweat (or tear) stained face and gasped, "That was refreshing, we MUST do it again next year". "OH GOD!"

This Physical Fitness bit got me to thinking about all of the other stumbling blocks to promotion now being advanced. The French course, the junior leaders' course, the race course, of course, etc. Hell, by the time the average joe completes everything, he could be pushing fifty and ready to farm. Why not just condense all this into a quick one-shot effort? Simply institute a mile and a half run with personnel carrying FN rifles and doing drill movements en route. Instructions would be given by a French teacher, naturally. Perhaps we could even sign short-term sea waiver and run it in the rain.

Will leave you with this old bit of "Spirit de Corps", attributed to Lord Trenchard - "Without an Air Force, there's no need for Armourers!" (or something like that!).

### AVIONICS

Spring has arrived in the avionics section, or at least so it would seem judging by Jim Draper's seasonal color change which is also closely related to boats, breezes, sun and water.

The AVSO is also doing his spring thing in that he is either undertaking the development of a rock farm or the construction of an Alcatraz type of wall. As he keeps gathering the rocks in little piles, he is heard to mutter aloud something pertaining to the joys of home ownership and-or chain gangs. Oh well, only a few more tons to go.

A Demon welcome to Sgt. Engelmeyer who is settling into repair after the rigors and hardship of the long journey from 442. Rumor has it that reimbursement at the rate of 10 cents per mile awaits him on the occasion of the next social function.

Avionics annual Duffers Derby is slated for the Glacier Greens on May 10th with tee-off commencing at 1230 hours when the AVSWO is expected to make his customary ceremonial slice into the woods. Since a full turnout is expected for this memorable event, it is suggested that you register early by calling Hal Dicks at local 367.

It has been your scribe's intention to list the names of all those who will be departing on posting, release or retirement but the task was so depressing that it has been postponed until such time as a closer parking spot becomes available.

**SERVICING SNICKERS**  
They say that no news is good news and with that in

mind, I was tempted not to write this week as we could all use some good news; or something; or anything ... or nothing ... or ... see what I mean.

Capt. Ron Irving is off to hospital for an operation of some type and all of us wish him a speedy recovery. Everett Hale has gone to Namao, which I'm sure is good news to anyone in H.Q. during his stint as PMC of Cpls' Club.

Ted Mahood is posted to Chatham and, while I think of it, they're starting to carry some strange looking objects in the Aft Bomb Bay. I hope they don't try a water landing because of it.

Bernie Boutaught is off to the "Charm School" for a few weeks and old M-slash Gould is checking out Argus wing in Greenwood for awhile. I think Bob will come back with a tool box full of lobster, but then the whole trip sounds fishy.

A word of warning to all crews; watch out for Super Crew; with their new yellow "dickies" you'll have to wear "shades" or go blind looking at them.

There has been a handful of promotions of late with five new Squadron Leaders made and our congratulations go out to them all.

## Safety 75 Securite

How is your General Safety Program?

Something we see a lot of these days are those convenient "spray bombs" or more accurately aerosols. For convenience, many home and workplace products are now packaged this way and there is a tendency to overlook the hazards they bring to us, along with the convenience. The following article, prepared by our Base Hygiene Tech, M.Cpl. McIlvenna, illustrates the dangers, DO's and DON'Ts.

**Safety Precautions for Aerosols.**  
At a naval shipyard an apprentice pipefitter was about to spray-paint a waveguide tube section with a zinc chromate primer. The spray valve on the aerosol can of primer did not work when he pressed it. Thinking he could "loosen the paint", he placed the can in a vat of boiling water used for cleaning waveguide tubes. The water temperature in the vat is kept between 180 deg.

and 212 deg. F. He let the paint can float in the boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds, then reached down to remove it. As he did so, the can exploded.

A fragment struck him on the forehead and boiling water splashed in his face and on his body, accidentally causing 24 days lost from work due to injuries.

Aerosol containers can become aerosol bombs because they are "gas operated". When a product is put into such a container, a propellant, usually a liquefied gas under pressure, is sealed in with it. When you press the spray valve, a portion of this liquefied gas vaporizes, exerting pressure which propels the material up a tube to the valve and into the atmosphere. Each time you use an aerosol can, more propellant is vaporized inside.

**Basic Safety Rules**

1. Always remember that the contents are under pressure.

2. Store aerosol cans at room temperature, away

from sunlight, radiators, stoves, hot water or other heat source.

3. Do not leave aerosol cans in cars.

4. Keep them away from children! Young people have been seen igniting the spray to "make a blowtorch". This is extremely hazardous, with danger of burns to the skin and clothing, eye damage or possible explosion.

4. Use the spray in a ventilated area and avoid inhaling the spray.

6. Do not smoke or allow any open flame in areas where aerosols are in use.

7. If the spray is an insecticide, keep your skin well covered and wash thoroughly afterward.

8. Never puncture an aerosol can or throw it into a fire.

9. Before discarding an aerosol container, hold the spray valve open until all of the contents and as much of the gas as possible are released.

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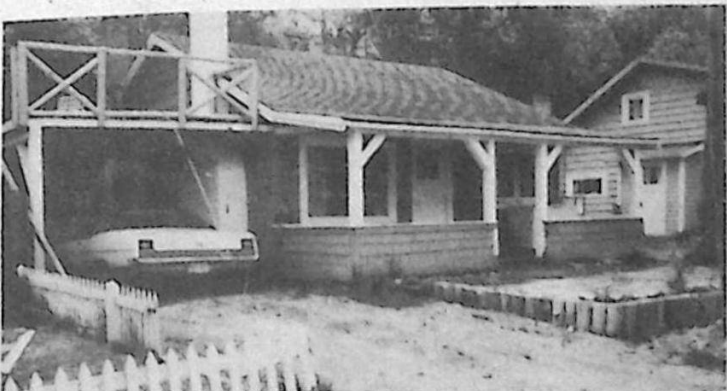
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# Editorials

## Paragon Of Ethics

In any democratic society one of the functions of the military institution is to exemplify and defend the values of that society. In our society a premium is placed upon several civil rights, such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press and equality under law. Therefore in order to defend our societal rights and to act as an example for them the service newspaper, if it is to be representative of military ethics, must also be accorded these same rights.

It would seem that the editorial policy of Totem Times, albeit somewhat liberal by comparison to other or previous standards, has in fact acted as the paragon of military ethics.

It has underscored equality by printing letters and articles from all ranks, thus the private has been given his right to freedom of the press as equally as the general. In addition, articles expressing private opinions and grievances were not suppressed but published for all to see that those basic freedoms — press and speech — continue to be operative within the highly structured military institution. In other words, the defenders of democracy are in themselves democratic, not totalitarian.

If any facet of a society acts responsibly it will be accorded respect by that society and this is exactly what has happened in the case of the Totem Times editorial policy. Some of its

recent articles have been reprinted by several other service newspapers (once without proper credit), including "Canada's Largest Military Newspaper" on the east coast, and one editor referred to Totem Times as "The Bible". This surely says something about a meeting of minds.

A government agency recently complained that one of the inherent problems within it was a 'communication gap' between the lower working level and high level management. It is submitted that the service newspaper can serve as a medium for bridging that gap within the Canadian Forces and that Totem Times has served as a pillar in that bridge.

Unfortunately, one small problem remains. It is one thing to have views and print them, but another to have them read and given serious consideration where it really counts — at the top. Thus far, although a lot of people are reading Totem Times and commenting orally and in writing, it's very much like butting your head against a stone wall.

Thousands of Canadian military have paid the supreme sacrifice in defence of democracy and our basic freedoms. Even today, many more stand ready to do less. Surely Totem Times in exemplifying these inherent principles must be recognized as a "paragon of the Military ethic".

## The Mushroom Theory

The "Mushroom Theory", simply defined, implies that people, like mushrooms, when kept in the dark and fed a reasonable amount of guff become fat, contented and in the end are either canned or frozen.

Remember Paul Hellyer?

Remember Unification?

Remember Mr. Hellyer's quote on unification 7 Dec. 1966? — "Unification will result in a single service not abandoning but building up traditions of the past and injecting that enthusiasm and vigor required for a dynamic new organization."

Mr. Hellyer, never being very explicit, seems to have avoided mentioning what traditions the then future Armed Forces would be built on.

It would have seemed inconceivable at the time to think that the R.C.A.F., the largest, the most highly trained and having the lowest attrition rate, would in fact be called upon to contribute so little, if any, of its tradition to this "dynamic new organization."

It would have seemed inconceivable that the R.C.A.F. system of progression and promotion used throughout the

fifties and into the sixties with a manpower of some 50,000 personnel would not be workable in the mid seventies. That an individual joining the R.C.A.F. in 1955, having completed his trade boards, numerous courses, attaining promotion to Cpl., writing and passing qualification examinations, should suddenly have to adapt to an Army type "Jr. Leadership Course" to become "eligible" for his M Cpl. or Mini Sgt. — or whatever. Does it imply that Air Force trained Sgts. and Sr. NCO's of today are dum dums, — poor leaders — etc.

However, let us suppose a Cpl. with some twenty years service takes the blank blank course — passes it — that doesn't mean he will be promoted —? Oh no! — not at all — There are still a couple more mountains to climb namely the Francophone Anglophone Dilemma — and would you believe — the waiver — but that is a goodie for another day.

If the "mushroom theory" holds true, it should come to pass that all sea going personnel will get promoted even faster, come ashore faster, replace us EX Air Force people and give us a go at the good life afloat and the opportunity of getting — yes friends — SEA SICK. J.H.

## Just a Truck Driver

By D. W. CAMPBELL

I'm sure you've heard the expression before: "What's he? 'What does your husband do?" "What's your daddy?" Oh! He's just a truck driver and in reflecting I tried to piece together just what I am. Trucking is still the second largest industry and I am a part of it, civilian or military, it doesn't matter. It wasn't many years ago when truck drivers were considered to be brawny, cussing, drinking, woman chasing, second class — never again, some truck drivers are making \$13, - \$14,000 annually.

At one time to be a truck driver in the military you had to qualify by testing. Then as some trades became too heavy or extinct, or perhaps to save someone from being released, they were trained as truck drivers, we were all proud of our qualifications and stuck together (cussing, drinking, woman chasing, etc.)

One big difference between the military driver and his civilian counterpart is that not many truck drivers are trained to be soldiers, but every military truck driver is a trained soldier (Note: I don't care how you take it, I'm a trained killer like the rest of you).

I remember a poor fellow trying to teach me to drive a stake truck. I scared him out of the service, and another time (before any formal training) I bounced a Group Captain for five minutes before we arrived at our destination. Use of the clutch was not yet one of my strong points.

There is more information written for and about driving than any other trade in the military. To be "just a truck driver" you have a formal course which teaches you basic mechanics along with driving techniques and regulations. First aid, you say, doesn't everyone? Well, it's very important to drivers, because many of us have had to use the old band-aid trick. Rules, who has more rules, you can't turn right here, no trucks over 3 tons, low bridge, and I could go on, and, I sometimes do, on all day.

Somebody whispered accident. Well, do you know that many of the military truck drivers are Safety Engineers? No? Well let me elucidate. We have to find out what causes accidents. Nobody is better qualified to find out what happened than a truck driver with a six-week safety supervisor course under his seat belt.

Fire; evacuate, reports, extinguish. It's not always so simple with a truck, I personally saw a driver roll under a 3,400-gallon refuelling tender with an extinguisher and put out a fire. He wasn't told to do this, but he was trained and he did it, probably without thinking of the danger to himself. Another time — oh, that's a whole nother story. Anyway, on some smaller bases, most of the personnel are almost fully trained firefighters, you know, the whole bit — up the ladder, off the back of the truck, etc.

I mentioned the refuelling trucks. Want to give up smoking? Take a small course on aircraft refuelling and you won't even let your gold fillings click together on a cold day. This is also a prerequisite for military truck drivers.

We sometimes get a few kudos for a job well done, but they don't give you credit at the store. I have seen an 18 or 20-year-old driver being handed a map and given instructions like "well you are to be in Copenhagen tomorrow at 1700 hours with this truck full of equipment, don't be late and good luck." A few days later you may see that same driver in the smoke room, ask how the trip went and he will invariably say, "Okay".

Back at the base there are those desk jocks who hold the fort (or garage) and aren't on the road much. All of a sudden there is an exercise and these desk jocks are driving 40-passenger buses and semi-trailers. Are they qualified? They most certainly are. Usually they are given these jobs only after hundreds of hours and thousands of miles of driving. They learn the office procedure, the supply end of things, and lest we forget, the despatching and teaching duties.

Many of our drivers are driving instructors, having learned this task at CFB Borden or in everyday driving duties. Had a Defensive Driving Course lately, and heard the latest crop of jokes?

Have I forgotten anything? Probably, because there is so much to say. Oh yes, ahem, did someone plow snow into your driveway one night last winter? You guessed it, it was "just a truck driver".

Most of all, military truck drivers are close-mouthed, top notch chauffeurs, who are thoughtful, and considerate of their passengers.

The Dispatch

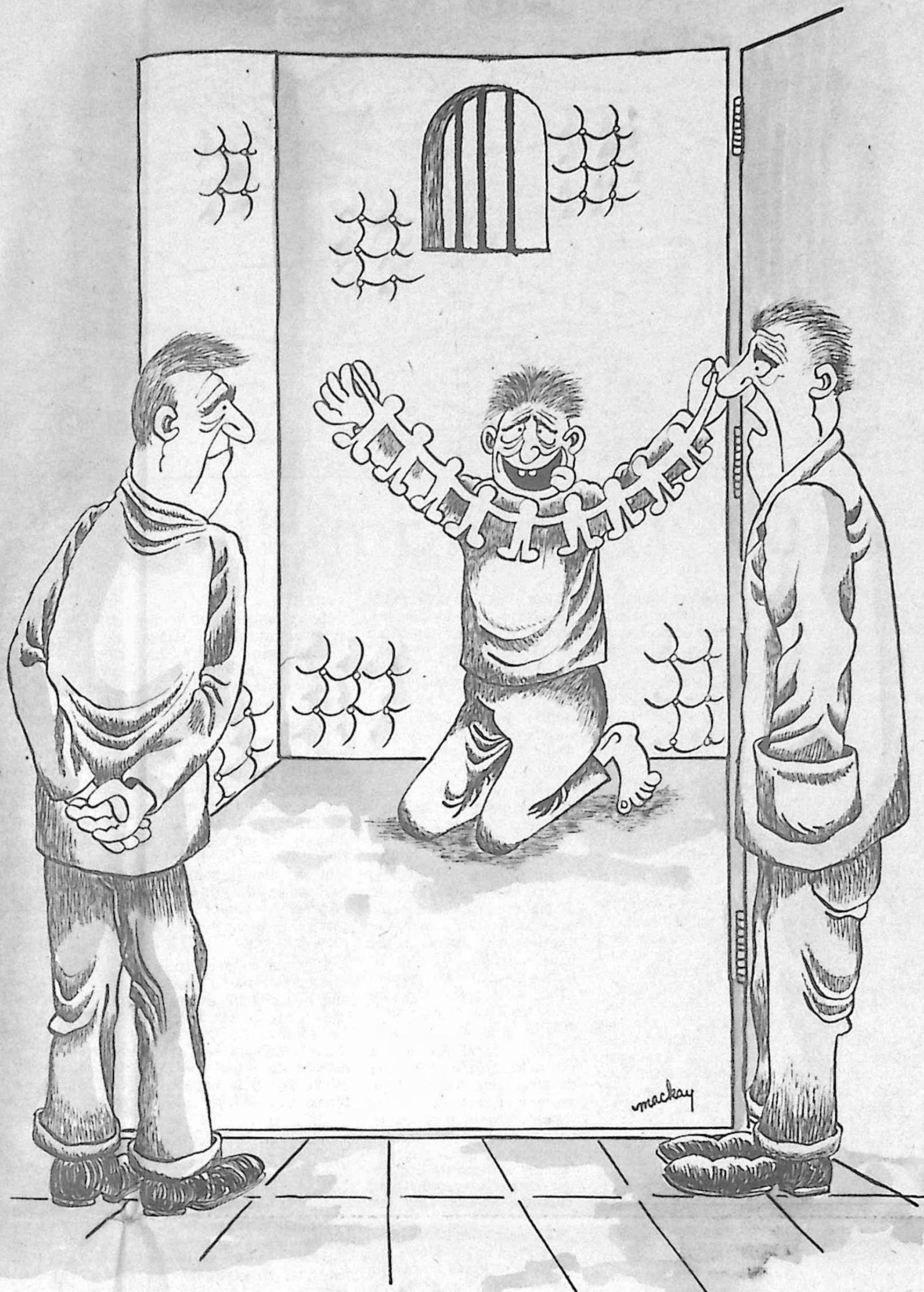
## Totem Talk

Two letters, addressed as follows, found their way unerringly to the Editor, Totem Times!

"Mr. C.F.B. COMOX  
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"AFTER DEDUCTING INCOME TAX, CPP, UIC and his pension contributions from the \$500, he tried dividing by 12 and that's when they brought him in here."

## Letters To The Editor

### Ex-409er Keen Observer

Dear Sir:

I read with considerable interest your Times issue commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the R.C.A.F. Being an Ex-409er, I was especially interested in the page devoted to that very fine Squadron. I noted some errors in the pictures which should be corrected by the present "tenants" in view of 25th Anniversary Color Ceremony which should take place in 1975 and its associated publicity.

The picture of the Beaufighter is that of a Coastal Beau, not a night fighter. Even if the picture were put in correctly, the Squadron letters are wrong. "KP" was the 409 designator. The Mosquito is a bomber! Nuff said. The CF100 belong to 419 Squadron, whose identifiers were "UD". Post-war 409 was assigned the letters "LP".

I expect any 409er, past or present, reading this will ask since some of the pictures are right off the Squadron entrance foyer, why I didn't have them changed when I was there. I tried, but failed. In those days, I was in a position to 'delegate' those tasks — unsuccessfully it appears — shows the importance of follow-up action and longer tours.

The point of my letter is to encourage 409 Squadron to make every effort to correct this and other Squadron historical items in view of next year's activities.

Incidentally, the picture in the middle showing a wartime pilot labelled "Soup" Campbell (in jest, I am sure) is actually W C Peterson, the first CO of 409 Squadron. He was killed while flying a Beaufighter turning from Base to final at Coleby Grange airfield in Lincolnshire. That's when it really came

home to us that the Beau was a sensitive, unforgiving beast, to be treated with respect.

I congratulate you on a fine commemorative issue of the Totem Times. I trust 409 will come through, as they usually do, in correcting their historical memorabilia in spite of their very long and arduous duty week.

Brigadier-General  
W. H. Vincent  
Chief of Staff  
Air Defence Command  
Ex-409er

### Extra Copies

Dear Sir:

One of the pleasant duties I have in reading base and unit service newspapers and compiling a digest of the more interesting articles for the perusal of our masters. The Totem Times is generally well-featured. For your own information, I am enclosing a copy of one of our Extracts. Having run the rag myself one time, I know you are besieged with requests for copies. This is yet another — I would appreciate it if you would place us on your mailing list for two copies of the Totem Times.

I'm biased, but in my opinion you run the best base newspaper in the Forces. Keep it up.

L. A. Dodd  
Major  
Editor, CFPN

Dear Major Dodd,  
Biased or not, we love praise.  
Ed.

### Aviation Bug

Dear Sir:

I am an employee of the Department of National Defence here in St. Hubert and recently had the good fortune to come across your "50th Anniversary Edition" dated March 28th.

Being an "aviation bug" since the days of the visit of the R-100 to St. Hubert Air Base, you will no doubt ap-

preciate what an issue such as this means to one who has such an interest.

It was particularly nice to see a photo and read a little about George Beurling who seems to be forgotten when any R.C.A.F. history is written.

Would it be possible to have two copies of this paper sent to me, one of which will be passed on to members of a local Aviation Historical Group.

This would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours  
John Carpenter

### Look What I Found Mom

Dear Sir:

Having been a resident of M.Q.'s for a while, 5 years, I have begun to wonder what kind of people live in them. Articles left in the patio or under the back stairs, with the owners name on them, suddenly develop legs and walk away in the dead of night, or they are cut and torn beyond repair. The last inanimate thing to walk away from my place was a patio broom at a cost of \$5.00. The point is how can parents keep these things that were FOUND. Honesty seems to be a word we have lost in our vocabulary.

There are gangs of children, or shall we call them young adults, anywhere from age 11 to 15, roaming around in the small hours of the morning looking for trouble. I know where my kids are at that hour, DO YOU?? Has it got to the point where bikes, brooms, rakes, hoses and various outdoor paraphernalia has to be chained up or brought in. These things do not break in the streets so how can parents keep these things around their homes.

A very sad state of affairs it has indeed become.

A.P.M.Q. Resident

Dear Resident:

How true, but don't feel too bad. The same type of "goons" operate in Comox and Courtenay and the blame has to be put squarely on a lack of parental responsibility. "Like Father, Like Son" is an old cliché which seems to fit our society as well today as it did yesterday.

### Pension Annuities Self Supporting!

Dear Sir:

Last week, the Government issued grants of \$350,000 and \$575,000 to Mali and India for drought relief and to train miners, respectively. They also contributed \$300 million to help "some" low income families buy homes at low interest rates. "The upper third of the lower income band" unquote (up to \$12,000 in large cities or up to \$6,000 in smaller centres).

It seems ironic that the same people who issue grants such as this and others (L.I.P. - O.F.Y. etc) cannot see fit to

let "us" have our own paid in pension contributions so we could invest it for ourselves and reap the profits. We do not ask for grants or interest free loans or the like but our own money.

If you base the service strength at 80,000 people and with an average contribution of \$50.00 a month (Payfield "C" Cpl pays \$63.63 some lower and some higher depending on rank etc) it amounts to \$48 million a year. Invested for ten years at 10 per cent interest, and adding yearly contributions it would total in excess of \$800 million without pay raises included in the interim. If this had been done years ago I would guess that a man could conceivably have retired with full pay and an escalation clause without danger of running the fund low. I would further estimate then in future years our contributions would decrease instead of increasing as the interest compounded would take care of this.

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## May Weather Resume 1945 - 1973

**TEMPERATURES**  
Maximum temperature on record 88°F (26th 1947)  
Minimum temperature on record 27°F (1st 1954)  
Mean temperature for month 53.7°F  
Mean maximum temperature for month 62.9°F  
Mean minimum temperature for month 44.3°F

**RAINFALL**  
Average monthly total 1.35"  
Greatest monthly total 3.42" (14 days 1948)  
Lowest monthly total 0.35" (8 days 1946)  
Heaviest rainfall in one day 0.94" (17th 1957)  
Average number of days with rain (.01" or more) 8.8 Days

**SNOWFALL**  
A trace of snow was recorded once in 1965.

**THUNDERSTORMS**  
Reported 10 times in 8 of the past 28 years.

**HAIL**  
Reported 6 times in 5 of the past 28 years.

**FOG**  
With visibilities 1/2 mile or less, 1 report in 1946.

**WINDS**  
For the ten year period 1954 to 1963, winds speeds of more than 18 mph, averaged 21.2 hours (2.9 per cent), out of a monthly total of 744 hours. Of this total, 16.4 hours (2.2 per cent) were from the SE quadrant.



LADIES SECRETARY-TREASURER, Pat MacIver presenting President Dave Iroux with a cheque from the Ladies for half the expense of new tablecloths. What did they do with the other half of the tablecloths? Totem Times photo

## Ladies Golf News

With some nice weather settling in during the last few weeks, we are pleased to report that the attendance on Wednesday's ladies day has been on the upswing. It must also be noted that John Stewart has devoted some of his spare time giving free lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays... thank you, John, from the ladies committee and thanks to the gals for coming out.

Our weekly winners for the month of April were: Millie Legg, Eileen Fee, Mona Ledgard and Nettie Bonenfant.

**COMING EVENTS.**  
Don't forget on Sunday, May 12, the Glacier Green will be holding their annual mother's day event. This year, it will be in the form of a 4 ball best ball. Phone up and make your reservation! "NOW"

For the ladies interclub, on May 29, the Glacier will be hosted by the Sunnydale in Courtenay. There is no need for you to be a pro to join, we are simply hoping for your support.

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Registration age is five years old by December 31, 1974. Birth certificates must be produced before children can be accepted for registration.

Morning or afternoon attendance at the kindergarten cannot be guaranteed. An attempt to accommodate parents will be made but there is no doubt that there will be some disappointments in allotted times.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 10th** - Mixed Happy Hour - 1700 hrs - Italian Food  
**SUNDAY, MAY 12th** - Brunch 1145 - 1300 - Mothers Day Smorgasbord 1700 - 1900  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th** - Wives Club  
**SATURDAY, MAY 18th** - Club Nite - Dine 1930 - 2130 - Dance 2130 - 0130  
**SUNDAY, MAY 19th** - Brunch 1145 - 1300  
**SATURDAY, MAY 25th** - Dance Nite. "Music Factory". 2130 - 0130.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 26th** - Brunch 1145 - 1300.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 31st** - Happy Hour 1700 - 1800. Free Snack Bar 1830 Hours.

## JR. RANKS CLUB ENTERTAINMENT FOR MAY

**Friday, May 10th** - T.G.I.F.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 11** - Mother's Day Dance. Food.  
**Sunday, May 12th** - W.D.K.  
**Tuesday, May 14th** - Doctor Phivis. Vincent Price.  
**Wednesday, May 15th** - Bingo.  
**Friday, May 17th** - T.G.I.F.  
**Saturday, May 18th** - Cross Country Express.  
**Sunday, May 19th** - Cross Country Express.  
**Tuesday, May 21st** - The Fillmore - Santana.  
**Wednesday, May 22nd** - Bingo.  
**Friday, May 24th** - Bingo.  
**Saturday, May 25th** - King's Biscuit.  
**Sunday, May 26th** - Biscuit.  
**Tuesday, May 28th** - Candy. (Restricted). Marlon Brando, Richard Burton.  
**Wednesday, May 29th** - Bingo.  
**Friday, May 31st** - T.G.I.F.

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ENTERTAINMENT FOR MAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 4th** - Mixed TGIF, 2000 hrs.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 10th** - Mess Dinner, 1900 hrs.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 24th** - Spring Ball, Semi Formal Dress.  
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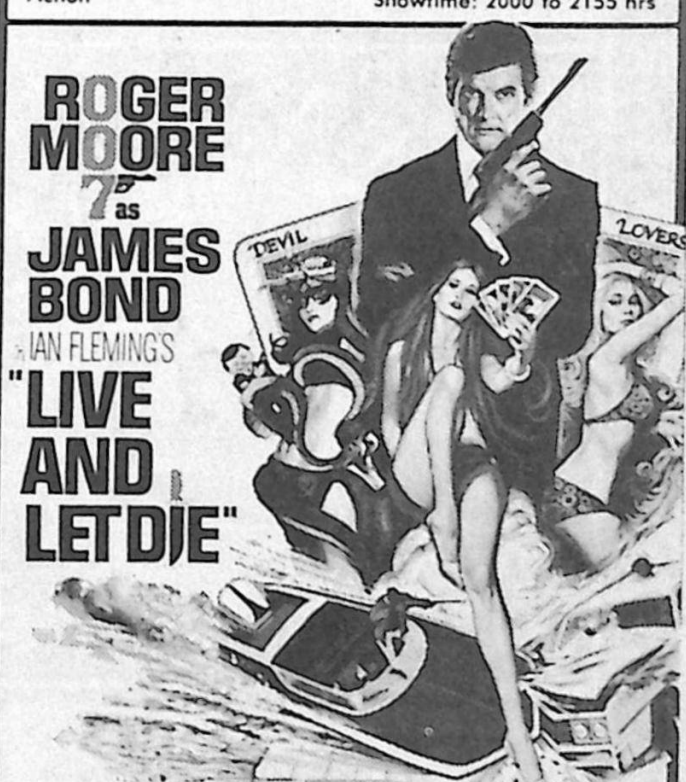
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## Letters Continued

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I would like to know where our pension contributions go, what they are used for and if they gain interest, how much and to whom does it revert.

It was asked recently in the House of Commons, what were the contributions, benefits paid and interest on the super-annuation account for the past two or three years and the answer was "tabled". Which means written, and handed to the "M.P." who asked the question. It may become public in the future and if so, someone will probably print it in "Totem Times".

Another thorn in the side of most Cpl's of late is the "Junior Leaders Course" which all or most sea and air element types must attend. Does the C.D.S. or whoever, dare to suggest that we have inferior junior N.C.O.'s in these two elements. In the Air Force, a man is trained to and encouraged to think and this, according to the Army way of looking at it, is an undesirable trait. Blind obedience and not mental competence appears to be the key. The Air Force has for years expected a junior N.C.O. to be able to take charge of a situation or handle men, and so, no extra marks are assessed for these abilities as they are taken for granted. The Army however has never given a person credit for using intelligence unless they told him to use it, and so, when it is displayed upon request, they feel this is exceptional. Thus we are punished by being able to take care of ourselves, by a degrading and costly (Items that have to be bought for kits) five week course that by its mere inception cries out that Air and Sea Cpl's are inferior and the only true leaders are the boys in brown. What a crock! This smacks of Hitler's burning of the books. Show intelligence and ability and be retrained into an inanimate object that moves only on command. Threaten to get out and see if anyone cares. No damn way...The more people get out, the more money they save and the more raises they can afford to give the remainder. If the present trend continues they shall end up with an Army full of Generals and no men to lead.

But the Generals don't appear to worry as their futures are not threatened and those who do or may care are possibly tired of butting heads into a brick wall and are getting out themselves.

Just what is it that is wished for the Armed Forces of the future, fighters or quitters? People who will stand up when they believe things are unjust or people who lie down and quit or give up. You stand up and try to get wrongs righted and you are called a S-T disturber or trouble maker by the people who don't have the guts to do the same, even though they agree that the issues in question are not right?

"The meek shall inherit the earth"! It will be in one hell of a mess if and when they do, and by then, who else would want it.

Cpl. B. J. Lavigne (A) P.S. Let's hear some chatter, regardless of for or against; if nothing else just say you agree with recent articles or not and sign it.

### Silence is Golden

Dear Sir:  
Someone once told me that the service considers silence as consent. However, it seems to me that the wheels really do want to know our bitches - but, how to get through to them is the problem. By the time a grievance percolates through

about four ranks in the normal chain of command, our complaints have lost half of their content. The generals tell us that the lower ranks don't make policy but maybe some of our policy makers read the Totem Times. So read on.

After serving in one element for a long period of time you are now discriminated against if you wish to remain loyal to your original service and stay in your own environment. Because of different promotion policies in the old days, we (RCAF) did not enjoy the accelerated promotions that some elements did, so we have already paid the price for our choice. Then they tell us that we must take an army course to qualify as a Junior NCO they infer that the Navy and RCAF had inferior NCOs and this is a slight on both elements.

How about the working conditions? The kids start off now on OJT where your personality can get you by as easy as your ability can, and on your PER's your knowledge of French is as important as your knowledge of your job. On most stations policy has casually tossed the ground crews out of the squadrons into central servicing and central maintenance. You're not good enough for the team but you

can carry the bags. How would they feel if the ground crews were squadron and they used a central pilots pool. But people who don't work in it (or use it as a power base) continue to defend the system.

I see in the newspapers that in 11 years the \$7.50 a month that we pay into C.C.P. will be worth almost as much as the annuities that I've paid 7 per cent of my pay into for over 20 years. Currently I pay \$65.30 per month and even then they will write part of it off when I get my C.C.P. by some financial sleight of hand that says it is not right to collect two pensions but it is alright to pay into two pensions. My buddy in the USAF will get 50 per cent of his base pay after 20 years without paying a cent into it and without a penalty. After 20 years in our forces and paying into the pension fund we get 40 per cent of our best 6 years, and then they take a 25 per cent penalty.

We are one of the only services that do not make our retired personnel honorary members of the messes they retire from. The last newsletter made a big deal about how we no longer need a sponsor to be an associate member - whoopee!

My friend in the USAF will have the use of military flights, on a space available basis, after he retires. In the CF, a retired serviceman cannot use military flights but

## Our Green World

This week, its hats. You may think that you have a choice of hats to wear, but actually your choice is very limited as each hat is part of a certain uniform.

The CF Service cap (peaked cap) must be worn with the orders of Service dress and when Service dress is worn with gabardine or lightweight raincoat.

The beret or wedge cap must be worn with the orders of workdress, combat clothing and flying suits and when workdress is worn with a

raincoat. With parka or overcoat you have a choice. If you are wearing a parka or overcoat over a complete CF Service dress (see note) you may wear either the CF Service cap or the man's winter fur cap.

Note of Explanation: Complete Service dress means that a tie and jacket must be worn underneath the parka. If you are wearing a parka or overcoat over a complete workdress or, if on the Station, over a workdress less a tie, you may wear the beret, the wedge cap or the extreme cold weather cap (Charlie Brown type)

The CF Service cap or utility cap (baseball type) may temporarily be worn in lieu of beret or wedge cap with workdress, workdress and raincoat, parka or overcoat. This applies only to those who are not yet in possession of a beret or a wedge cap and only until they are issued with a beret this summer. Similarly, the combat cap may be worn with combat clothing until berets are issued.

Now, that isn't complicated, it is!

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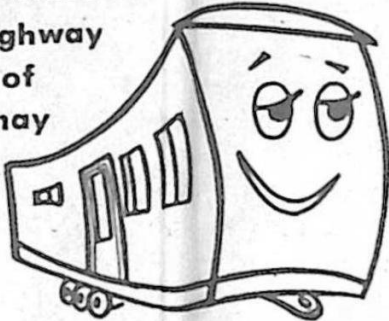
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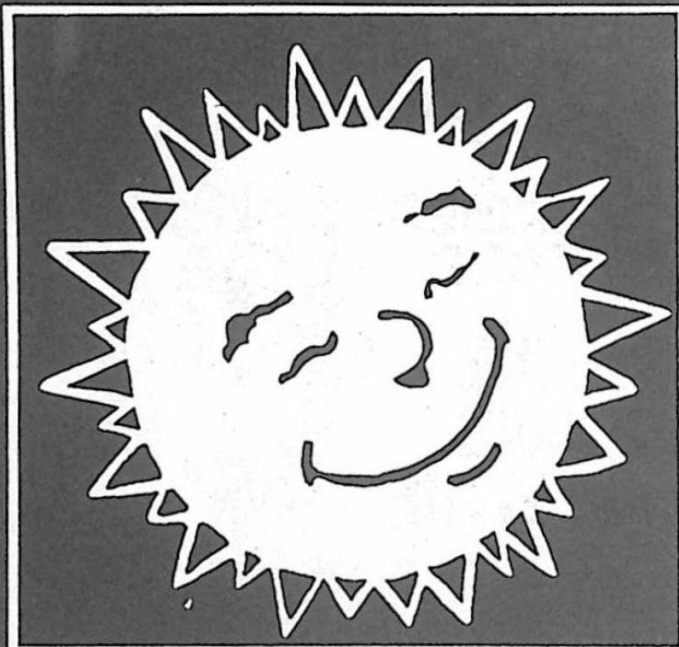
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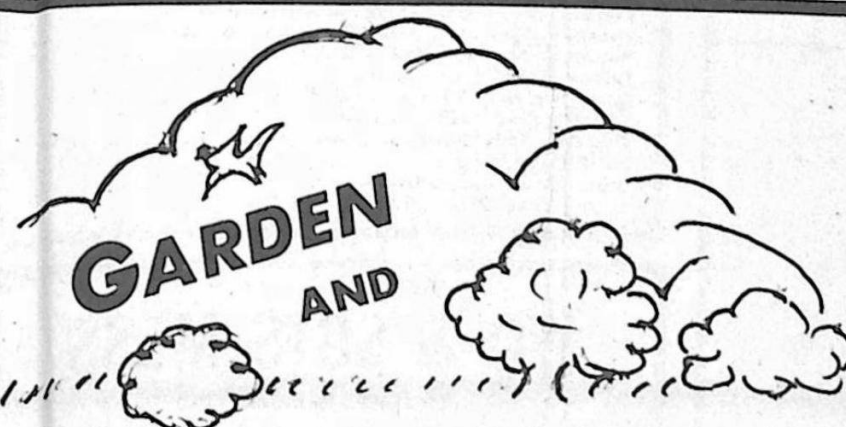
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"I CAN'T RE-START this I.V. The darn instructions are in French!" says Sgt. Dave Singer, who once flew many an air evac out of CFB Comox. (Dave's presently in NDMC).

Brig. Gen. James A. Young

## The Man Who Would Not Die

Brigadier General James A. Young, 25 NORAD commander, is "the man who would not die". His presence among us today would have to be considered a triumph of the human spirit and concrete evidence, that where there is a will, there is a way.

Although General Young, now 48, has had a long and distinguished career as an Air Force pilot with exceptional military achievements in Southeast Asia and Korea, his personal battle to live and return to his profession far overshadows them all.

He was born in Marion, Conn., and graduated from Newton High School of Newton, Mass. In 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and the following year was selected for Officer Candidate School. Commissioned a second lieutenant, infantry, and after service in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division, General Young returned to the United States and completed parachute training.

Assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, he made 41 jumps and qualified as a senior parachutist. During the Korean War, General Young transferred to the Air Force and entered pilot training in Texas. Winning his wings, he again went to Korea where he served with the 18th Fighter Group and completed 34 combat missions. It was March 21, 1952 - a date forever etched in his memory - that General Young, then a lieutenant, flying a P-51 on a maintenance test flight, encountered uncontrollable flight conditions.

On emergency approach, the aircraft shattered itself against a mudbank 100 yards short of the runway. A fuel tank directly behind the cockpit exploded on impact catapulting the general through the closed plastic canopy. He landed 40 feet away in a drainage ditch, still strapped to the seat. He was found by rescuers in that spot his burning clothes being slowly extinguished by sewage water.

When the doctors cut away his clothes at the base hospital they found physical carnage. The left side of his head had been seared by fire; his cheekbones, jawbones and chin smashed (apparently from the aircraft's gunsight); and the entire left side of his body broiled from waist to ankle. He also suffered multiple compound fractures of the right leg.

According to the doctors who attended him, if there was any chance for the pilot to live - they were not visible.

But General Young's heart still beat, and thereafter followed "... one of medical history's epic struggles ..."

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Friday the 13th when he and his co-pilot had two emergency landings, two generator failures, a fire in the nose of the bird and a total radio failure on final.

Among units Bill has flown with are 428 Squadron, (formerly in Ottawa), 425 Squadron, Bagotville and VU 32, at Shearwater. He has been checked out on Sabres and "Clunks" (CF-100's), as well as Voodoos and T-Birds

The general recalls himself screaming, "I'm alive, I'm alive," and this thought, and this thought alone, made the pain bearable.

It was then that he began 40 pain-filled months on the road to recovery, which included 58 major operations. Through the operations he suffered pneumonia - and defeated it. He became addicted to the drugs that dulled the terrible pain - and defeated them. He drank to fortify his spirits and too, deaden pain - and he defeated that too. After his shattered leg was mended and he was told he couldn't walk, he grabbed a pair of crutches and walked. Following bone-graft surgery on the leg, he went home with it in a cast, set his feet on the floor and attacked the pain ... in a few days he was walking on the cast without the aid of crutches. The doctors were amazed.

The general thwarted his addiction to pain-killing whiskey while at the same time learning to walk normally again by playing golf. Each day he played a number of holes without taking a drink until eventually he went the entire 18. He played 36 holes a day for a whole year until his limp disappeared.

In June, 1955, 40 months from the time of the crash, General Young returned to active duty. He then set another goal: he was going to return to flying - this is what he had dreamed of during his long months of recovery - this is what had kept him going. Armed with a new face - hardly a Clark Gable, he observes - a strong, healthy, if slightly worn body and some qualified success behind, he confronted the flight surgeons. Sympathetic, but doubtful, they accepted his challenge.

General Young returned to flying status 46 months after that fateful March day in 1952.

He was then assigned to an F-100 unit in Europe. Normal duty assignments followed: as a pilot, unit operations officer, and subsequently a staff assignment in the United States. Returned once again to an operational fighter squadron, General Young, in February, 1965, volunteered for combat duty.

He became one of the first Air Force squadron commanders in Southeast Asia to fly 100 missions over Vietnam, winning two Silver Stars. In June, 1969, he graduated from the Air War College.

He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in October, 1972, and has been nominated for promotion to the grade of major general.

"... Readers may find it reassuring that such a man is still serving his country ..."

Skywatch

and has flown T-33s in Bermuda, Puerto Rico, and in 11 European and Asian countries.

While Bill is asking about Canadian Forces T-Bird jocks, Hugh Whittington, editor of Canadian Aviation magazine, is publishing the story in hopes it might be a world-wide record.

Welcome your Heart Fund volunteer she's helping with a worthwhile cause. ... be generous.

## Rescue Bits

### THE RESCUE CENTRE

Darkest night has settled on the dockyard and a solitary figure wends his way towards the place where the boats are tied up. Resplendent in his green Air Force blues he gives the thumbs-up supremacy signal and then, filling his lungs to capacity, he shouts a blood-chilling cry "Air Power"! Throughout the dockyard people, raised from their reveries, mutter "damn drunk" and continue about their business. Not to be outdone, our hero sticks his tongue out at the Provider and continues on, whistling the song made famous by the other two services "We shall overcome". And "It has come to pass".

The boating season is fast upon us and the Rescue Centre will soon be up to its ears in overdue sailors. Are you a boater? How many times have you gone out to a certain spot only to end up 10 or 15 miles away? Maybe your motor won't start, darkness magnifies the situation, and you begin drifting with the tide. Who knows where you are? Sometime when you're motoring close to shore, count the nooks, crannies and inlets that a boat could be stuffed into. How is your emergency equipment? Are those life-jackets dated 1931, still good? How about those flares? The ones that sat in the back of the uncovered boat all winter. Are your oars still holding the

strings for the climbing beans? Your motor in good shape? It's all worth a check; next year you could be a year colder.

In a lighter vein, did you know that the B.C. Navy (ferry system) has the 7th largest fleet in the free world? Which leads me to the greatest little invention since Mom and Dad said "Let's have a son". The Hovercraft! This secondary facility is based at Vancouver International Airport and needs about as much water to operate on as my kids use at bath-time. Its purpose is as a rescue vehicle in the event of a major aircraft disaster. Consider an airliner making a forced landing on the mud flats adjacent to the airfield. Normal vehicles could never reach the aircraft but the Hovercraft could dart quickly in and out of the site, effecting rescue in what otherwise would be quite a time-consuming affair. In this business time means lives. It is excellent as a high-speed coast-crawl search vessel and for any one of 10,000 other purposes. Case in point, the Thursday before Good Friday (for you aircrew types, Thursday always comes before Friday), a 30 foot sloop was enroute from Seattle to Vancouver for a yacht race. Turbulent wines were prevalent and, lo and behold, wasn't the vessel driven on to a sandbar. After extraction by

the Coast Guard (Hovercraft and Cutter), she proceeded on. Later that evening, another message was received from subject vessel. A brief condensation is as follows "HELP". Anyway, after a choice of three locations at which to assist him, the sloop grounded at a fourth, the North Arm Jetty at Vancouver. The vessel was a probable write-off and tugs were unable to assist. The Hovercraft encountered 35 to 50 MPH winds, high swells and the foundation rocks of the jetty to successfully rescue the people on board. Would that we had many Hovercraft!

Don't get the idea that I'm trying to glamorize the job. I'm not and a lot of the incidents are about as glamorous as picking up after a big party.

Howsomever, there are quite a number that tax the professionalism of the individuals involved and are worthy of mention.

We did a Duty Analysis of the Deck Officer on the Provider and decided that he's the chappie who coordinates the sailors so that, when they leave the harbour they go "chug chug chug" in unison.

Business is still land-office as usual with the rate of increase about 30 per cent above last year. Over 500 incidents to date and we haven't hit the fair-weather nautical experts

yet. Would you believe 58 on the Easter weekend alone.

It's surprising how close this job hits to home. One of our controllers, Harvey Miller by name, returned from Comox to find his aircraft overdue. The communications search failed to turn up any trace and perspiration started to form on our stalwart's brow. Other people's misadventures he could handle, but this was his own. Would his nerves stand it? Howsomever, Harvey, being the model of the Air Force image, glued himself together and took wing to the nearest Police establishment. Someone had lifted Harvey's model airplane from the Wardroom. One incident we weren't prepared to handle.

For you people who notice the (N) after rank in the Canadian Forces, there is no cause for consternation, it means "new". As of April 1, 1974, we have a new branch of service in the Canadian Forces. Sort of like a "B" league in hockey!

All you people who stood up and yelled foul when reading of friend Harvey's maltreatment can relax. Someone, bearing the heavy weight of guilt, or possibly having fear of confrontation with Mr. M., returned the aircraft intact. In Search and Rescue jargon, it was only an unscheduled stopover.

Airmen do it better and groundcrew do it best!



## Devil's Brigade

Fear not my fellow, freaky friends! The Clubs on the Base (well 2 of them anyway) are in the highly capable hands of (drum roll please) the Supply Technicians! (Now doesn't that just make the old heart go pitter patter?) Running the Totem Annex and Lounge is Cpl. Lloyd Matthews, formerly of 3 Supply Group with Cpl Don Affleck of Stock Control as his sports officer. Over at Menopause Manor (that's the Sergeant's Mess for all uninitiated personnel), MWO Clark Graham has been crowned the new P.M.C. for the next six months. Also assisting Clark will be that dynamic duo of Sgt. Keith Stagg and (you guessed it) Sgt. Bobby Orr. They're also involved with sports.

While we're on the subject of sports, (clever beginning, huh), the first of hopefully

many golf tournaments was held two weeks ago, with Wally Berger of R & I, and Andre Duchesneau of LPO coming out on top. Mac McDonald and Keith Stagg both of Stock Control came second with Ron Campbell and (zounds, gadzooks a woman!) Joanne Rye both of LPO. Congratulations to all. Also special congrats to Jack Gibson and Dee Crawford who won the Duffer's Award.

At this time I would like to welcome a badly needed new man to the Brigade. Pte Tim Murphy is his handle and I understand he'll be working in Clothing Stores, at least that's what Glenn Gillis would like to believe.

In the promotion department fast Eddie Vincent officially became a one stripe Private on Monday. Hopefully a couple of the guys will be driving around in new vehicles within the next

couple of days. Don Affleck has purchased a brand new Blazer truck and Mac McDonald an almost new Parisienne. Also buying new vehicles were Norm Girard of C. E. and Ron Campbell who bought Norm's old car, (there's an interesting story behind that isn't there guys!) Things are humming right along down at R&I. According to a reliable source, (don't worry Chip, I won't mention your name), even Sergeant Cy Walker is in a good mood! But its been said that when the fish are biting Cy isn't, so fish keep biting!

Probably one of the funniest things I've heard all week was the fact that due to the renovating of the barracks, Ed (Patch) Gallier who can be found arguing sports in the Club, and Bruce (Teen Angel) Rogers who can be found arguing with the Base Warrant Officer, have had to move into the same room

together. There should be many a thrill packed moment in the arrangement.

Well, the computer program is rolling along really well with many a new DEVIL being trained by MWO Clark Graham. With five people going through the course every week, it shouldn't be too long before everyone is jenned in on what's happening.

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Father J.A. Borg - Base Chaplain (RC) - Telephone No. 339-2211 Loc 274  
**MASSES:** Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass  
 Sunday - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
**WEEKDAYS:** Tuesday 7:00 in private homes on request (Except when CWL meets).  
 Friday 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.  
 On other days Father Borg will celebrate Mass on request.

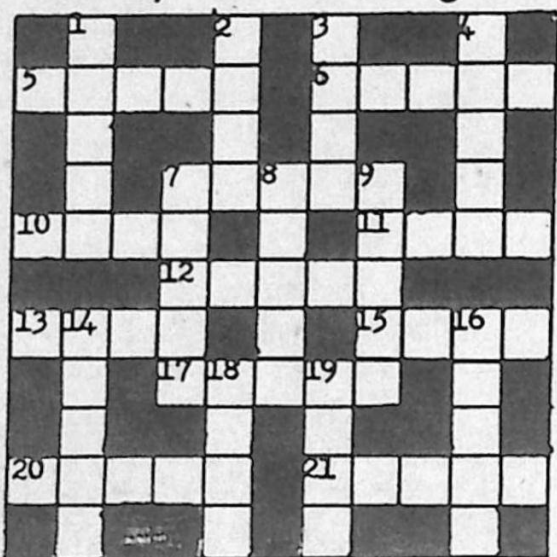
**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Before Mass on Saturday from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and before other Masses.  
**BAPTISM:** By appointment. Whenever possible on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On other Sundays for a good reason.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14th in the Parish Hall, following 7:30 Mass in the Chapel.

**PARISH COUNCIL + CHAPEL COMMITTEE:** The regular meeting of the Parish Council-Chapel Committee will take place on Tuesday, May 14th 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.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS OF CWL COUNCIL:** There will be the Installation of New Officers of Our Lady of the Airways CWL Council, CFB Comox, B.C. on Sunday, May 12th at the 11:00 a.m. mass. Everybody is welcome to attend this beautiful ceremony.

## Cryptic Crossword By Les Routledge



(Solution next issue)

### ACROSS

5. Finger or thumb, I dig it man.
6. Give Anne a kiss and you'll get an addition.
7. We are told it can kill.
10. Ironed type residence?
11. Fishing aid to dance with?
12. i. e. let it become mixed up it's the best anyway.
13. Could be a second or two, or a thousand years.
15. Slam a gift.
17. Put nothing in the postscript Ed, it's in place.
20. Made of two every time.
21. It is said, more of this means less of 7 across.

### DOWN

1. This basin fills and empties, but not in the kitchen.
2. Unfortunately a type of sign sometimes disregarded.
3. Leap into a stake.
4. Its a bit thick to put fathers room on the south east.
7. Suggestive of prices or precipices nowadays.
8. Poems with spice in them?
9. A little more than dead gives a feeling of fear.
14. A bit better than a magpie.
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## YOU and the law

### ENFORCING YOUR RIGHTS

Many people come to my office and explain how their rights have been tampered with or how they feel they have been badly dealt with on a contract or agreement. In almost every case, it is crystal clear that they have lost some rights or they have not received what they paid for. However, when it comes to enforcing their rights or protecting their entitlements under contracts or agreements, most people begin to waffle pretty badly. In almost all cases, there are statutory provisions which the citizen can use to enforce his rights or the terms of an agreement. The trouble is that if he insists on enforcing his rights, it takes his time, it costs him money, and it causes trouble for someone. Almost none of the people I have spoken with are prepared to do any of the above. Most people seem to think that their rights and entitlements will be given to them without doing anything personally about it.

The Government does not guarantee to enforce all your rights and entitlements, but it does, in most cases, provide machinery by which you can do so. The normal excuse from the Serviceman is that he is not prepared, as an example, to spend \$25.00 to enforce an entitlement of \$35.00. It is clearly the right of all Servicemen to decide not to enforce their rights or entitlements, but if they do nothing at all to protect themselves or enforce their rights, it seems unreasonable that they should complain that someone is stepping on them and nobody will do anything about it. The vast majority of

companies do the best job they can, and if the customer is not satisfied they want to know about it, and they will normally do what they can to rectify the situation. However, these companies cannot be expected to contact all their customers and see if they are happy. From a practical point of view, the customer must go to the company.

So, if you think you are being unfairly dealt with, write a letter to the company president or, if appropriate, start an action in the Small Debts Court to protect yourself. This will cost you a little money and you may end up simply breaking even, but you are better off breaking even than doing nothing, since if you win your argument, at least you have what you ordered or the repaired article works properly, whereas if you do nothing, you are out the article you ordered or the repaired article does not work, plus the amount of money you paid.

I appreciate that many people feel that most of the profit in these matters ends up with the lawyers, and in some cases this is true. Also, some companies work in the principle that people will not complain too much if the amount is, say, under \$25.00. If you will not sue, or hire a lawyer, or spend any money, at least write the Better Business Bureau, the Consumer Affairs Department or even the Chamber of Commerce. Sometimes these tactics are successful, but even if they are not, the Company knows that at least one customer is reacting to the company's activities.

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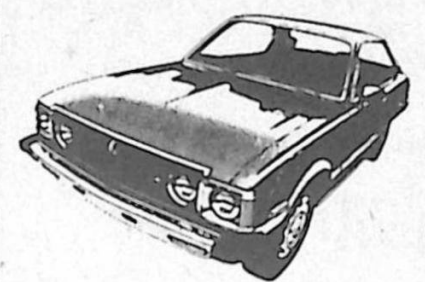
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## All Out Of Shape

By LCol G.W. Patterson

A compendium of military terminology. Part I or No, it's not your hearing gone bad, it really does sound like that.

It has come to the attention of the Gashouse Gang (the denizens of the Vertical Twin-Towered Fun-Farm-On-The-Rideau), that newcomers to the Green Gaggles are having some difficulty in assimilating the new and strange-sounding military terminology. Therefore, they have wisely decided to enlist my assistance in compiling a glossary of terms for the benefit of new greenies. This instalment is only the first of a large compendium (whatever that may be) and you will be hearing more about it later. (I suppose that I will, to. Oh, well.)

Basically, the problem is one of pronunciation and, to give an example, there is a common Canadian word called "goan". It is used in such military verbal exchanges as:

"Get goan."  
"OK Sarn. I'm goan, I'm goan."

To begin at the beginning, we will first discuss military ranks. They are:

Sarn: A senior non-commissioned officer. There used to be all sorts of Sarns, like Staff Sarns and Flight Sarns, but now there are only Sarns. Some confusion exists inside the dockyard gates where some Sarns call themselves Pity Ossers, or

Pee Oh's, for short, but they are really Sarns now and forever, I suppose.

Corple: A junior non-commissioned officer. As with Sarns, there used to be a grand variety of Corples; for instance, in the Medical Corps there was a type of Corple who was carefully trained in the art of lancing boils on the derriere and other such fierce places. These were, therefore, called Lance-Corples. Others had similar quaint names. For instance, in the artillery Corples were called Bumny Dears. The reason for this is excruciatingly funny and you would be told about it except that this is a family paper. Even in nautical circles there were Corples but they weren't called Corples, of course; the navy had to be different and therefore had to have a different name for everything. For instance, the box where they keep the ship's compass is called a binnacle whereas the rest of us know perfectly well that a binnacle is a small aquatic animal which attaches itself to boats and rocks and like that.

Another example of this odd nautical semantic behaviour is the use of the word head. Now we all know that the head is the anatomical portion whereon one carries one's hat. Right? Yeah, well, not in the navy. To those peculiar folk, the head is where one takes a er, um, where one goes to the bathroom. No, I'm not kidding. In fact, if you are in the forepart of the boat when the urge strikes, you go in the forehead. That's what I mean

about the navy being different.

But to get back to Corples. In the navy, or the Seal Mint as it is now called, a Corple was called a Leaning Seaman. This term springs from old Nelsonian lore when navies consisted of wooden ships and iron men (recently, the whole thing was reversed, according to a pongo friend of mine). Anyway, in the olden days, boats were not stabilized and they used to lean over a lot especially if the wind was from the larboard side. In those circumstances, in order to keep the whole thing from falling over, some specially-picked sailors were selected for the important duty of leaning the opposite way, for balance, like. Hence the term Leaning Seaman. When they grow older, Corples are like other elders and deserve a little more respect. Then they are called Mister Corples.

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Ossers: A large group. Almost as large as privates, which is kind of weird when you think about it. So don't. They used to be the ones in the flat hats but now everyone has a flat hat; however, they can now be recognized more easily as they are the ones festooned with gold. Like some toreadors. Or Liberace. Ossers have weird titles like:

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—Der Kanadier

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