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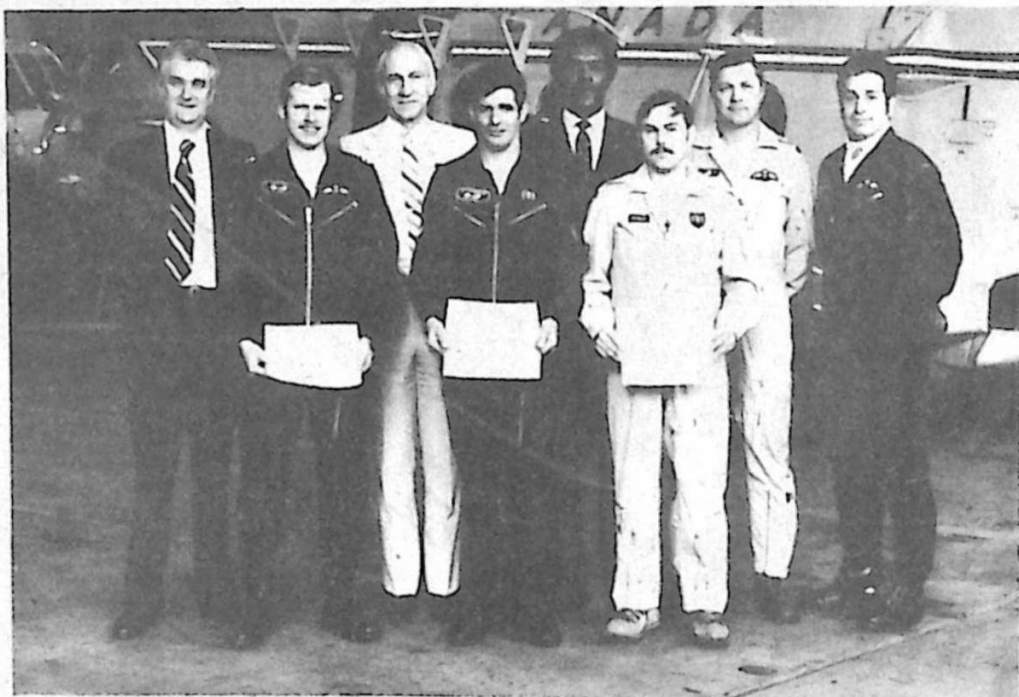
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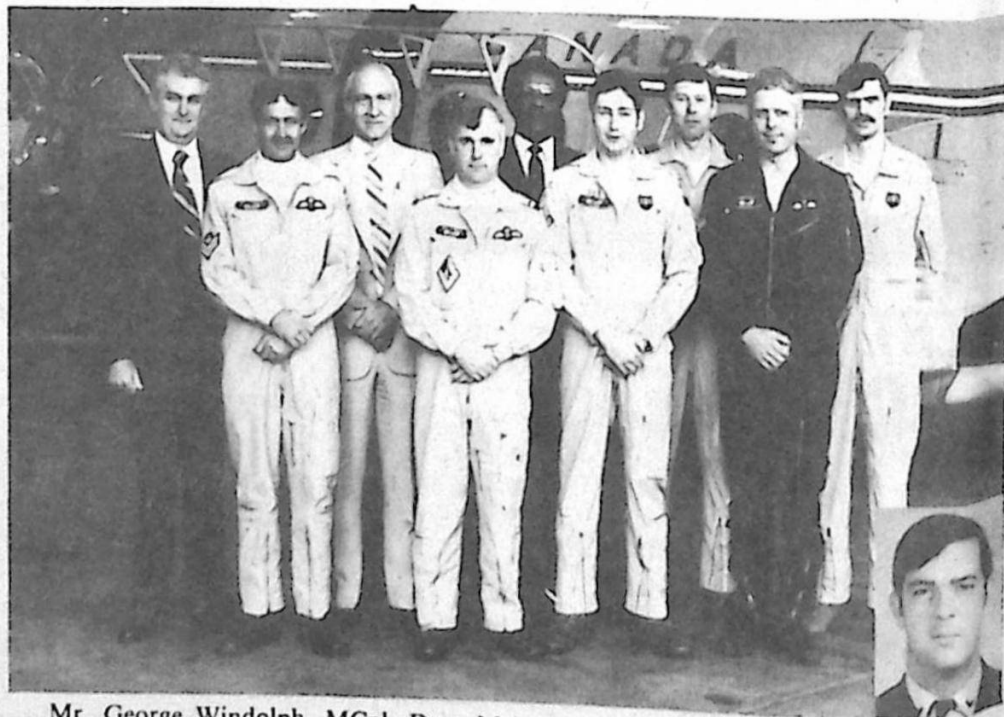


A dynamic new idea is being tried this summer by the Armed Forces. Faced with dwindling numbers of trained men, as well as equipment shortages, the government has decided to cut down on the excessive cost of running bases by deploying the entire Armed Forces in six moving vans. "Granted we are becoming a bit small to be effective," one government official noted, "but in this way we maintain our mobility and flexibility."

Citation to 442 crews



Mr. George Windolph, Capt. Randy Price, Mr. Al Volmecke, MCpl. Gil Gaugreault, John Brown, Cpl. Jim Trumbley, Maj. Neil Coward, MCpl. Frank Amadio



Mr. George Windolph, MCpl. Dave McMaster, Mr. Al Volmecke, Capt. John McLellan, Mr. John Brown, Cpl. Craig Seager, Capt. Keith Gathercole, MCpl. Gerry Gray, MCpl. Steve Gledhill, Sgt. Larry Ward.

The Citation read in part - for an outstanding contribution to the Canadian Armed Forces for their part in the recovery rescue and evacuation of many persons from the flooding Squamish and Cheakamus Rivers during the period 26 - 28 Dec 80.

Mr. George Windolph, Director of Product Support and Mr. Al Volmecke, Manager of Product Support, both from Boeing Vertol Company, presented Boeing Rescue Citations to the above personnel for their outstanding professionalism and expertise during the same "Squamish Flood".

Fourth annual Chichester march

The fourth annual International RMP and City of Chichester march will be held on Sunday, 09 Aug 1981 in Chichester, England. This even was originally held in July 1977 as the Royal Military Police centenary March. The success of the event (over 3000 International marchers) led to a strong demand for an annual march. Now, the aim of the march is to encourage physical well-being and maintain the spirit of International good will and friendship generated by the centenary march.

Further to a decision made at the 18th Annual Command Security Conference, Commands were

tasked by rotation each year to provide a team to participate and represent the Canadian Armed Forces.

Last Feb., CFB Comox's offer to provide a team of six military police persons to represent Air Command, was accepted.

While the march is not considered competitive, each participating country naturally vies for the honor of being first. With this in mind and to ensure that a team would be physically ready for this march on the 9th Aug., a group of volunteers from the base Military police section, lead by Capt. Norm Rodrigue (NSecurO) has engaged in a vigorous training program

of 23 weeks specifically programmed to enable the team to tackle the 25 mile march with confidence and competitively. On completion of this training program, most volunteers will have walked over 1000 miles over a period of 250 hours. This type of dedication and personal discipline is worthy of mention, especially when most of the training is being carried out during off-duty hours.

Now folks, you have the whole story. If you encounter a group of people wearing combat boots, walking a little faster than normal (I hope), don't hesitate to cheer them up.

Defence Quarterly

OTTAWA (CFP) -- This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Canadian Defence Quarterly, whose first issue appeared in June, 1971. It replaced a former defence magazine that ceased publication shortly after the outbreak of the Second World War and other periodicals that did not survive the unification of the Canadian Forces.

This bilingual quarterly publishes in-depth articles on questions relating to national defence and the military profession. It also serves as a medium through which junior officers and

defence experts alike may exchange ideas and opinions.

The Quarterly enjoys a very favourable reputation in Canada and abroad, and plays an important dual role in promoting the professional development of officers and providing the public at large with information.

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C.I. week at Comox

A joint CF/USAF Capability Inspection Team of 12 CF personnel, including observers and 14 USAF personnel are currently visiting CFB Comox.

The mission of the CF Team is to evaluate the base in its nuclear role. The program includes a mass load of 409 Sqn. Voodoos and an evaluation of various Base support activities.

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Section news

Nighthawks Nest

Frequently this column is used for spreading worthwhile tidbits of information and important news about who is where, and why. Occasionally some untruth creeps in, along with liberal doses of sarcasm, calumny and libel. Never before, however, has the Nighthawks Nest consisted of the whining, self pitying type of drivel that has been sent in by Capt. Doug Swanson. His plea follows.

Dear BGJK,
I am writing to you as a last resort and in desperation you can only imagine. I am a pilot on a well known local fighter squadron and for some years now I have been true blue Air Force and a practicing Jet Jock. All was well with the world, I was a respected professional, had many friends, and was looking forward to a long and exciting career of turning JP 4 into noise! Little did I realize all this was soon to end...

You see, some eight years ago I purchased a CF green wedge cap. I was a new flight student and a cadet, and I wanted the style of head gear which was in vogue with jet pilots at the time. For hours I practiced in front of the mirror to

get just the right jaunty angle to go with my newly acquired steely eyed stare and permanent Steve Canyon smile. The fact that the wedge had cost me \$5.50 of my own, had no peak to keep the sun out of my eyes, and was a challenge to wear in a high wind mattered not. Fighter pilots wore wedges, I was to be a fighter jock (or so I hoped) therefore by syllogism I was destined to wear a wedge. But I am rambling. To condense the next few years I shall just say that my wedge was my constant companion. It survived three badge changes, countless hours jammed into the bottom of a flight suit leg pocket and has been used to swat all manner of winged insects against the windshields of countless cars and jets. My wedge never wandered away when I left it in the cloakroom of some OClub nor did it ever fail me when we were called upon to salute officers of higher rank (although I'm sure I have felt it cringe when those I have saluted were not themselves fighter pilots). With my wedge squared off on my cranium and the mask scars still on my cheeks I have strode from the flight line to the VOQ undistinguishable from Richie a Cunningham fresh from their fifth kills.

But time claims us all Mr. Kennedy and the years took their toll on my friend. Brylcreem, Resdan and finally the Dry look were hard on it's lining and a mixture of JP 4

and hydraulic fluid (mixed with Beer and some vomit) broke down the fabric on the outside till my wedge was a threadbare and ragged shadow of it's former self.

Oh, I swore that I would replace my hat the day Trudeau replaced my jet but dacton lacks the longevity of aluminum and Trudeau can procrastinate better than the worst of us so finally it became apparent that my fighter fedora would not hack the pace. Rather than have it face the disgrace of the ultimate breakdown and failure in use I sadly resolved to retire my chapeau officially. This decision was expedited by the same gentleman who takes a fatherly interest in the length of my hair. The appointed day arrived, early one Saturday morning, (late one Friday night) and I trudged to the foot of the garden with my wedge and a shovel, and there, in a touching ceremony of brief duration, I buried him betwixt the tulips and the skunk cabbage. (Sorry Charlie) Well what's done is done and I stiffened myself to carry on as I know my hat would have wished. I didn't have the heart to purchase a replacement wedge so long as my old companion was still

with us, but come Monday morning I strode into the CANEX to buy one of those new fangled foamy things, totally without character, but hopefully at least

symbolic of a spirit which is struggling to survive. (Supply has long since stopped carrying wedgies because they weren't selling well in Gagetown).

Well you could have bought my soul for a penny! The only hats in stock were an even split between 6 1/2 and 7 3/4, with no more expected in. In desperation I stood for an hour in front of the mirror looking alternately like an orthodox Jew or someone portaging a small green canoe. No, it wouldn't do at all, I would just have to carry on without my wedge and rely on my limited charisma to carry off the image bit.

The flat hat wasn't bad; it kept the rain and sun off my face and aside from standing accused of being a bus driver (transport pilot) the occasional quips from my peers were tolerable. The trouble was that it just wouldn't fit in my pocket no matter how I contorted it. Now a hat that won't fit in your pocket is of little use to an FJ, and other than the wedge and the flat top there was only one thing left. At this point I will say that the decision I came to was not made without due thought and consideration of the consequences. I could have gone hatless, this was a solution which appealed no small amount, or I could have gone to a non-standard chapeau; but either of these solutions would no doubt have incurred the wrath and ire of the same chap who shows so much

concern for my tor sorial well being. Only one solution was left, and reluctantly I went into the darkest depths of my wardrobe and there amongst the white gloves, pillbox, and olive drab wash towels (souvenirs of a previous life) I found my green beret. Now there was a time that I felt I cut a pretty meansilhouette a be ret; sort of a skinny J. in Wayne in fact, but that was long ago and under much different circumstances. When I placed the offensive thing on my dome I distinctly heard the sound of helicopters and felt the hanger floor heave and roll beneath my feet. A bad omen!

But in my defence I must say that every since writing G.S.K. I have been motivated to be more "forces oriented" and to be a better officer (even if I didn't pass the damned thing). So, I squared it off, seam horizontal, badge over the port...er left eye, right side tugged down a la Montgomery and set off for the squadron whistling Colonel Bogey

I always thought I worked with a good bunch of people; intelligent (with a few exceptions) friendly, but mostly understanding. How then can I explain the reception that was waiting for me and my new hat. I was ridiculed; "What is that thing on your head?" they exclaimed. There were threats made against my hat: "If we see that piece of garbage on your head

again we'll burn it." There were threats against myself; "If we see that thing on you again, we'll burn it, on your head!" Tell me sir, you who as a journalist must retain an objective perspective on all things, are the pains of integration still with us? Is the mere symbol of one of our sister services sufficient to evoke violent emotions from normally happy friendly people towards one of their comrades?

So this brings me to my problem, which I put to you and your readers: Should I go hatless? Should I forsake my morals and steal a suitable replacement? Is the fact that I would even consider wearing a tam indicative of creeping old age and unsuitability for fighter aviation?

I swear that if a wedge were available, no price would be too steep to pay, no voyage too great were it required, if only I could locate another wedge my dilemma would be solved. I throw myself on the mercy of your infinite wisdom.

Suicidally yours,
Swanny

Note: I think you've got it. But when you go, don't take too long, don't be too messy, and let me watch.

BGJK

The summer season is upon us, and 442, being equal to the task has stepped up operations, changed it's weekends, and revised it's hours to meet the public demand for SAR. It appears the squadron is facing one of the toughest searches yet. If you think trying to locate a Cessna 150 amongst a forest of two hundred foot Redwoods is difficult, try to imagine a search for a single helicopter blade winging it's way somewhere between Edmonton and Vancouver.

This search could turn out to be a long one, and it appears we are not receiving co-operation from people we ask about the stray blade. When inquiring at the Vancouver 12th Battalion, we were told they had cut it up and used it for shelving. This would indicate the 12th Battalion is either very financially strapped, or they have a sad sense of humour. We weren't laughing, but it'll take more than the 12 Battalion to discourage 442 in their quest for the missing blade. It's amazing what Buff pilots will go through for their Lab partners.

The 442 golf tournament was a classic success. Teams of three took to the fairways armed only with 3,

5 and 9 irons and a putter. Those who had golfed before met with no surprises. The 3 iron shot they could never make turned out to be just that. The real surprise came when Donna Chappin, (who has never golfed before) took away first prize along with her partners Rusty Rutherford and Al Davies. Thanks to the organizational ability of Al Stephenson we're looking forward to more 442 outings in the future.

They said it couldn't be done in the daytime, but there sits the pink piggy on top of the CE flagpole. CE has been trying desperately to change the appearance of their flagpole for some reason. Remember the first experiment with the plywood flag? It was scrapped because they couldn't get it to flap in the breeze. They now tried the pink pig experiment. It worked to well they were actually going to replace the beaver with the pig, but with the beaver on the ground they were afraid he would chew down the flagpole. Pink piggy seems to be depressed about the whole thing and has gone into seclusion. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please don't keep it to yourself.



With the aid of a long stick, LCol. Lott shoves the remains of his navigator off the wing of a Voodoo after having reduced him to a quivering mass of jelly. It is rumoured the flight took place the day following the Hawk Roast.



OFFICERS' MESS ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, June 10 -

MONSTER TGIH (Thank God It's Here) - AURORA BEER CALL. (1600-0200 hrs.) Bar - 1600 hrs. Steak BBQ - 1700 hrs. All officers come out and welcome the CP-140 in style. Great visiting guests. Subsidized drinks courtesy Litton Systems of Canada.

Thursday, June 11 -

BEER GARDEN - 1230 hrs. Since the mess will be unavailable for lunch following the Aurora Arrival Ceremony, why not lunch out at the "Beer Garden" next to the Junior Ranks' Mess. Beer and lunch available.



DINNER / RECEPTION
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1930-0200 hrs. Dress: Informal. Cocktails: 1930-2000 hrs. Buffet dinner featuring Hip of Beef, commencing 2000 hrs. Music by the HMCS Naden Band. Reservations open May 25 and will close June 8 at 1300 hrs. \$5.00 per person.

ENTERTAINMENT WOs' - SGTs' MESS

29 May
5 June
12 June
19 June
26 June

TGI's
Mixed w/Food
MCpl's Night (OJT for all MCpls)
Reg. w/Food
Reg. w/Food
Mixed w/Food

Stag Mens Golf Tournament

19 June 81
Tee Off at 12:30 hrs.
Prize presentation at the Mess Lounge at 1700 hrs

MOVIES

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"Fist Full of Dynamite"
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Very Happy, Cpl. Debbie Bristol receives her accelerated promotion from Maj. Van Der Pryt.



Cpl. Payne is congratulated by Maj. Van Der Pryt after reception of the Canadian decoration.

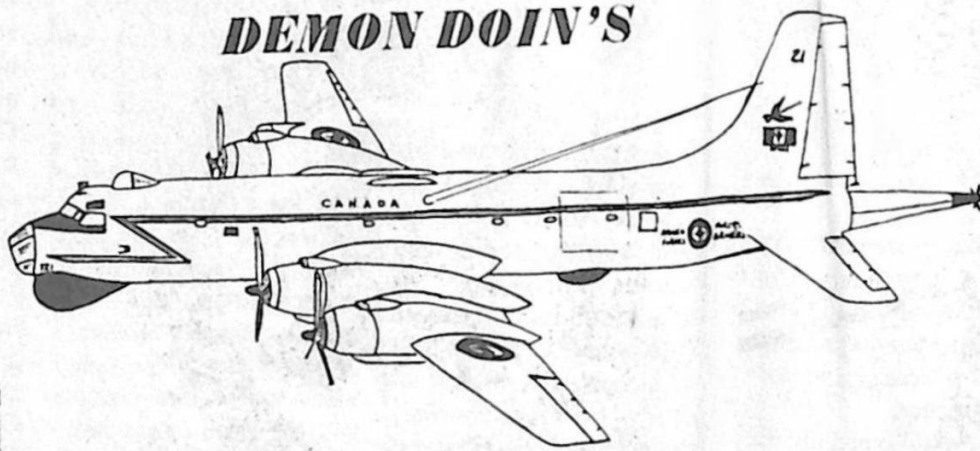


Sgt. Lunde, Cpl. Douglas, MCpl. Dunne, MCpl. Wilford, MCpl. Grant and Cpl. MacFarlane. Missing - Sgt. St. Michael and Cpl. Barth. A total of 163 accumulative years in the Canadian Forces.



MCpl. Dunne is all smiles after he received his Canadian decoration from Maj. Van Der Pryt.

DEMON DOIN'S



Once again Base Refinishing Shop leaves its mark on the base. Cpl. Norm Yakimachuk and Pte. Gaby Chartier apply the finishing touches to the MK44 torpedo located at 407 Sqn. Torpedo Section.

THE VANCOUVER ISLAND REAL ESTATE BOARD

A recent article in the New York Times discussed the problem of limiting house showings to serious prospects. In order to see one brownstone in Manhattan's Greenwich Village, for instance, prospective buyers had to fork over a deposit (refundable) of \$1,000. Some real estate agents, especially those handling million-dollar properties, ask callers for bank references. The aim is to cut wasted time for the owner and the agent - and to discourage burglary.

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- May 26: Movie: GUYANA
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- May 30: D.J.
- May 31: Pig & Whistle
Swamp Grass
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Editorials

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May is Family Month.

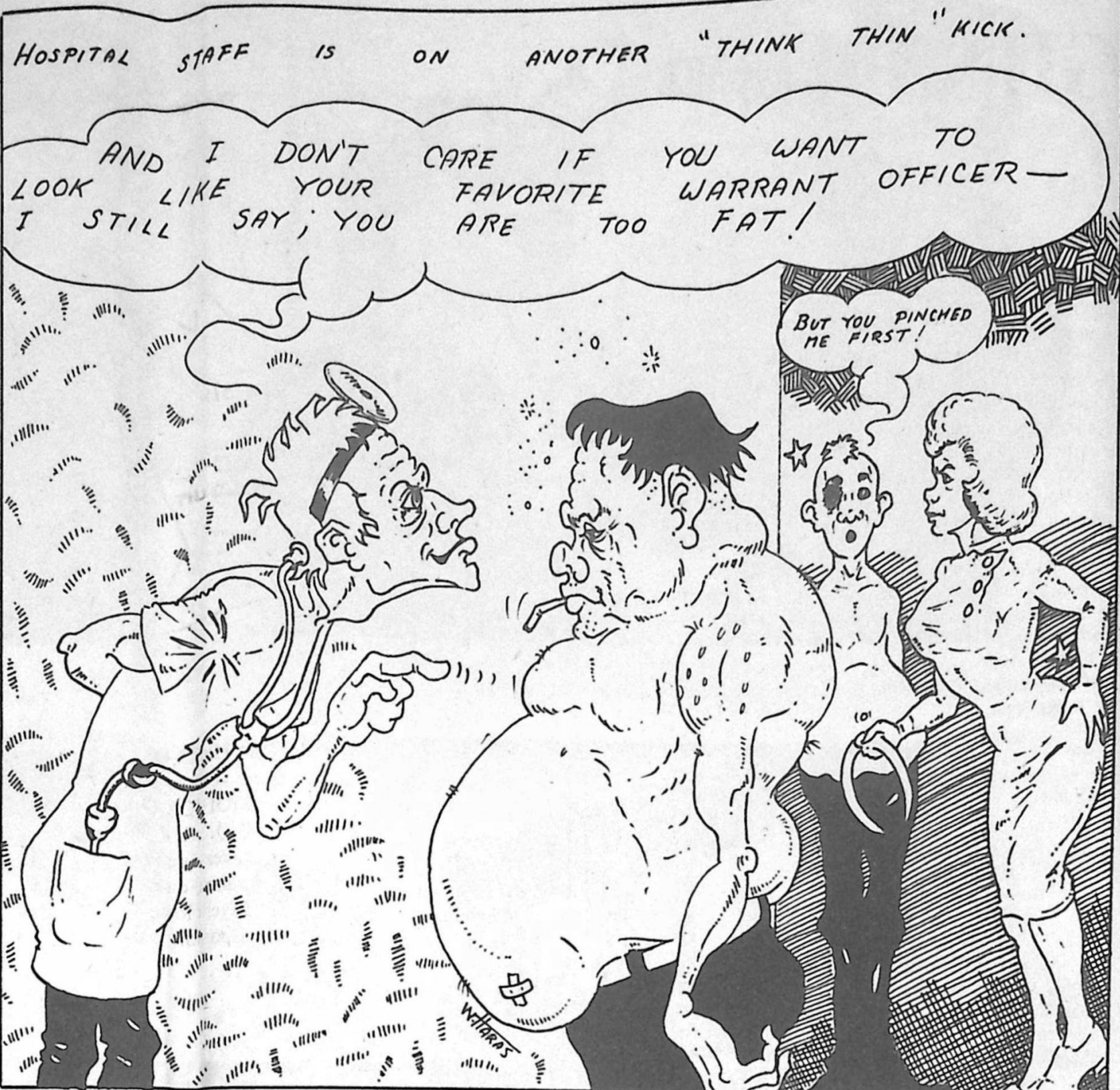
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Statistics Canada has its say

The Editor,

I would like to respond to the comments of B.J. VanEldik regarding the forthcoming census of Canada (Totem Times, April 30). This important measurement of the social and economic characteristics of our country and its peoples must be placed in reasonable perspective.

Yes! Mr. VanEldik - and all Canadians - do have a fundamental right to privacy. They also have a fundamental right to police and fire protection, health services, adequate education facilities, public transportation, and retail and commercial services. All of these things - and many more - are planned with the use of census data.

Small and big business and all levels of government depend on census data for making decisions that affect the lives of every Canadian resident.

Look around your community this month - you will see census messages in schools, supermarkets, banks, libraries, shopping centres, restaurants, com-

munity organization offices, provincial and municipal government offices, and in other locations. The co-operation of these organizations is testimony to the fact that Census data has widespread importance.

VanEldik was incorrect in his implication that a visit from a city inspector was in some way related to confidential information provided on a census questionnaire. Statistics Canada guarantees the confidentiality of every individual's information. Neither municipal officials nor personnel in any other government department have access to any data on any individual.

I spoke with Mayor George Laking of Port Coquitlam (Van Eldik's resident municipality), and he expressed to me his willingness to confirm to any callers the fact that he and his municipal staff receive absolutely no information on any individual citizen from the Census. I invite your readers to contact Mayor Laking or any other mayor

in the province if they require further confirmation.

It is not only unwise but irresponsible for a country to be managed without accurate information about the number and basic characteristics of residents. The census is not only a federal government requirement, but a requirement at all government levels, business and industry.

The Census directly or indirectly affects and benefits every resident of this country. That is why the Canadian Parliament saw fit to make answering a census questionnaire a legal requirement. The United Nations encourages all of its 154 members to conduct a regular census.

I hope your readers will now see VanEldik's claims more objectively. I trust my reasons make the need for a complete and accurate census very evident, indeed!

Carla Gail Lenoski,
Assistant Regional Director-Pacific Region
Statistics Canada

Thanks for the posting

The Editor,

May I use your paper to say a big thank you to the people on this base for making our assignment here such a pleasant and learning experience.

I would especially like to thank the staff at the Rec Centre for this constant help and support for my ladies keep fit sessions. I would also like to thank them for the plaque they presented to me, the thought that went into it means as much as the gift itself.

My family and I have enjoyed our posting in Canada and thank you all for making our 5 years here happy ones.

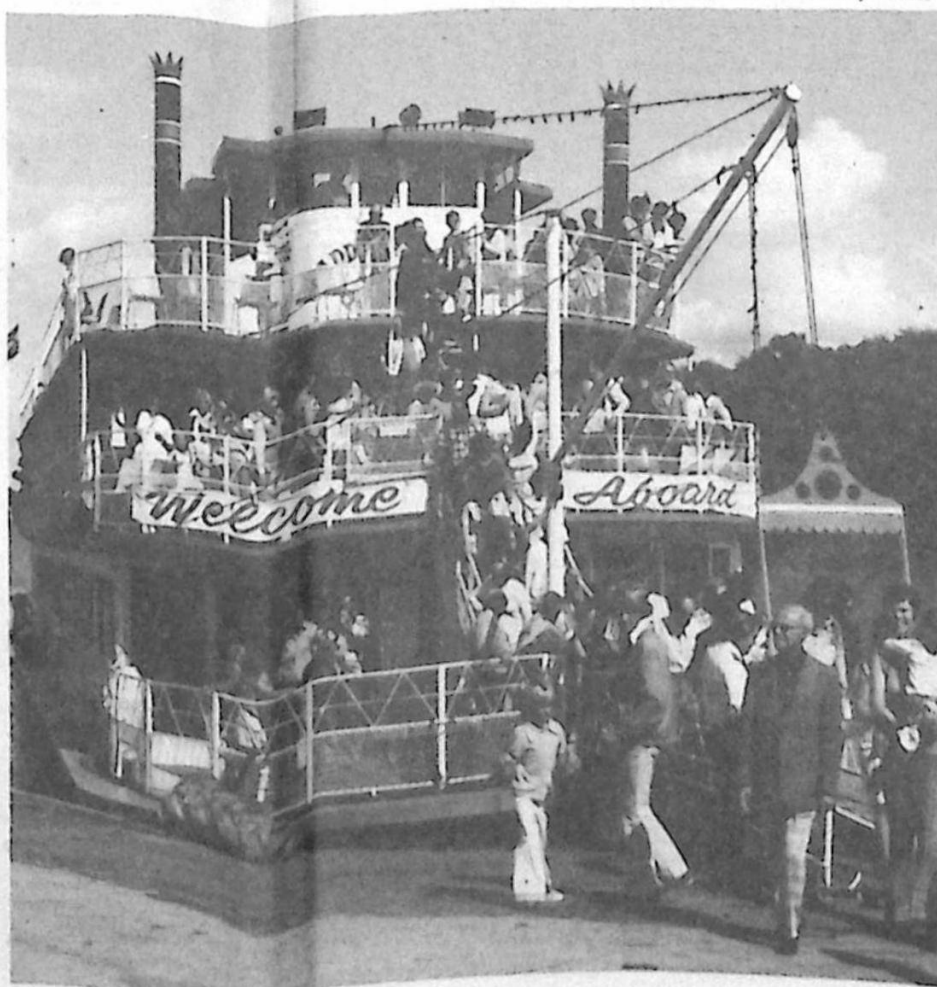
May I also thank the

many ladies who have supported me so loyally 3 days a week, rain or shine, sore and aching bodies, but always smiling. Thank you one and all for the beautiful gifts, they will always be treasured, and bring back many happy memories.

Remember ladies if any of you are lucky enough to go to Germany, that England is just a puddle away, so please hop over and visit us.

My family and I have enjoyed our posting in Canada and thank you all for making our 5 years here happy ones.

Jill Smith



BAdO gives Aurora day a boost

Faced with cost overruns on the planned Armed Forces day scheduled for June 13, the BAdO, LCol. Morrice, has been renting his boat out for pleasure cruises up the Puntledge

River. This means of raising funds is not a first for the BAdO however, as he raised a considerable sum by ferrying 1,140 refugees fleeing from Cambodia.

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GENS DU PAYS

Les Canadiens ont choisi: LA COLOMBIE BRITANNIQUE

Les Canadiens ont conclu que la Colombie Britannique était No. 1.

En effet, cette année la Colombie Britannique vient de détrôner l'Île du Prince Édouard, dans le rang des provinces les plus appréciées du Canada et des États-Unis.

Les questionnaires ont été délivrés parmi la population de Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto et les francophones et anglophones de Montréal.

Il s'est avéré que la Colombie Britannique était la province à visiter en premier.

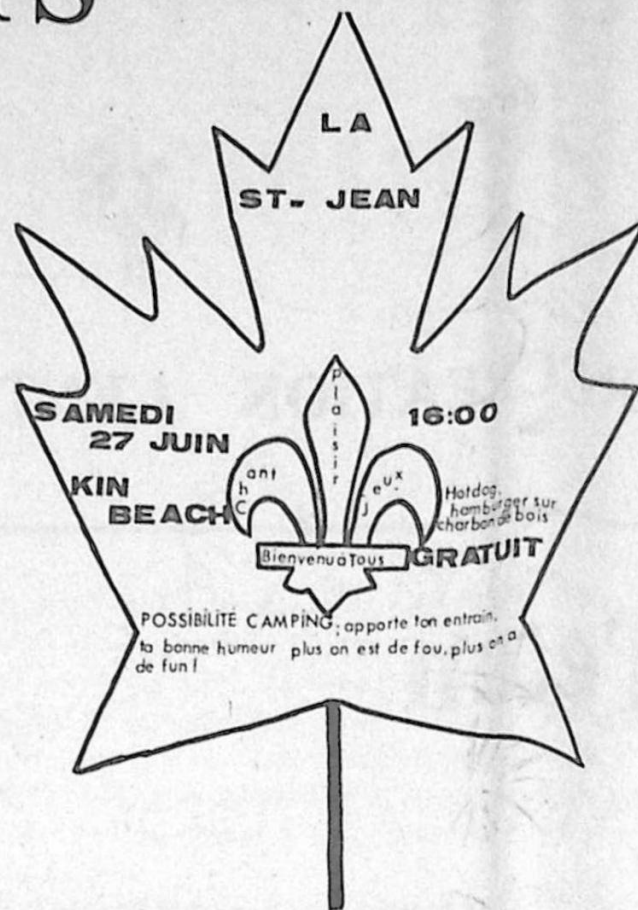
Ensuite viennent les États-Unis suivis par les Maritimes, l'Alberta et le Québec.

Il est curieux de remarquer que, parmi les

réponses, les États-Unis ont été choisis pour les activités, les choses à voir dans les grandes villes et pour les activités de plein air. Les hôtels et motels américains ont la faveur des Canadiens.

Les opinions diffèrent de ville en ville. Montréal, anglais et français, et Toronto, préfèrent voyager au Canada, tandis que Winnipeg et Calgary préfèrent passer leurs vacances aux États-Unis.

Voilà ce que les touristes ont trouvé en Colombie Britannique: facile à voyager par train, par voiture, par bus; amabilité envers les touristes; facilité de communiquer avec les habitants de C.B.; en résumé, une province où on veut revenir.



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Le soleil: Ca vous intéresse?

Chaque semaine depuis plus de 25 ans, Le Soleil, le seul journal de langue française de la C.B., nous offre une foule d'informations sur la vaste communauté francophone de la Colombie (126,000) de même que sur tout autres sujets d'actualité. Chacun de nous serait en effet surpris d'apprendre tout ce qui se fait en français dans cette province. Si ça vous intéresse et si vous êtes déjà membre du club "gens du pays", le coût sera réduit à \$7.00, si non; \$12.00.

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LE PROGRAMME CADRE

Plus de 22 enfants sont maintenant inscrits, la 1ère phase du programme va donc très bien. Encore une fois, on vous encourage de tout coeur à y inscrire vos enfants en contactant MR. Robert Laval à 338-9262. Faites vite, la date limite arrive. Une réunion de parents aura lieu à la mi-juin.

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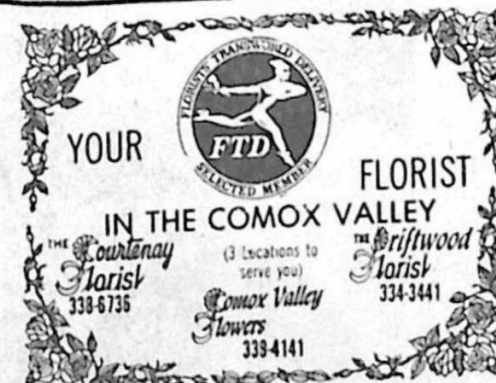
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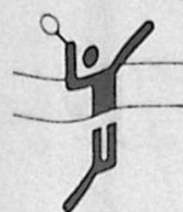
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Jill and her family have been posted to Fairford, near Gloucester, England in July of this year.

The ladies fitness classes had a Pot Luck dinner in her honour on Friday 22 May in the Base Rec Centre in appreciation for her efforts and presented her with a very nice engraved silver tray. The PERI staff also gave her a memento for her good work.

Jill will surely be missed by all and hard to replace, so good luck to Jill and her family in their new posting. England's gain will be our loss.



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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AT THE POOL

The Base pool will again be running a Summer swim program. We will be requiring people to fill the positions of Instructors, Lifeguards and a Pool Attendant. The basic requirements are as follows:

Instructor:

- 1) Current Red Cross "Water Safety" Instructor
- 2) Current Royal Life "Bronze Medallion"

Wage \$5.00 per hour

Assistant Instructor:

- 1) Current Red Cross "Leaders"
- 2) Current Royal Life "Bronze Medallion"

Wage \$4.50 per hour

Lifeguard:

- 1) Current "Royal Life" Bronze Medallion

Wage \$4.00 per hour

Pool Attendant: Wage \$3.50 (under 17 yrs of age \$3.25)

Submit your applications along with a photocopy of qualifications to:

Cpl. K. Kowalski
Base Recreation Centre Local 315

CHILDRENS CHALLENGE ARMED FORCES DAY 1981

Armed Forces day 1981 will be offering as one of their activities, Children's Fitness Challenge for ages 6 - 16.

This challenge will include Bent knee sit ups and a Flexed armed hand, and there will be prizes and ribbons for competitors.

The children's fitness challenge will start taking challengers at 12 noon and stop at 2 p.m. Final results will be posted throughout and prizes awarded at 2 p.m. when the challenge will end.

This will be held 13 Jun 1981.

TENNIS LESSONS

The Tennis lessons are off to a good start in the base gym this year. They started 19 May and go for an hour every day from 0900 - 1000 for the next two weeks. These lessons are being taught by Capt. Pronk and MCpl. Swann, and most of the players are beginners. The first week is spent teaching the players the different positions, and the second week will be spent practicing the game outside, on the tennis courts on base.

About 25 players are showing up and the lessons seem to be very successful.

BALL HOCKEY

Some say it is not the right time of year to be in the Arena but if you are one of those dedicated athletes who love to play Hockey, come on out to the Arena Monday and Wednesday nights at 1900 hrs. Bring your own stick and you are ready.

For more information contact the Rec Centre Loc. 315, Cpl. Vartanyan or Loc. 315, or Pte. Garry Moul Loc. 285.

BRONZE MEDALLION

The Base pool will be offering a Royal Life Bronze Medallion Course. The only prerequisite is that the candidate be 14 years of age. The course will commence on the 25th of May at 7:00 in the evening for three weeks (Mon., Wed. & Fri. each week). Interested individuals are to contact Cpl. Karen Kowalski, Base Rec Centre, Local 315.

Come out and support your Base teams and have some fun.

BASE TEAMS SOFTBALL

Unfortunately, the men's team is off to a what we will call a slow start with a 0 to 4 record. They lost the first two games by six to four scores. The third game was 9 - 3 and the last game was lost in the first two innings, when the opposition scored eight runs and the final was 8 - 4. However, we expect bigger and better things to come. The women's team is doing very well with a win, a tie and a loss. The girls are expected to do very well in their league and with all their experience are expected to be in the winning at the Regionals. The Totems appreciate the support you have given them thus far. Here is the schedule, for both teams for the remainder of the season:

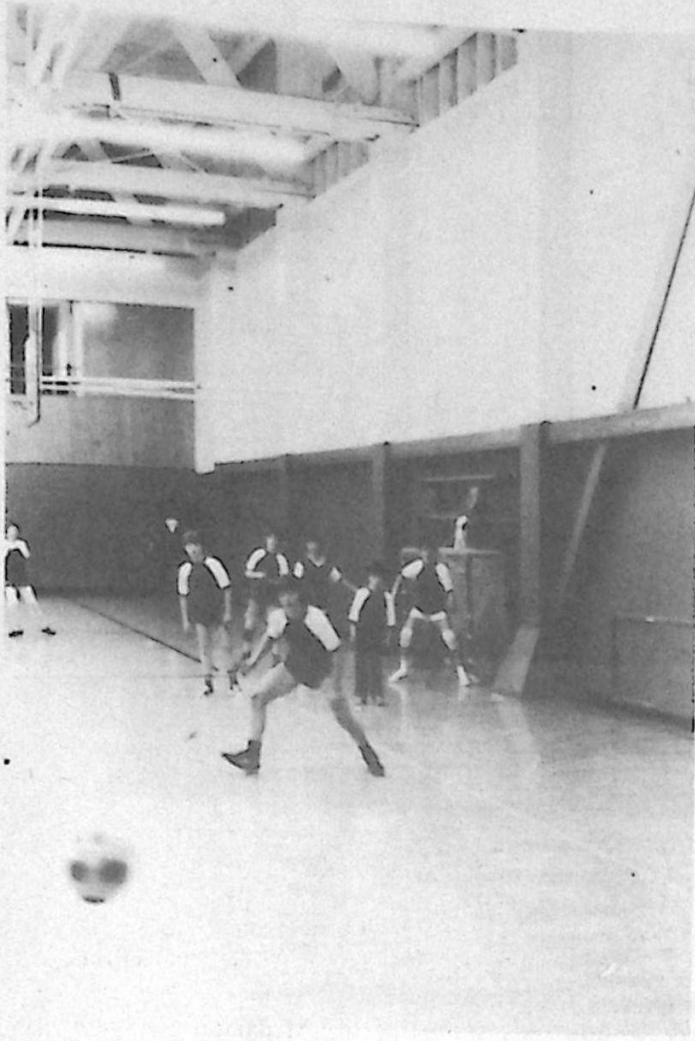
MENS TEAM

24 May - 1700
1 Jun - 1830
8 Jun - 1830
15 Jun - 1830
22 Jun - 1830
8 Jul - 1830
13 Jul - 1830
20 Jul - 1830
22 Jul - 1830
27 Jul - 1830
3 Aug - 1830

WOMENS TEAM

25 May - 1830
3 Jun - 1830
8 Jun - 1830
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24 Jun - 1830
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BOYS & GIRLS INDOOR SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS 1981

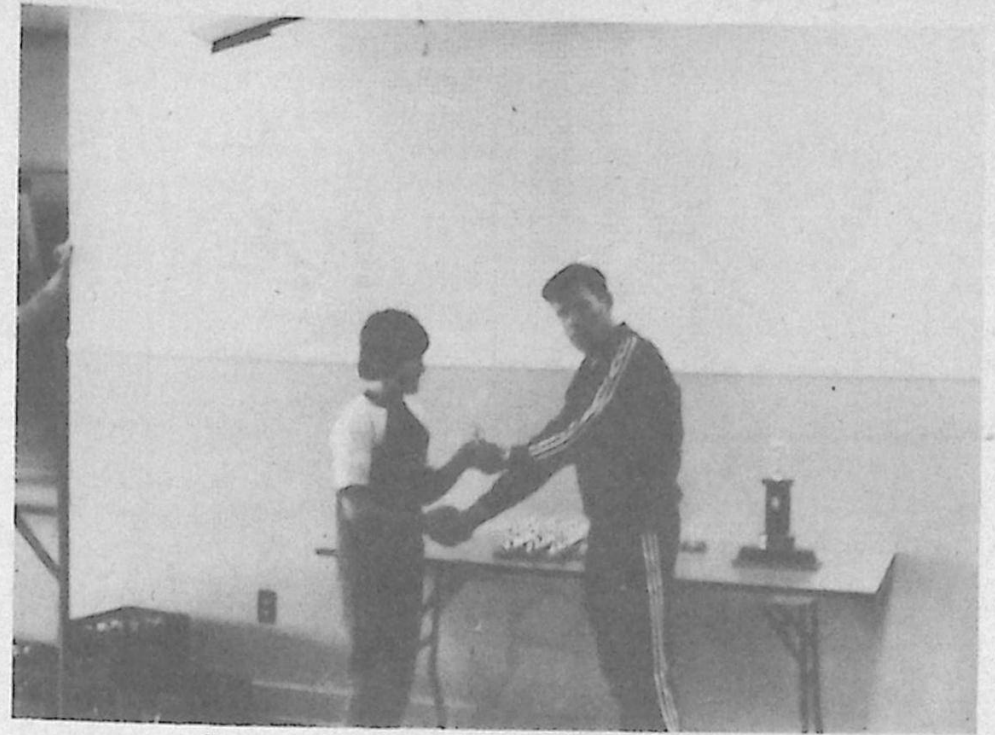


Saturday 2 May 81 was a big day for approximately 60 boys and girls from 6 - 12 years of age, as it was the wind-up of a season which started 2 Feb and ended 27 Apr 81.

The season consisted of an eleven game round robin tournament for four teams; each team played for points to earn a position in the play-offs. After all points and scores were counted, the games for the play-offs were set as follows:

1st place Red Barons Vs 4th place Green Demons
2nd place Yellow Cougars Vs 3rd place Black Knights

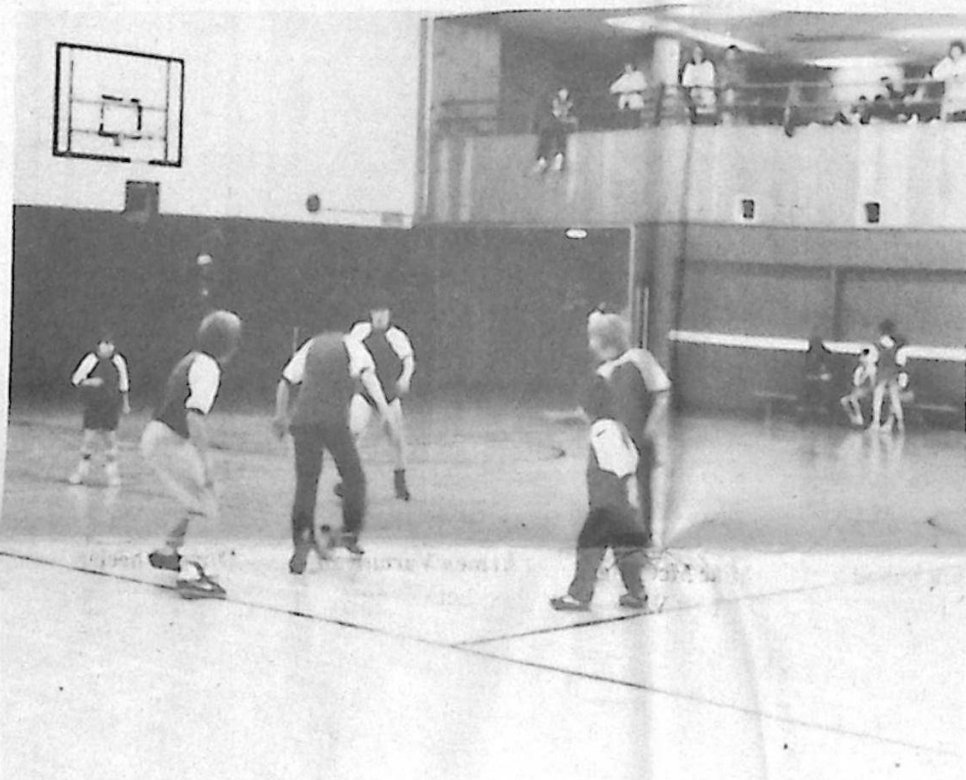
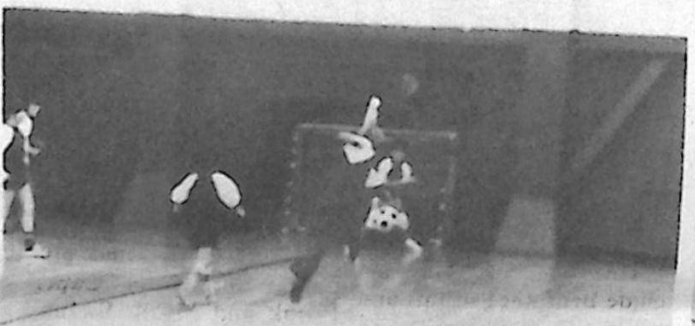
The talent and enthusiasm shown during the high spirited games that were played in the play-off Championship was a credit to all the kids that participated. For the parents that had the pleasure of watching their boy or girl play, they had to be proud of their efforts.



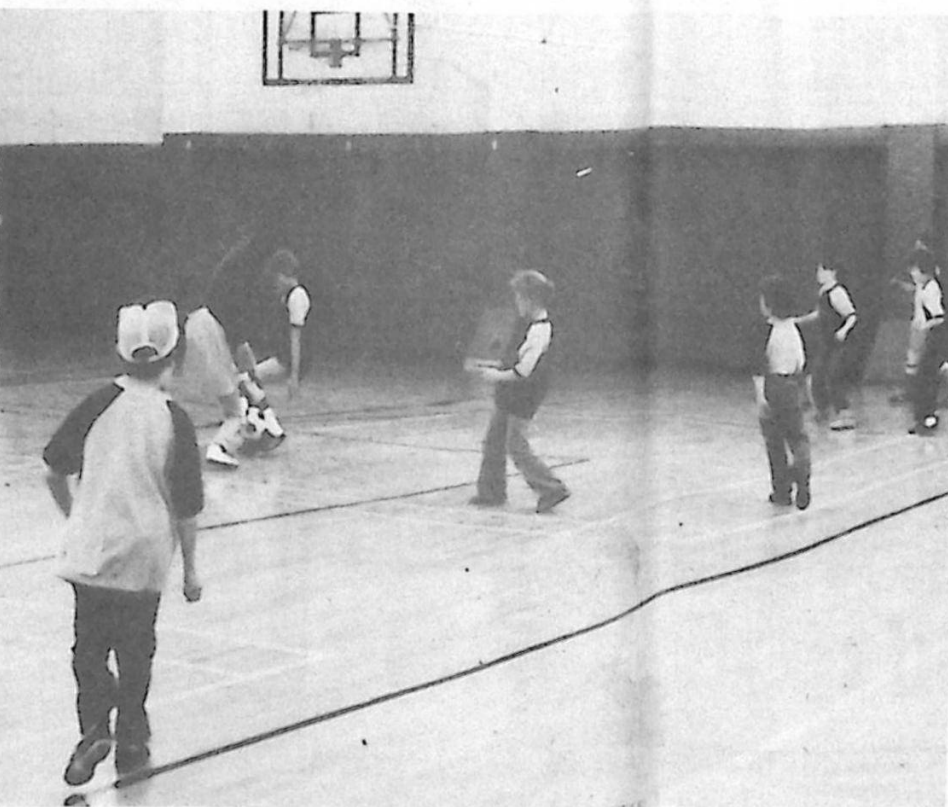
Season High Scorer: **STEPHEN MURPHY**



Season Round Robin Winners: **THE RED BARONS**



Play-Off Champions: **GREEN DEMONS**



Runners-Up: **YELLOW COUGARS**

Well deserved refreshments were served following the playoff.

ORGANIZER'S COMMENTS

My appreciation and thanks go out to the following people who have volunteered their time and money for the kids throughout the season:

Mr. George Murphy, who has managed the benches of all teams involved, at one time or another, since the season began. Mr. Buster Baltzer, Ted Burgess, and the many other Dads who have helped out many times. Mr. Rick Kellow of the Comox Credit Union, who supplied the funds for the engraving and trophies for

the league. Lt. Martin and the PMQ Council for sponsoring the refreshments that were served at the tournament which was enjoyed by all participants.

This year is my final for this area, so to the kids, I wish you all the best of luck in the future and I hope the enthusiasm and good sportsmanship you have shown in this sport, will continue in all the sports you may attempt in the future. Finally, to the parents, I thank you all for your assistance and support throughout the programme.



Runners-Up: **BLACK KNIGHTS**

Promotions and awards



Cpl. Marie Parks is congratulated on her promotion by Maj. Morriss.



Sgt. Yves Verville, recently promoted accepts congrats from Maj. Morriss.



Sgt. Dick Derkson and WO Ostropolski are congratulated on their promotions by LCol. Clements, BOPSO.



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Tee Pee Park News

The salmon fishing has been excellent for the past month (when weather allows). There are quite a few limits of Blueback still coming in along with some nice Springs. Derm Kowalski brought in a 12 lb 7 oz Spring and Hank Rossiter had one about 9 lbs. The favourite lure still seems to be a pink hot spot. Any fish over 5 lbs will be weighed in at the Beach House and entered in the Coast Radio (Free) Salmon Sweepstakes contest.

For anyone catching a salmon with the adipose fin missing, there is a head depot at the store.

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For any information on fishing conditions or campsite reservations, call Len or Norma at local 483.

"...I was a stranger and you took me in..." Matt. 25, 35. Not only did the ladies take me in, but on attending my first meeting they elected me president, so this is truly the testimonial of an untried officer with a small but loyal and hard-working membership.

Postings have depleted our membership over the last couple of years. We have had 16 members this last year, but we will soon be reduced to a dozen due to postings. Where do all the ladies go? We seem to find no CWL ladies coming our way while so many councils are being enriched by our Comox "wonder women".

Even with our limited number - many with small children to care for, those living 5 to 7 miles off base, others employed outside the home, and our dearest Daisy to care for (now 94 years old), we have managed to accomplish so much.

CWL President's Report '81

Last spring's Confirmation and this year's Reconciliation and First Communion preparations were very well instructed and organized by our own ladies. Our members include catechism teachers, youth group leaders, sacristans, lay ministers, choir members and parish council members.

We organized an October Candlelight Rosary, and our Thanksgiving Altar was not only beautiful but the generosity of our parishioners filled the tables and cupboards of our less fortunate neighbours here in the Comox Valley.

Though the Protestant Ladies Guild is even smaller than we are, they held the Christmas Candlelight Service and we hosted the potluck supper - lots of fun! Our gals hadn't lost their touch from our wind-up potluck supper - lots of fun!

We have been fortunate in being invited to other CWL activities on the Island. The Vancouver Island Diocesan Quarterly

meeting in October was very informative, especially so since I had been unable to attend our own Annual Military Vicariate Convention held in Trenton. The Diocesan also sponsored a Day of Retreat which gave us a chance to meet and pray with our sisters from most of the Island councils.

A leadership day in Esquimalt with our own Agnes LeBlanc taught us all a great deal - now for the opportunity to practice and improve our knowledge! The fellowship was terrific.

Christmas and New Year celebrations were the last ones to take place in our small chapel - all beautifully prepared by our talented ladies. The first Monday in January saw us evicted to the Parish Hall until the first Sunday in April. Father Stack departed for Hawaii that day, but Father Forcier convinced us that the inconvenience and crowding could be tolerated. We are all the more appreciative of our larger church and the privilege of kneeling for the Consecration of the Mass, and also to have regained our confessional instead of a crowded kitchen!

Members have taken part in Christian Unity Week Services, World Dy of Prayer, Life in the Spirit Seminars, Bible studies, Marriage Encounters, and Women's Aglow.

On a community aspect we have also been busy canvassing for the cancer Society and Mental Health; working at Blood Donor Clinics; sitting on the PMW Council; running the Air Movements Concession jointly with the Protestant Ladies Guild; visiting monthly with the senior citizens of Glacier View Home to

play Bingo, have sing-songs with the elderly or simply to visit and share of ourselves. You will also find our members involved with Guides, Brownies and Beavers. How can so few do so much? Only with the help of our Almighty Father and the generosity of our husbands and families.

Our St. Patrick's Tea and Bazaar was a great success, raising over \$775. Religious articles are made available for our parishioners at reasonable rates. Special orders are a great part of our sales so we are obviously filling a need in our community.

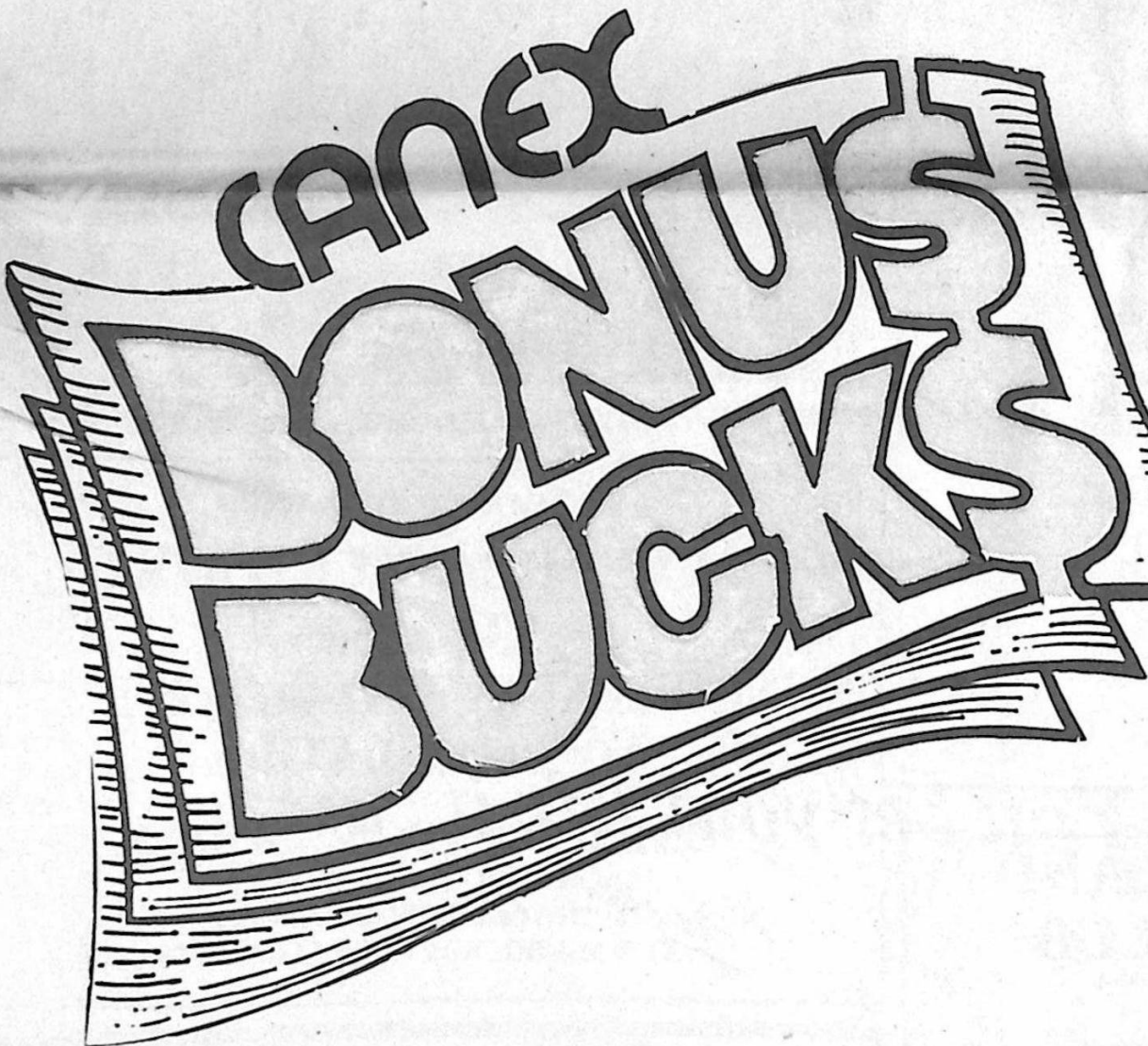
We will be losing our spiritual director this summer - Father Stack has been very helpful in our endeavours over the last 4 years and he will now have to experience Prairie winters in Winnipeg. And we in Comox will introduce Father Julien Rheault to our own peculiar weather systems.

In closing, I would like to thank all who have made this year in CWL such a good one for me and I am looking forward with more confidence to my second term as President. Too late for elections this year, but if the opportunity arises to serve on the executive of your Parish CWL, don't be afraid to give it a try.

We send Father Stack away with our prayers and good wishes - the improvements he has instigated and brought to fruition will be remembered and appreciated by all who attend our parish - bon voyage and God speed. Come back to visit our Pacific Paradise.

Mary Anne Stagg
President CWL

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PMQ preamble

I don't have much to report this time, but I'll try to fill a little space.

The flea market on the 23rd was not the success we had hoped for, but we'll try it again in the Fall when the weather isn't as nice to sit out and get a tan.

The 6th Pack Brownies had a BBQ on the 23rd at Air Force Beach Pavillion. I don't think too many ate dinner that night. They had no trouble following their compass directions to find the lolly-pop tree. I'd like to thank my son and my husband for cooking, and Wayne Fautaux for his knot tying skills. (I won't tell on you, Wayne). I'd like to thank our Commissioner, Mrs. Osmond, for her encouragement and advice during the year, the leaders, the mothers, and the Brownies, and most of all to my husband for his encouragement, and for having my supper cooked every Monday night at 7:45 when I got home.

The 3rd Brownie Pack is also finished for the year. They have a picnic planned and the date will be set later. They, also, would like to thank our Commissioner, the leaders, the mothers, the Brownies and their husbands. Jill Smith's husband is transferred to England, and Cecile Boulanger's husband is transferred to Baden, Germany, so this leaves the 3rd Pack with no leaders in the Fall. The 6th Pack has only one leader, and until more are found, neither Pack can open.

Our gardens are growing very nicely. One couple have onions that are ready to eat, and their green peppers are in bud. The cukes and radish look very healthy, but some of the tomato plants aren't doing very well, guess they were planted too early!

I see more people are planting flowers around their PMQs and they certainly are attractive.

With vacations almost upon us, if you don't have your valuables marked, it would be a good idea to stop at the Military Police Guard Room and ask to sign out the engraver to mark them and you can leave on your trip feeling a little safer knowing your valuables are identified. If you have oil paintings, silver, mirrors, etc. that can't be engraved, I think the R.C.M.P. have an invisible marker, which can be signed out by calling Cst. Ron Harris at 338-6551.

Another wise thing to do before you go away is to notify the Military Police that your PMQ is going to be vacant for x number of days and also leave a key, with a friend or neighbour.

Don't forget Family Day on May 30th at Air Force Beach Pavillion starting at 9am with a pancake and sausage breakfast, followed at noon with a baked bean and hot dog lunch with games, fun and clowns in between. Parking is at a minimum, so it would be a good idea to car pool it down. Don't forget a hat for baby!

My Newfie friend, Ed, had another letter from his Mom with some good news and some bad news. The good news was that she got new red carpeting in her bathroom, and she likes it so much that she's going to run it all the way into the house. The bad news was that his nephew shot his parents so he could go to the orphans picnic.

The B.C. Lions are back in Courtenay for their annual two week training camp. If you'd like to watch your favorite team practice, you can see them at Lewis Park at 9:30 am or 3:30 pm.

The ball teams are starting to look good (especially at a practice the day after a party) and the first game is set for May 26 between the Senior NCO's and Security. With the coach the Security team has, I'm betting on them!

The Little League is doing very well, and the children are learning a lot, thanks to the volunteers like Dave Tucker, Lewis Robertson, Larry Thoren, Robert Arnold, Jeanette Gromet, Mike Keller & Dave Regan. These people are all volunteers, and most certainly not professionals; trying to teach your children to play a game as well as good sportsmanship. They find this quite difficult with the harassment from the spectators. If you people know so much about the game, why didn't you step forward and volunteer when the season began?

'Till next time, Hi Ruby!



Outgoing Executive, Back Row: Evelyn Kennedy, Diane Beech, Barb myatt, Sara Williams, Sue McKinley. Front Row: Gail Thomas, Mary Dunsdon, Pat Black.



Incoming Executive, Standing: Jan Sparks, Barb Myatt, Bev Burrows, Linda Lott, Sue McKinley, Seated: Gail Thomas, Fran Al-Molkey.



Pat Black and Lynn Fitzpatrick



Diane Beech and Gwen Chisholm.

OWC Farewell

The CFB Officers Wives Club held their closing dinner May 20, to bid a warm farewell to all our friends leaving this summer.

Following a lovely dinner, President Pat Black, presented cheques to the two local charities voted on by the club. The money was raised from the clubs annual fashion show held last March. Lynn Fitzpatrick accepted a cheque for the Comox Valley Day Care Society, Comox branch, and Ruth Mitchell accepted for the Comox Valley Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

Base Commanders wife and honorary OWC President, Gwen Chisholm, gave our silver spoons to each of the departing members. Next, the new executive officers were introduced and Pat Black, outgoing President, was presented a farewell gift from the club.

We of the executive wish to extend a special thank you to each member for her support in club activities throughout the year. We hope to see everyone back next September for another fun filled year.



Ruth Mitchell and Pat Black.

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Canadian Forces news

The Sky Hawks



Three members of the Canadian Forces Parachute team, the Sky Hawks, haul in their parachutes after a successful landing. The Sky Hawks perform before large audiences throughout Canada each year.

OTTAWA -- The Sky Hawks -- The Canadian Forces parachute team which has thrilled almost 17,000,000 spectators over the past ten years will begin their country-wide series of jumping demonstrations on April 25 at St. Albert, Alberta.

During the 1981 season, the team will be featured at more than 80 exhibitions, festivals and airshows between now and mid-October.

The 11-man team is formed on a voluntary basis each year with members being drawn from a wide variety of ranks, trades and classifications in the

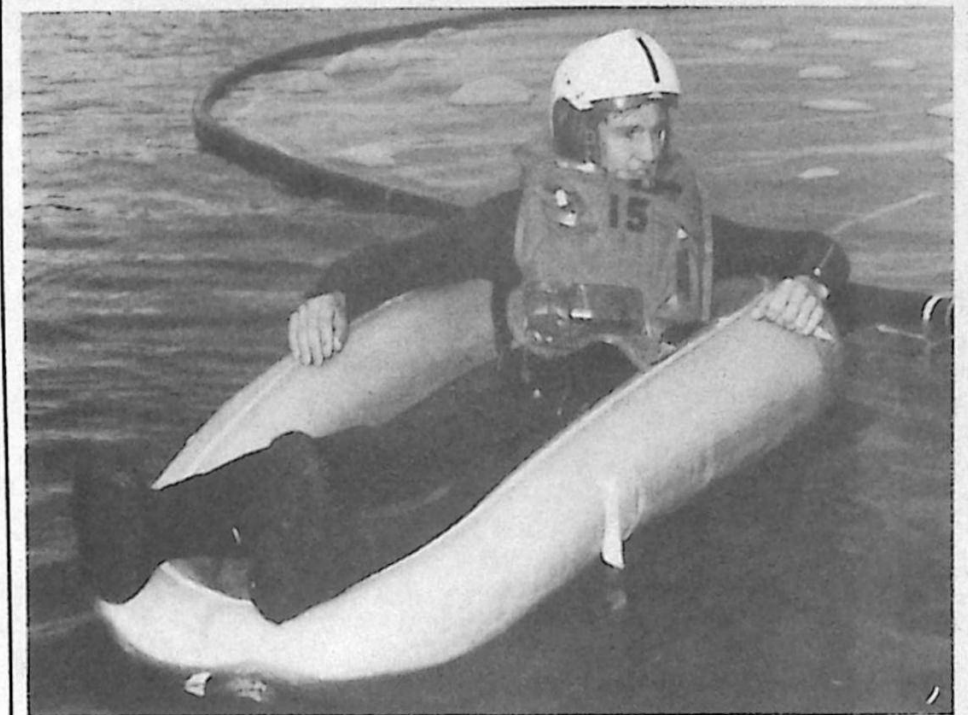
Regular and Reserve forces. The Sky Hawks program is made up of three descents (passes) from an altitude of 3,000 metres involving up to 45 seconds of free-fall and reaching speeds of up to 180 kilometres per hour.

This technique of military free-fall which is demonstrated by the Sky Hawks, is used in wartime to insert small groups into hostile territory. Such operations are normally carried out at night with the aircraft flying too high to be seen or heard. The falling human bodies are almost impossible to detect on radar.

Each member of the

team is an expert parachutist with up to 1,500 parachute descents to his credit. However, parachuting is not their only job, as they all have different primary occupations. Some of them serve as parachute instructors, parachute riggers, test parachutists, medical assistants, artillerymen, infantrymen and field engineers. In addition to these duties certain team members also assist in the training of military parachutists at the Canadian Airborne Centre, located in Edmonton, Alberta.

The Sky Hawks have performed annually since their formation in 1970.



SEA SURVIVAL - 2nd Lieutenant Lauritz Andrew Mamen 24, of Aylmer, P.Q., rests momentarily after simulated parachute drop into 45 degree water and defeating various obstacles in his sea survival training at Canadian Forces Base Comox, British Columbia.

The son of Mr. Christen Mamen of 126 Aylmer Blvd. Aylmer, P.Q., Lauritz is now undergoing training to become a Canadian Forces pilot. Part of his training consists of how to survive if he has to eject or bail out of his aircraft over water.

Officer Cadet Mamen has just completed seven weeks of initial pilot training at CFB Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. Upon completion of survival training, he will proceed to CFB Moose Jaw, Sask., for 10 months of jet training before qualifying for his wings. (Canadian Forces Photo by Sgt. Dennis Mah)

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THE FIVE SENSES

Prospects use all their senses when they look for a home. Most obvious, of course, is SIGHT. They see the sizes of the rooms, the sunlight that comes in, the condition of the property. And there's HEARING: what are the sounds of the neighborhood? Laughing children or traffic? Birdsong or heavy industry? Even TOUCH plays a part. Are floor and wall surfaces rough or smooth, hard or soft? Are room temperatures comfortable?

But don't neglect the sense of SMELL. You may be accustomed to the dog or to the smell of dad's cigar -- but an outsider isn't. Watch for unpleasant food odors or diaper smell in the baby's room. Air out the house and use a light air freshener. Substitute pleasant smells, such as fresh coffee perking or something delicious baking in the oven. (Quick freshener in the kitchen: boil a cinnamon stick and a teaspoon of whole cloves in water in an uncovered pot for five minutes. Let cool uncovered.)

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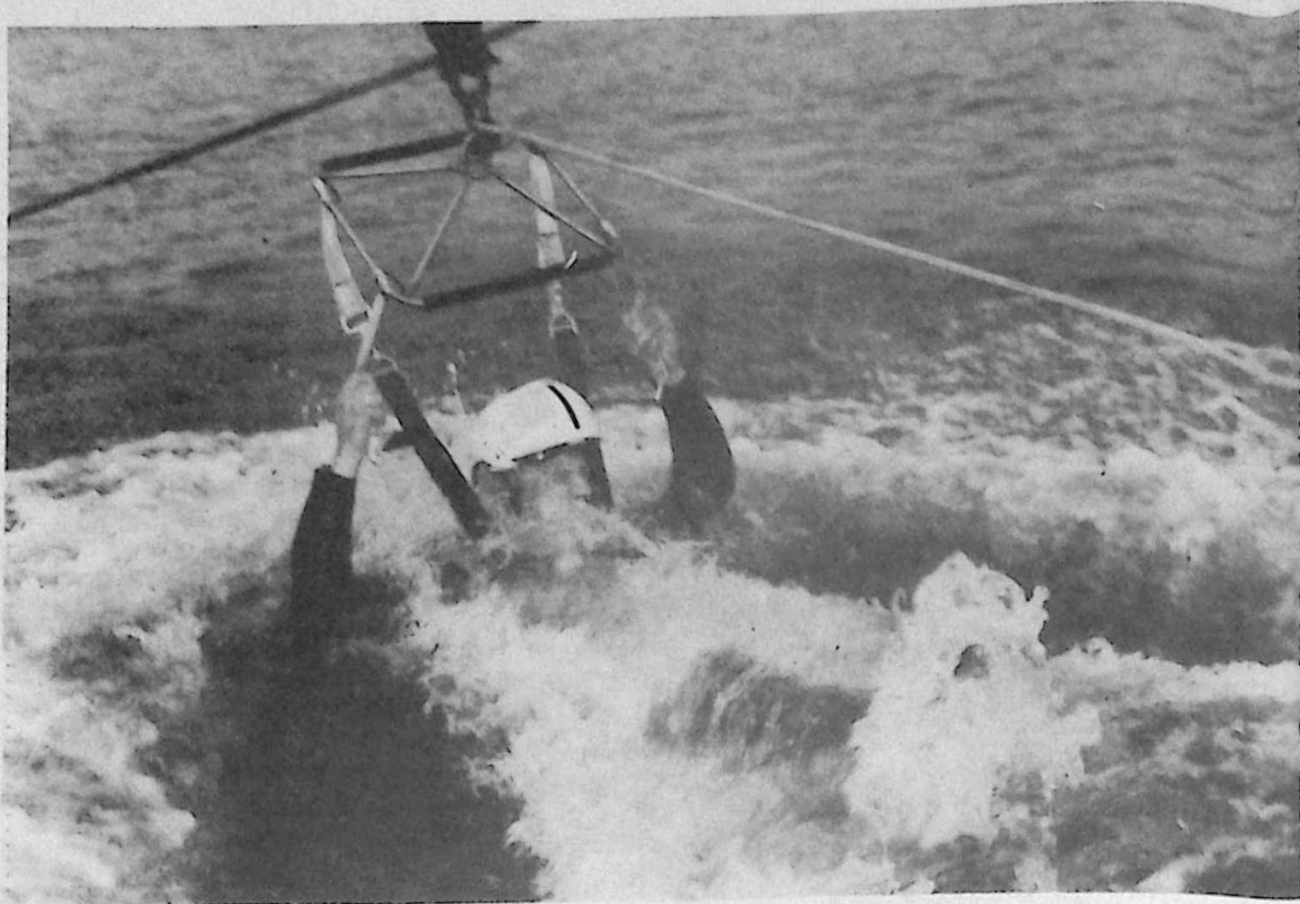
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MAKING A BIG SPLASH - Each year, scores of students on their Sea Survival Training, have to face the death-defying 65 foot tower at HMCS Quadra, Comox, B.C. For future pilots now undergoing training this is only a small part of their initiation into the Canadian Armed Forces. Students learn to slide down into the cold 8 degrees Celsius water in modified parachute harness simulating situations encountered if he or she has to eject or bail out of his aircraft over water.

(CF Photo by Sgt. Dennis Mah)



"OUR SVANEN", the three-masted barquentine sailing vessel leased to the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps returned to the Esquimalt naval dockyard May 13.

Since her departure seamanship and navigation training was provided to 52 cadets during the seven-and-a-half month cruise. "Our Svanen" visited Coos Bay, Oregon; San Francisco; Newport Beach, California; San Diego; Ensenada, Mexico; Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; La Paz, Mexico; Maui, Hawaii; Honolulu; and Port Townsend, Washington.

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The regulations concerning termination do not apply to certain industries, due to the nature of work.

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Pathfinder's King Leaves his mark

One of Canada's most decorated Second World War bomber pilots, Air Commodore (ret'd) Johnny E. Fauquier, died Friday, Apr. 3 in Toronto at the age of 72.

His exploits during two tours as commander of the RCAF's 405 (Bomber) and (Pathfinder) Squadron and during a third tour as commanding officer of the Royal Air Force's 617 (Dambuster) Squadron earned him the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) three times as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC). In recognition of his outstanding contribution, France bestowed upon him the Croix de Guerre with palm and appointed him Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Later recognition included induction into the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame in Edmonton as one of the first group selected after it was founded in 1973.

Born in Ottawa, Air Commodore Fauquier was educated at Ashbury College and after a brief foray into the financial world at Montreal, he learned to fly and set up a small bush airline, Commercial Airways, based at Noranda, Quebec.

Therefore, when he joined the RCAF on 1 Nov 1939 at 30 years of age, he already had logged approximately 3,000 flying hours and besides being a skilled pilot, was equally as proficient at navigating with minimum aids. Due to his experience, he was enrolled as a flight lieutenant and immediately given a flying instructor's course at Camp Borden and Trenton. From November, 1940 until April, 1941 he became an instructor to fledgling British Commonwealth Air Training Plan instructors at Trenton.

Then after two months at Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa, it was off to England to a glider and paratroop training centre. In September, 1941 he was assigned to 405 Bomber Squadron, the first RCAF bomber squadron to be formed in England and to bomb Germany. Within six months, he was promoted wing commander and given command of the squadron, the first RCAF officer to take command of a Canadian bomber squadron overseas.

The 30th of May, 1942, was noteworthy as the night

of the first of Bomber Command's 1,000-bomber raids over Germany - this time with 1,092 aircraft involved. Along with three other participating RCAF bomber squadrons were 15 Handley Page Halifaxes of 405 Squadron, led by Fauquier, making the RCAF's first four-engine heavy bomber raid. For his display of "the highest quality of courage and leadership" during two such massive raids later that summer over Essen and throughout many other sorties over Western Europe he was awarded the DFC on 29 July 1942.

After brief staff duties with RCAF Overseas Headquarters and then with 6 (RCAF) Bomber Group, on 20 Apr. 1943, he began a second tour with 405 Squadron again as commander which coincided with the squadron's assignment to 8 (Pathfinder) Group. Pathfinder Squadrons were the bombers assigned to be first in to the target, so as to mark it with long-burning incendiaries for more accurate bombing by the main force following close behind. For his outstanding role in operations W/C Fauquier was promoted to group captain on 1 Aug. 1943 at the age of 34.

He is best remembered to group captain and Master Bomber during the raid by RAF and RCAF operations, this time as bombers on the German experimental rocket base of Peenemunde on the night of 17 August 1943. Despite the high risk, he made 17 passes over the target to guide subsequent bomber waves and remained in the vicinity providing assistance for 35 minutes. Because of the devastation and casualties inflicted it is estimated that the raid put the German V1 and V2 surface-to-surface long-range rocket programs back about a year. This caused one British newspaper to name him the "savior of London" to go along with his previous media tag of "King of the Pathfinders".

For his "skillful and courageous example" during the Peenemunde raid and against Berlin a few nights later and his contribution to the high standard of operational efficiency of 405 Squadron, G/C Fauquier was awarded the first of his three DSOs. G/C Fauquier handed over command of the squadron on 22 Jan. 1944 to take up senior staff duties and was promoted air commodore on 28 June 1944. However, to get back in the air, that same Oct-

Air Commodore Johnny Fauquier was given full military honors at a funeral service in Toronto on Monday, April 6, and was buried in Ottawa on April 7 as a military firing party fired a well-deserved parting salute.



Air Commodore Johnny Fauquier (then a Wing Commander) at an operations briefing room in England during WW II.

"Rendezvous 81"

ST-HUBERT - May 11th Soldiers of Mobile Command from across the country are on the move to CFB Gagetown near Fredericton, N.B. to begin the largest training concentration of the past sixteen years.

Advance parties from some forty units involving well over 9,000 Canadians and American troops will start putting up canvas and preparing facilities for the arrival of the main parties of their units during the week of May 25th.

Nicknamed "Rendezvous 81", the exercise will involve almost all units and

formations of Mobile Command. It will comprise units from 1 Canadian Brigade Group of Calgary, the Special Service Force from CFB Petawawa, Ont., and 5e Groupe-Brigade from CFB Valcartier, Que. Others participating are personnel from the Combat Training Centre and 22 Field Engineer Squadron of Gagetown, "B" Squadron 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) and 1 Canadian Field Hospital from Petawawa; 1 Canadian Signal Regiment of Kingston, Ont., the mobile section of the Mapping and Charting

Establishment from Ottawa and members of the Militia and Communications Reserves.

Nearly 3,000 vehicles will be deployed by rail, road and air with approximately 1,000 vehicles carried by CP rail.

The 3,000 mile trip will take from five to seven days. More than 450 cars will carry the vehicles, including 64, 89-foot special flat cars, 35 bi-level cars and 12 standard CP Rail flat cars.

More than 2,400 vehicles will move to Gagetown by road during the deployment phase from bases in Eastern

Canada. Convoys will be routed through Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

An around-the-clock airlift by Boeing 707 and Hercules aircraft of the Trenton-based Air Transport Group will carry out more than 100 flights from distant points to airports in Fredericton and Saint-John, N.B. beginning May 17th.

The Mobile Command Division is commanded by Major General Douglas R. Baker of Toronto.

Redeployment will take place between July 7 and 28.