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COLONEL COMMANDANT ARMY CADETS EXTENDED

Ottawa — The Chief of the Defence Staff, General Gerard C.E. Theriault, has announced the extension of Lieutenant-General James W. Quinn of Ottawa as Colonel Commandant, Royal Canadian Army Cadets, until August 1987.

Lieutenant-General Quinn retired from the Canadian Forces in 1977. That same year he assumed a senior appointment with the Treasury Board which he held until his retirement in 1984. He was first appointed Colonel Commandant, Royal Canadian Army Cadets in 1979.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF SUPPLY FOR DND

Ottawa — Mr. Robert D. Gillespie of Guelph, Ontario has been appointed Chief of Supply for the Department of National Defence. The appointment is effective November 4, 1985.

In his new appointment, Mr. Gillespie will plan and direct the provision of supply support for the Canadian Forces. Among other duties, he will also be responsible for procuring, managing and providing capital and operations and maintenance material and managing quality assurance services for the department.

POWELL RIVER YOUTH NETS 53-POUNDER

Burnaby (B.C.) — Thirteen year old Jeremy Page of Powell River will never forget the fourth fish he has ever caught — a 53 pound spring that came within one and one half pounds of equalling the present largest chinook leader in the May 17 - September 16 Daiwa World Salmon Fishing Championships.

The fish, weighing over half of the youth's 95 pound body weight, was caught in SALTERY Bay near Tahsis on Vancouver Island from a moored runabout. Young Page was fishing with four adults using a Buzz Bomb lure and 12 pound test line.

MINISTER OPPOSES FEES ON FOREIGN VISITORS

Claude Richmond, Minister of Tourism/Expo 86, spoke out today against Canada imposing customs fees on foreign visitors as a response to a similar proposal in the United States.

"While the United States is free to do whatever it wishes" said Mr. Richmond, "it would be very short-sighted of Canada to respond in such a fashion."

"A very high percentage of visitors to Canada, and to B.C. in particular, come from the United States."

"These visitors have a major positive impact on B.C.'s economic development, and the last thing we want is to place any impediment in their way."

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION CHANGES NAME

Effective September, 1985, the Canadian Forestry Association of B.C. will be known as the **British Columbia Forestry Association**.

The change is being made to more accurately describe this non-profit organization as British Columbia based. It does not alter its position as a member of the Canadian Forestry Association, a federation of autonomous provincial associations across Canada who press for improved management of our nation's forest lands.

BOARD TO ADVISE ON MEDICAL MANPOWER

Victoria — Health Minister Jim Nielsen today announced the formation of an eight-member Medical Manpower Advisory Board, which will provide advice directly to the Minister.

The board is set up under the terms of the Medical Service Amendment Act, 1985 (Bill 41), and will assess the supply and distribution of physicians throughout the province and recommend solutions to problems of medical manpower supply.

AQUACULTURE SEMINAR

Aquaculture, the subject of government support, lifestyle choice and business investment for many B.C. residents, is being discussed in a one-day seminar at UBC, October 5, from 9 am to 4 pm, room 177, Law Building, UBC. \$80. includes lunch and materials.

Resource persons from the university, business community and government will be tackling the subjects of research and development, investment opportunity, government regulations, marketing, and the Norwegian's experience.

This overview of B.C.'s newest resource will tell you what you need to know about Aquaculture before you invest capital and time.

For information about the workshop phone the UBC Centre for Continuing Education, 222-5272.

WE'VE MOVED!!

The Base Library has been relocated from Building 11, Base Theatre, to the lower south-west wing of building 22.

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The last jumps of summer



Don Halbert and Clive Webb enjoy the last gasps of summer as they exit over CFB Comox. The freedom of the wild blue is an exhilarating experience for members of the local jump club who have just enjoyed a

summer of super weather. Now for that long damp period between jumps.... But as Don and Clive say, "Who really cares at a time like this".

Marcot

Going...going...gone!

It's come and gone! MARCOT 2/85 is history now and from all reports things went well.

The "Air Arm" of MARCOT was of course headquartered in good old CFB Comox under command of our Base Commander, Col Bob Kadonoff. The good colonel had a fair whack of so called "VP Power" with birds from Australia, the USN, and our very own VP407.

The air activity was quite intensive for several days during the exercise as VP Squadrons flew around the clock on their secret sorties with the enemy of the deep. Along with the VP Air activity, there were a number of other USN birds in for some "orange activity". The other species included KA3B Warriors, EA7 Corsairs, EA6 Intruders and E2B Hawkeyes or "Mini AWACS." This force was also supplemented by Lt Col Brown's first love, the CF5's from 419 Squadron in Cold Lake.

MARCOT 2/85 was designed as a multi threat exercise, intending to test Command and Control procedures, assess Tactical procedures and new ideas and to provide participants with the opportunity to practice all aspects of Maritime Warfare. During its tenure, the exercise involved some 5000 sailors and airmen, 25 ships and 50 aircraft from the participating countries.

The efficiency of any exercise is always dependent upon the Support Units around it. Many at CFB Comox should take great pride in their involvement and input. From those that gas 'em, fix 'em and feed 'em, the contributions are too numerous to mention. We had a few glitches along the way but every exercise is a learning experience to better prepare you for the next one. The bottom line is still the fact that airplanes flew and the organization around them functioned well in enabling them to do so. Thanks people!

Until the next one then — Adios

G.M.K.

34 cents ...first class

A woman about to move to Sechart, wrote to the local Post Office asking for a postal box so that she could arrange to have her mail forwarded.

In their reply, the Post Office issued her a Box number, but

regretted that they could not send a key. They didn't trust the system. Mail from the COMOX-POWELL RIVER area takes on average 10 to 14 days to reach Ottawa, while a letter sent Special Delivery may take 7.

The Marine Marathon

In commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Naval Service of Canada, NORDEN SYSTEMS CANADA, INC. has recently donated a trophy to be awarded on an annual basis to the first Canadian military finisher in the US Marine Corps Marathon.

The Marine Corps Marathon is an annual event held on a beautiful course in the US National Capital Region. Start and finish is at the US Maritime Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va. The course is very flat as it winds through the capital region past the Capitol, the White

House, the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and the Pentagon.

Typically there are thousands of entrants and this year's race will be held on 3 November 1985. Entry forms can be obtained at your Local PE&R Section or direct from: **Marine Corps Marathon, PO Box 188, Quantico, Virginia 22134. Tel: (703) 640-2225.**

Entry deadline is 7 October 1985.

The Trophy is a beautiful Canadian Eskimo Artist soapstone carving of a polar bear mounted on a solid wood base.

Money in your photos

"So many amateur photographers take excellent pictures, only to leave them tucked away in slide boxes until the next showing to family or friends. The sad part is that many of the photographs could be making money for the photographer. If pictures like yours are not getting published, then you are missing out on the prestige and the money that comes with having your pictures in print."

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PLAN TO GET OUT ALIVE

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OCTOBER FIRE DRILL

YOUR FAMILY FIRE-ESCAPE PROGRAM

Section News



Demon

Doins



MCpl Buell, an Airframe Tech on 407 Squadron, suggested that portions of the hangar floor be painted with non-skid paint to prevent skidding of aircraft under tow. Maj Caddey, the Squadron Aircraft Maintenance Officer, presented him with a \$150.00 award for his proposal.



Pte Grass, an Airframe Tech on 407 Squadron, suggested a method of improving the lubrication of the Aurora blow-out door. His suggestion was not adopted but brought a problem that required corrective action to light, and NDHQ gave him a \$50.00 award. Maj Caddey, his SAMO, made the presentation.

AIRCREW

It's been a hectic two weeks on the Squadron with the annual west coast MARCOT (Maritime Command Operational Training Exercise) going on. VP 407 along with 10 Squadron from Adelaide, Australia and VP 19 from NAS Moffat provided VP support for the exercise.

The MARCOT provided excellent training for the entire squadron. Because 407 was the host VP Squadron, everybody from the Ground Crew, Air Crew to Ops had a good workout.

Even with the hectic flying schedule 10 Squadron and VP19 found time for social and leisure activities. Fishing and sightseeing were popular activities. Our resident fishing expert, Maj Mazey, took a group of Australians out and were by all accounts very successful. There wasn't any comment on the size of the fish so he couldn't have used his new fishing net.

There were two VP407 organized events. Jim Loring was instrumental in organizing the pre-MARCOT MEET AND GREET AS WELL AS THE POST-MARCOT wrap up party. Both events were very well attended. For the wrap up party 10 Squadron provided a good selection of Australian wines and liquors for wine tasting Australian style. Numerous presentations were made at the wrap up party including the return of the PIG.

When Crew 6 left Australia last year after the Fincastle competition, they found a ceramic pig on board. Not having any idea where it came from they assumed it wanted to visit Canada so they happily obliged. It came as quite a surprise to find 10 Sqn making inquiries about their pig. By this time the pig had settled down in the valley, found a mate and was busy raising a litter of ceramic piglets. 407 pointed out that this would be most disruptive to the pig's family if forced to move to the other side of the world, but 10 Sqn was adamant about having the pig returned. The pig was returned in a ceremony at the wrap up party. There were a lot of surprised people when in the act of handing it over, two of our clumsy pilots dropped the pig, whereupon it smashed into so many little pieces. It turned out it was a plot hatched by Maj Bishop and Crew 6, and in due time the real pig was returned along with his new Canadian family. Thanks to Steve and Tammy Brabant who took care of the pig and his family during their stay in Canada. It's hoped that the next Canadian crew that goes to Australia can convince the pig to make another visit to VP 407.

The first annual international Crud tournament was held at the Officers' Mess during the exercise. It came as no great surprise to find a team from 407 Sqn victorious.

The final game had VP 407 vs 414 E.W. Sqn. The game went on until it was only LCol Rogers against the Fighter Group Det. Commander. The CO then made a great shot knocking off 414 Sqn and leading 407 to victory. The utility crowd from down the hall was nowhere to be found after suffering a humiliating defeat at the hands of VP 407. They slunk out of the mess and haven't been seen since. The Squadrons' competition crew is leaving this week for Scotland to compete in the Fincastle, the world cup of A.S.W. Crew three led by Cal Bagby is Canada's entry to the annual competition. Good Luck!!

RESEARCH AND UPSTAIRS NEWS

So that all Squadron members are aware of what is attempted (and at times accomplished) in the Squadron "Hot Spot" upstairs, the following definition of the word research is provided from the Oxford Concise Dictionary; **RESEARCH** — Careful search or endeavour to discover or collate old facts etc. by scientific study of a subject, course of critical investigation. Hence our motto — **"ENDEAVOUR TO PERSEVERE"**.

With the APS (active posting season) now completed for this year we can report that all of our

replacements are fitting in nicely and we are again up to speed and on line. We welcome the following, Lt Jon North; AMCRO, MWO Jim McKendry; D/amcro, Sgt Vince Ruholl; NCO i/c Log Control, Cpl Rick Verbeek; Log Control Stats, and last but not least Cpl Carol Anderson; SAMO Clerk.

...and now for the Section Trivia:

Rumour has it that tool control will soon have a new item on inventory. The SAMO bicycle, which is presently located in MOB spares, will be added, so that a lost tool report has to be submitted each time it is "missing", (Read - "not signed for") as the SAMO has had to use "shanks mare" once too often.

Sgt Roch StPierre will finally be presented with his 2nd clasp to the CD on Monday 23 September 85, after 32 years 3 months and 7 days service. Congrats Roch, a bit late, but better late than never. The wheels of Admin are slow but sure.

MCpl Robert Earl will finally be departing the research section at the end of this month as MCpl Pam Begin has returned from "Tattoo Duty" with the sea element and will be taking over from Rob as the AWS Project Coordinator plus the other miscellaneous duties that accompany that position. Pam put in for an extra week of annual leave to recover from her Tattoo experience with the "Boat People". We wish Robt all the best as he returns to ARMPO, and a big thanks for the super work he did while serving "upstairs".

This leaves Marilyn Cock as the longest serving member up here. She was a little bit excited a while ago when husband Denny was posted, however he only moved next door to 442 Sqn so she will remain at her post at least until the next APS.

Another birthday cake this past week as Jon and Vince celebrate this month, one on the down side the other on the up side of the Big 40. A real nice cake Marilyn!

"E.T.", the Chief, is on leave for a couple of weeks after his stand in for the BWO. Don't know if there is a connection but he certainly missed another great retirement mess dinner.

A former great of the VP407 Log Control Section has returned to CFB Comox after course at Borden (the birthplace of the RCAF). "former" Sgt Bill Hill, now Warrant Officer, has moved upstairs as the WO i/c Safety Systems in BAMSO. Good Luck "Morris", we'll miss your jokes so drop in anytime if you have any new ones to tell!

In closing MCpl John, the Honcho for the adam System reports that it is alive and well, so keep up the inputs! or as Dean Martin used to say "keep that mail rolling in".

DIAC MAINT

Too many days are spent in front of our computer terminal trying to start this article. Well, we have succeeded again. Air Command recently cancelled our AOSE course that was scheduled to start on the ninth of September and it is a good thing in light of the DSO's latest brain-storm. Would you believe "turning the computer around"? That should be a lot of fun!

We would like to congratulate Roger Skidmore on his recent promotion to MCpl. When are you buying the beer Roger? In the meantime, Gord and Jean Louis have been busy making preparations for their upcoming promotions to the rank of MISTER scheduled to start in mid November. Best of luck guys. Well that's it for now. —Bye.

3 CREW SERVICING

Well hello to everyone out there from 3 Crew. This is the news centre bringing you everything you have to know about 3 Crew.

To start off I must say MARCOT 85 is running smoothly, the 12 hour shifts are a little long but thank God for video machines. Everyone on the crew pats MCpl Doug Warriner on the back for doing such a good job hosting VP19 from Moffat during the exercise. Other news: Cpl Ken McMahon brought a brand new 1985 haircut or maybe he just got a larger pair of ears. Cpl Frank Boyer is having a hard time growing his moustache for Fincastle and fears

he might not have what it takes to go.

The crew welcomes WO John McDonald from Trenton as our new crew chief, we also give Sgt Parker credit for his job as acting crew chief in the past. Other new people we welcome are Cpl Bob Haswell posted in from Baden, Germany, Cpl Provencher from Valcartier, Pte Kim Sutton from Borden and also Pte Sylvain Alarie from Borden.

The crew says so long to Sgt Wayne Sloan who defected back to his previous crew, 1 Crew. Cpl Anne Warren and Cpl Dave Colquhoun are attending a 9L course on base and Cpl Mark Dufour is either on a Radar Systems course in Greenwood or else looking for a freshly painted Fiero.

Last of all we send good luck to Yvonne and Scot Carruthers on their trip to Las Vegas, "If you lose your pants don't call home".

407 ARMAMENT

Well after 3½ years I am finally a newspaper reporter. This is when I rebuke and refute all insinuations made against me.

First, I do type more than 3 words a minute. Truthfully it is about 10, maybe even 15, while using capital and small letters. WO Clarke has spent the last 8 months teaching me what the button on the left side of the typewriter keyboard does, and now that I'm giving up my job as a secretary I know how to use both capital and small letters.

After a certain AERE officer who shall remain nameless, demonstrated his driving and gate enlarging abilities I realize now why officers have staff drivers.

We have a visitor in the shop. Too bad she's not staying since she livens the place up. Thanks for coming north 'PETE'.

Posted in lately is Pte Kevin Roberson who comes to us from God's country, CFB Borden Ha! Ha! Its bad enough to have one Wells to deal with but now we have two of them. MCpl Tony Wells comes to us from Baden. Also MCpl Bob Filgate from CFB Cold Lake. And last but not least MWO Leo Henwood gave up his jammy posting in St. Louis to join our ranks.

On the 13th of this month a meet and greet was held for the new people. Not too many of us remember what went on because the bosses night followed, so it ended up being quite the late nite.

MWO Henwood has started a new weekly award in the section. Its the "Turkey of the Week" award. The first recipient was Francois Luneau. Earlier in the article I hinted at what he did to deserve the honour. If this award was available outside this shop a certain Armourer from Base ARM would have won it for leaving something on board a Falcon after a flight with them. Read the VU 33 Tech Side and find out more.

Congratulations to Bud Englund and Art Johnson on their showing at the golf regionals at McCord AFB, and Good Luck to Francois "Crash" Luneau who is off to the soccer regionals being held in Esquimalt.

Bye for now, maybe you'll hear from me again in 3½ years.

Base Supply

In case you guys have been wondering what's been going on in the Supply trade, well to tell you the truth there are a few things I would like to mention.

One example being Boss's Night which was a real success. Did you know that Sue Gougeon lost her shoes? She was dancing without them while people were passing them around. Anyone wanna sniff? Even Deanna Graham's jacket disappeared at the club only to end up at Shelley Hutchinson's party. Does anyone know how it got there? Besides all this it was fun to be at the club and quite a few people from supply were having a good time dancing and drinking the night away.

On the other hand, I can't say the same for the Family Day. Due to the cold weather there was lack of participation but I must mention one thing about Mike Channen, the "Reject King" from Clothing Stores. Mike peddled away that day giving rides to the young ones, 80 lbs and under, he specifically told me, in his Vortex Shuttle. It is a little wagon attached to his bike. "Go faster Mister, go faster" one boy was telling him. I'm sure Mike wanted to say something sarcastic but we're going to skip that part.

How many of you would like to go gold panning? Diane Shea and Cam Bailey are taking courses downtown on this subject. It really sounds interesting. I've been out myself with Diane gold panning one weekend and it was great fun.

Next we hear that Cam Bailey intends to spend his money in Reno for a weekend. Hope you find a couple of nuggets first, Cam.

Getting back to business I'd like us to welcome Elizabeth "Betty" Hardy in Supply. Welcome Comox Beth.

We also have a new "hooker" in LPO, Carl Scribner has received his hook recently. In 1 Group a new addition, Carl Cameron is also welcomed to Supply.

Did you know about the rumour that if Yves Verville is unable to pass his medical exam they might send Darrell Sears to the Middle East instead! Also, in 5 Group they are talking about disconnecting the phones since Kim Heath is always talking with her sweetheart "Guy".

If anyone is interested Deanna Graham is still trying hard to sell tickets for 50/50 draw of the final game for the World Series. She has 75 tickets left. The proceeds go toward our Christmas dinner which we might have free of charge. Come on Supply, we need your support.

And to finish I've got one word of advice — for those of who do not already know, DON'T EVER get caught by WO Beacheym leaving or entering your vehicle without your military headdress on. She will make you wear it inside for the whole day and BELIEVE ME it is not the greatest thing especially if you're being asked by 20 customers why you have your headdress on inside. So, take it from someone with a bit of experience! See You. S.M.T.B.

M.S.E. Driver Safety

What would you do??

You're running the legal speed limit on a four lane highway in the No. 2 lane when a car in the No. 1 lane forces your right wheels off the pavement and onto the shoulder. The shoulder drops sharply at the edge of the pavement. What should you do?

☐ Medium brake, signal and steer back onto the pavement as soon as possible.

☐ Do not brake, ease off accelerator, straddle edge of pavement until car slows and traffic clears and then turn sharply back onto pavement.

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Promoted



Kaye Alex to Sgt

Maj Finn presenting



bra Burns to MCpl

Maj Finn presenting



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Squadron

FROM THE MAIN FLOOR

Ryan Wayne Warford bawled lustily into the world on September 17, weighing in at 8 lb 2 Oz. He's third child of our own Newfie Wayne Warford of Two Crew. Mom is doing fine. In other sports, our flag football team was 3 and 0 at last report, having waxed their old nemesis BTelO 18 - 6 in a recent game. This looks like being a vintage year for 442 athletes.

I saw Norm Lamouroux on my recent trip to Trenton. Judging by his oblong green eyes and layers of chalk dust, he is well into the FE course. Didn't see Cec Chevrier, but reports are that she is enjoying her posting at Quinte on the Lake. Lorne Munden must be looking for a posting too. Why else would he invest in a new Chrysler? And then there's Wayne Jenkins, who will be an honorary Herring Choker soon — he's posted to Gagetown. Always a positive individual, Wayne was last seen sharpening his trench shovel and watching Rambo movies.

Frank Lewis returned to the hangar after what seemed like an interminably long leave period — one can only stand so much peace and quiet around here — but he brought no fish stories. Seems that he spent his time cutting grass, greasing his truck, fixing his furnace and other boring stuff like that. (I've got to fill this column somehow). In bowling, our own Ab MacDonald journeyed to New Westminster for a 400 club tournament, on Sept 15. To qualify for the tourney anyone who scored a 400 single in five pin bowling made the grade. Ab came second out of the sixty bowlers who took part. His prize was \$200.00 and a plaque. He says that what inspired him was the stiff competition and tips on technique that he's lately been getting from Doug Ford.

Finally, I heard this during a cold and wet stopover on the Trenton-Comox Boeing run: "What comes after rain in Winnipeg?" ... "Monday". Count your blessings.



VU33 Squadron

Wanted



Auto Theft

Last seen in 7 hgr parking lot, absconding with a green Toyota pick up. Not considered dangerous except to unattached females.

VU 33 AIRCREW

Congratulations to Rollie and Shirley Acorn on their newly adopted child. She's a 10 year old beauty that Rollie couldn't resist showing to the 'boys' at work utilizing the CO's parking spot for 'front row centre' attention. They picked her up in Victoria from the agency who found her abandoned on a used car lot. Shirley's heart went out to her immediately and they brought her home that day. Congrats on your acquisition.

The Monster TGIF seems to have brought out the monster in some people. Maj Owen was seen doing pirouettes around the crud table, acrobatics over it, and gymnastics under it — 'all for the sake of the team' — he told us.

Some monsters it seems walk in sheep's clothing. Give some thought to the following trivia questions to find out who the tamer members of VU 33 are:

1. Who wears Boy Scout T-shirts and is nicknamed Ranger_____?
2. Who has the nicest (sexiest, hottest) legs in VU 33?

Our Boy Scout of the year award goes to Ranger Harrington. He can help himself across busy streets and steal rosy red apples from our box lunches so he's a Ranger through and through.

Those muscular morsels of muton belong to none other than our famed Don Irvine. The nomination came from tech side. He wishes to remain anonymous but said I could give hints — a/ He loves the CO's aftershave. b/ Do socks around the neck mean anything? Viewing times of these famed legs can be arranged through the Squadron servicing desk.

Our thanks to the servicing and maintenance crews for a job well done during the last two weeks. Our Squadron maintained between 95 and 100% serviceable aircraft throughout the exercise — stats that speak for themselves. Servicing crews were quick to produce their usual fine service 24 hours a day after working long and extended hours. Our appreciation to all those working for Don (hot legs) Irvine.

VU 33 TECHSIDE

Now that the exercise is out of the way we can go back to our everyday schedules and hopefully not get called in till at least after five in the morning.

Three of our members hosted personnel from other bases. Ted Kaler had the duty of keeping Wayne LaCroix and his crew from

North Bay out of trouble. Harry Weeds had to learn American in order to speak fluently with the boys from VAQ309. I had the easiest job as VU 32 sent two aircraft and four techs. The techs not only were familiar with T-birds but also able to fly backseat in the target towing role. We also had help from F Bliss that helped take the strain off.

Two or three techs got the opportunity to fly with 414 Sqn in their Falcons. All of our people came back with everything they left with. Not to with one person, a North Bay tech walked up to me, handed me a bag, and walked away muttering something about it belonging to a Russ somebody from Base Arm. Terrible how that kind of evidence is left around only to end up causing someone grief. I guess it can happen to anybody.

Although we have been busier than normal, not much in the way of happenings around town this week. By print time our Sqn hockey team will have had their first practice, although most of us would prefer to call it a free skate with sticks. Clive has spearheaded a drive to buy sweaters for the team this year so if any fans would like to purchase a rooters sweater see the big guy with the cast. But don't fool with the adjustment on his crutches — it has ill effects on his capability to walk a straight line.

Our football team fell to BTelO last week, mainly due to long hours and shift work involved with the exercise. Only seven or eight were able to make it.

Our S.S. shop has put in a request to have their trade name changed to Modification Mechanic. Day Coyne modifies seats, Burt modifies the English language, Bob F modifies anything that is working properly now and Ron modifies Sqn heads. Not to be left out poor Errol 'the sarge' has to enter all this in log books and succumb to getting his group of modifiers their coffee every morning.

Popeye Gerow was spotted in servicing modelling the latest in MWO wear — an American Navy white top he found on a sleeping American. Later on in the week he was advising all, that although yours truly writes the article, anything I do will also end up in print. How was I supposed to know that the SAMO drives a junker like Randy's, doesn't start on the first try and has rattles that are louder than most diesel trucks. Gimme a break, the key worked — my brain didn't.

Alain, our other target operator, is going on TD next week with a tool kit consisting of gun tape, fiberglass, glue and black/orange paint. He has been tasked with finding all his lost targets and bringing them home for future use. We've tried to explain to him it is easier to bring them back with the airplane but he feels a TD trip now and again does a world of good.

Does anyone know why we have two cases of bug spray in supply? Wayne S says Jenny knows but I wasn't able to confirm it with her before paper deadline.

Gene, you are right — a little Red Ford is better than a big Black Vet — so why don't you do Scott a favour and drive him around to get Parts. I'm sure he would like to get the machine back on the road.

For those interested in a Moustache growing contest we can start around 7 October. I think that Tuck Owing and Nip Hacorn have had enough of a head start.

In closing, sorry Bruce, motorcycle courses are over for this season. Guess you will have to drive the car all the way to work now.



BAMS0 News

BAMS0 NEWS

As I sit down to start this column the only input I have in front of me is the one from Base Armament but I have faith that the ones from Safety Systems and NDT will arrive before my deadline.

Things have been rather quiet upstairs in the BAMS0 offices as the major and MWO are both tied up full time in the MARCOT exercise. Exercises like this are appreciated as it gives some of us a chance to get involved with the "pointy end" of things. We in BAMS0 don't get that opportunity that often. We note that it wasn't all work for MWO Ellston though as a few fish were caught during the period and apparently some of the visiting American aircraft went home loaded with salmon with his compliments.

We welcome Pte Anndalyn Morey and Pte Heather Malboeuf to the BAMS0 Orderly Room staff. Hope you both enjoy your tour and that you find your new task challenging.

Seeing Armament was the first one to get their entry in I'll print it first so here it is, the column from...

BASE ARMAMENT

Greetings to all from Base Armament and a hearty welcome to all new personnel at CFB Comox. For anyone who doesn't know, Base Armament is located in building 11B, which is the old SAS or WSA building. To get to Base Armament is another story. Do you know where the entrance is with the Sally Port gates? Well don't take that one. Instead you must go towards the LOX building and turn left before you get to the tarmac. Drive along this road until you see a new hole in the fence and drive through to the parking lot. Park in the lot and walk around to the other side of the building and there you are. It's not really that hard to find but rather like an on base adventure. In any case, drop in for a coffee anytime as WO Ireland is starting to feel like the Maytag repair man since we moved to this isolated spot.

New people are starting to filter into the section. We now have a Weapon Tech (Land) as Cpl Dave Oakie just arrived in from Gagetown. He wasn't in the section for five minutes before an Air Weapons Tech fired the first salvo but I'm sure that he will be able to defend himself in his new environment.

Cpl Bob Patenaude is here from CFB Chatham and brings with him some valuable experience in the EOD field. Bob's favorite past time is scuba diving and we assured him that this is the right place to dive from but he is going to look funny in skis.

Base Armament has been quite busy with the MARCOT exercise. Some people had time though to get "flips" on the Falcon aircraft. One young fellow from Victoria really enjoyed his trip and earned himself a new nickname...El Barfo. 419 Squadron's visit has given our trainees an opportunity to assemble and load rockets and to learn arming procedures for the CF 5 aircraft.

Welcome back to Sgt Jim Lewis who just returned from his conversion course — back to the old diet Jim. Cpl Don Wilson is completing his 9L course on base and Cpl Fairweather is away on a HAI course in Edmonton. Also on TD is Cpl Haskell, who is on his JLC course. Those remaining are slaving away in the section as those away are relaxing in their classrooms.

So once again this is the phantom Armourer saying so long for now and by the time you read this the second annual Base Armament fishing classic will be history and we hope to report on it in the next Base Armament column.

I just received the second column so now we will hear from...

N.D.T.

Well it's time again for those of us who work in the dark to "shed a little light" on what is happening in the world of NDT.

On the technical side we are, as usual, being gainfully employed by VU33 and their inspection crews as well as by 442 Squadron, with an ample amount of overtime work in X-raying their fleet, or should I say "herd" of buffalos. Hopefully things should quiet down a bit now that most of our annual based inspections have been completed and we can once again return 3 hangar to Maj Joe Whittington. I'm sure that he would like to resume his regular lunch hour and put in a full day's work again.

Personnel wise, we are back to our establishment of three techs and one boss. Sgt "Scotch" MacDonald has just recently replaced Hal Schulz and is now being "trained" by veteran shop members as to how things operate around here. He seems to be catching on real quick-like. Welcome aboard Scotch, we hope you enjoy your tour. We also welcome Cpl Blake Beyers who just completed his NDT1 course in Trenton this summer. If we can only teach him to play a decent game of backgammon, he shouldn't have any trouble fitting in. Nice to have you Blake.

With all these new people coming in someone has to leave, so it's farewell to MCpl Mike Hope who, at the time you are reading this, will most likely be swabbing decks in sunny Shearwater. It's been nice working with you Mike and I hope you can readjust to being a rigger again without too much pain or discomfort. "All the best Mike".

That's about all with the NDT Shop for the time being so it's "so long for now until it's time for another Totem Times column and another tale from your local X RAY-ted department".

SAFETY SYSTEMS

Since the first time I started writing these articles for the Totem Times, I have always dreaded the day when there would be absolutely nothing going on in the shop; what would I write about then? Not this time though. The only thing I have to do is put everything on paper and make it sound half decent. Here goes.

Let's start from the top. We'd like to welcome our new supervisor, WO Bill Hill, to our shop. Right off of his Senior Leaders Course, he will be making his mark all through the shop. Whether that is good or bad, we don't know, but we are sure that he will be a good supervisor.

Good-bye and good lick to Cpl Al Barron, who was recently posted to 442 Squadron. Come back and visit us sometime soon Al.

Only a few more days to go and yet another good-bye will have to be bid. Sgt Ken Lanphier will be leaving us. After putting in 30 good years he's decided to retire and enjoy life for a while. Although you will be missed by all of us Ken, you deserve to relax and be pampered for a while. Ed note: We assume they are not talking about the pampers used for babies. Take care of yourself and come back and visit us once in a while Ken.

Married?...Who?...Cpl Debbie Bull (formerly Jarvis) tied the knot on August 24. Congratulations and best wishes to you both Debbie.

We'd also like to welcome MCpl Willie Williams to our shop. After your short stay at 442 Squadron we are sure it won't take you long to adjust to our ways in the BAMS0 organization.

Well that's all the news this time around. Until the next time then, bye for now.

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Editorial

Get 'em out alive

It's time to give some thought to fire and your preparation for it. October 6 to 12 has been designated "Fire Prevention Week", a time to ponder your chances.

Many children and adults die needlessly each year from fires in the home. A lot of this carnage could be prevented with some proper planning. We spend much valuable time practising fire drills in the schools, offices and public buildings, yet statistics show that over 85% of fire fatalities occur in the home — a place where little planning for fire is done.

The "Plan To Get Out — ALIVE" campaign is a Nation wide program designed to encourage families to develop and

practise an in-home family fire escape plan. The program is sponsored in Canada by McDonalds Restaurants and is being implemented by the fire departments in your community.

The program is being taken into the schools and elementary school children will be given a "Family Fire Escape Plan". Its up to the parents to sit down with the kids and establish your escape routes. Draw them up and then practise them with the kids.

As an added feature, local radio and television stations will broadcast a fire alarm at 6 pm on Tuesday October 9th. It's being done to encourage everyone to practise their escape plan. Please plan to participate.

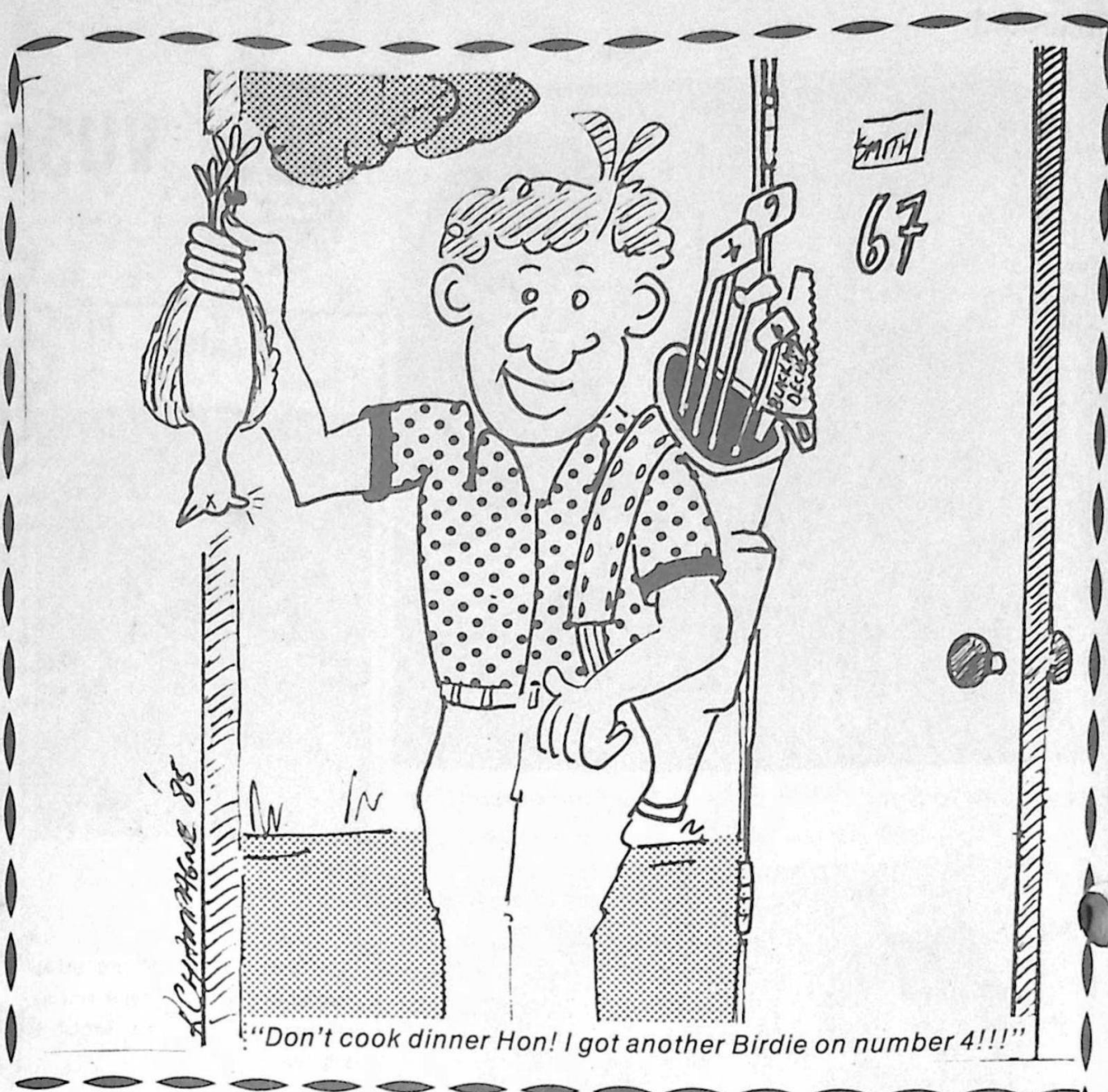
Canoes bound for Expo

A 16-metre Haida canoe will join a flotilla of ocean-vessels bound for EXPO 86, under the corporate sponsorship of the Bank of B.C.

Internationally renowned Haida artist Bill Reid and fellow carvers Gary Edenshaw and Simon Dick will embark on the creation of a 16-metre Haida canoe. A massive cedar tree has been chosen in the Queen Charlotte Islands for the craft that will be used in the opening ceremonies of the 1986 World Exposition.

Bill Reid has been instrumental in reviving the great art of canoe-carving, dormant for the past 80 years. The 2.5 metre and 7.3 metre canoes carved for EXPO 86 by Bill Reid since 1984 will serve as models for the ambitious 16-metre native West Coast canoe.

"The ocean-going Haida canoe played an important role in the transportation history of this region. The resurrection of this worthy project is particularly appropriate for the transportation-themed EXPO 86.



Young Offenders

Police discretion, Letters of caution

Your twelve-year-old son is caught vandalizing his school along with several of his friends. What will happen to him under the Young Offenders Act, the federal law which covers youthful wrongdoers between their 12th and 18th birthdays?

The Act, first of all, permits police officers to use discretion in deciding whether to take official action at all. If the young person has never been in trouble with the law before and if the offence is a minor one, the officer may let him or her off with a stern warning. Similarly, the officer may advise the parents of the incident or recommend that the young person take part in a community program aimed at steering juveniles back onto the right track.

Thus, if your son has had no previous brushes with the police and his vandalism was minor — say, spray painting graffiti on an outside wall — the chances are that the matter would not go beyond the police officer.

According to Hank Mathias, Project Director of the Young Offenders Act with the Corrections Branch of B.C., this kind of informal police action is very effective in screening young offenders out of the juvenile justice system: "You know, if the police catch a kid breaking the law and tell his parents, their reaction may be just about the worst thing that could happen to him."

And Dorte Pittaway, manager of the John Howard Society's alter-

native measures program in Nanaimo, reports that many young offenders are not really bad: "A lot of kids don't seem to have any structured activity. Many spend a great deal of time wandering around in shopping malls and just hanging around with friends. Boredom and peer influence can lead to some minor first offences."

In more serious cases, however, the police officer may decide to report the event to a prosecutor or Crown Counsel. Garth Gibson, senior Crown Counsel at Vancouver Family Court, sees all police reports of youth crime in the Vancouver area: "Usually, we charge someone if it's a second offence or a first offence with some serious property damage or personal injury," he says. "But, if it's a minor first offence and the kid is going to school and shows some regret, then I let it go."

Gibson points out that, under B.C. policy and not part of the Young Offenders Act, a prosecutor may at this point send a warning letter, called a **Letter of Caution**, to the young person's parents rather than proceeding with a charge. Additionally, the prosecutor may ask a probation officer to investigate the matter and prepare a report on the young person's home life and circumstances, if a **Letter** is not appropriate.

Garth says he personally favours sending a probation officer rather than a **Letter of Caution** because the probation officer's report gives

him the information he needs in deciding how to best respond to the situation: "If the parents were drunk when the police took the young person home, then I might want to investigate further."

Likewise, Allan Markwan, a program analyst with the Corrections Branch of B.C., reports that, although practices differ somewhat throughout B.C., the trend seems to be towards using probation officers rather than **Letters of Caution**.

Once the prosecutor has reviewed the probation officer's report, he or she may then decide to prosecute the young person or give the young person the option of taking part in an alternative measures program. Alternative measures programs spare the young person the necessity of going to court in return for certain promises. We'll look at one of these programs in detail in the following article.

The formality of the approaches described so far, however, should not detract from the fact that the Young Offenders Act gives young people in trouble with criminal laws some special protection. One of these is the **absolute right to counsel**, i.e.: the right to be represented in court by a lawyer whether they or their families can afford one or not. If the young person or the young person's family cannot afford one, the Act stipulates that a lawyer be provided at the taxpayer's expense if the young person desires it.

Steve Owen, the executive director of the Legal Services Society of B.C., the provincial organization created to provide legal aid to the needy, says the Society receives extra funding from the provincial government to cover the additional costs of providing legal aid to young people who would not previously have been entitled to receive it.

According to Owen, however, most young people who receive legal aid fall within the Society's standard means test for eligibility for legal aid. The test examines such factors as household income, the likelihood of imprisonment if convicted, loss of livelihood, et cetera.

"I would have expected a great flood of cases and some provinces have," Owen says, "But here in B.C. we haven't had that. The numbers are rising but there doesn't seem to be a large overall increase."

Owen says he thinks the modest B.C. rise in legal aid to young people may be due to the fact that fewer are being charged than previously and instead are dealt with by means of police discretion, **Letters of Caution** and alternative measures programs.

By Gordon Hardy of the Peoples Law School.

Next: Alternative Measures

Vision care for Kids

Inadequate visual function is one of the major factors in academic failures in children of normal or above-average intelligence. Numerous clinical studies have found that 10 - 15% of pre-school children have visual problems which, if not diagnosed and treated, can result in reading and learning difficulties.

Dr. James Beckner, president of the B.C. Optometric Association said that if a child has 20/20 vision, there may still be underlying visual problems interfering with visual perception and efficient learning. The Snellen chart, used most often in school screenings, is not capable of identifying children with these problems, because it fails to evaluate visual performance at the near distances involved with reading.

"Good vision involves many factors such as visual fixation and tracking, focussing ability, eye

coordination, convergence ability and three dimensional vision," he said. "A complete visual examination before school age must investigate these factors. If problems are discovered, early treatment is most effective before these problems become deeply rooted."

Using special techniques, optometrists can identify these problems even in children who are too young to read or identify letters. The B.C. Optometric Association recommends all children have a complete oculo-visual assessment by age three, and annually thereafter.

"Of the many eye problems, amblyopia, or 'lazy eye' is one of the worst, since it can do permanent damage if not detected before school age," said Dr. Beckner. "Lazy eye can be treated with an eye patch or sometimes lenses or vision exercises."

Another critical problem occurs when a student has 20/20 vision but has trouble learning to read or falls behind his classmates. These students often have difficulty making their eyes work together, and convergence at the reading distance fails. Their focussing ability is underdeveloped, resulting in poor eye control. These children often don't know they have a visual problem because they don't realize other people see differently.

"Poor binocular control may result in blurred or double vision, jerky eye movements in following moving objects and slow and irregular movements when moving the eyes back and forth," said Dr. Beckner. "The child will often try to adapt by holding the book closer, moving his head instead of the eyes, or using a finger to keep place."

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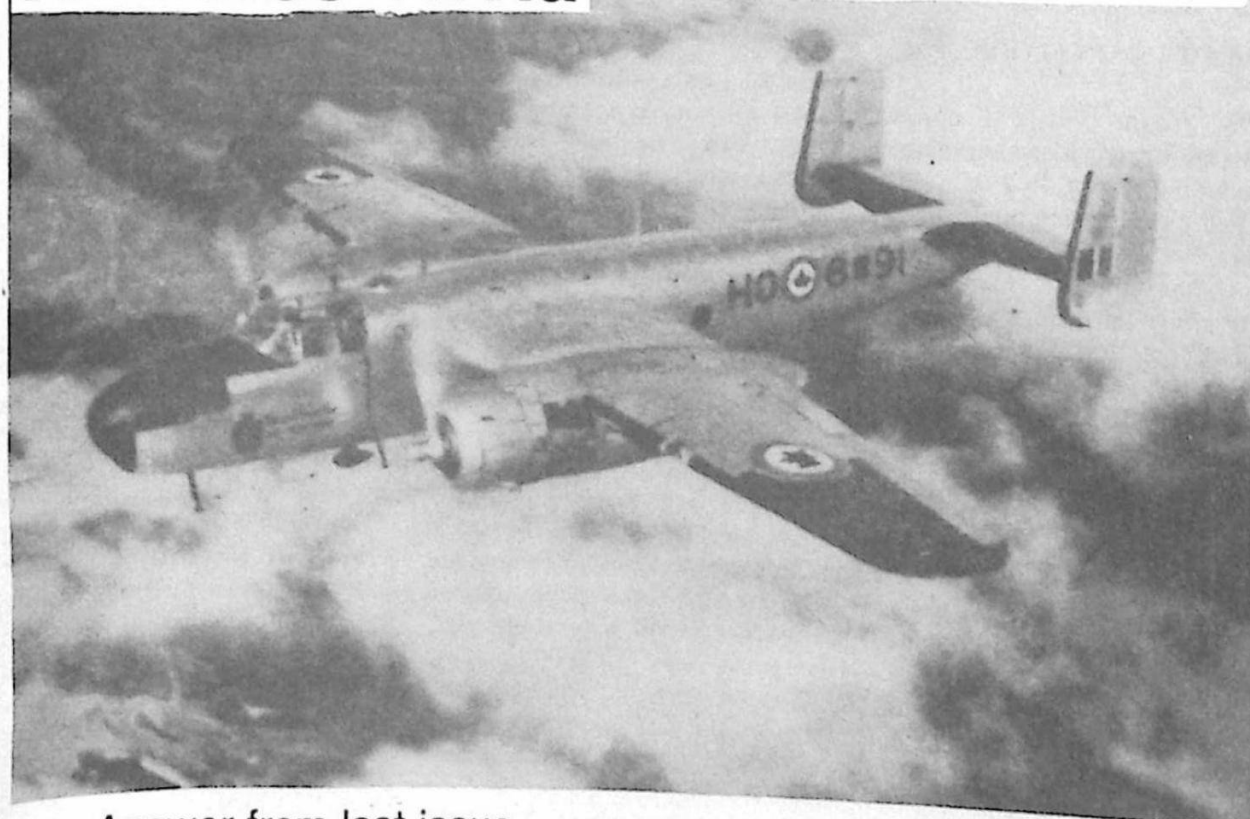
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Sports & Recreation

Sports shorts.....

TOTEM TIMES 10 KM RUN

The Totem Times 10 Km Run will be held on Sunday, 6 October 1985. The run will be held at CFB Comox with the start time at 1300 hrs. Registration will be held at the Base Gym starting at 1200 hrs.

BROOMBALL REFEREE CLINIC

Anyone interested in attending a Broomball Referees Clinic are asked to contact the Base Rec Centre Local 2315 before October 3, 1985. The course will be conducted by Broomball B.C. and the fee for the course will be \$25.00. A minimum of fourteen (14) people are required in order to have this clinic conducted.

INTERSECTION CURLING

This is the last call for sections interested in participating in intersection curling league. If you or your section are interested in putting a team in the league, please contact Sgt Wayne Moore at the Base Recreation Centre Local 2315 no later than 30 September 1985. We require at least eight teams and at present have only four. Put the challenge out to other sections and get involved.

SERVICE WOMENS BASE BROOMBALL TEAM

All personnel interested in playing for the Service Womens Base Broomball Team are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, 8 Oct 1985 at 1600 hrs in the Rec Centre. For more information please call the Rec Centre at Local 2315.

MENS BASE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The Men's Base Volleyball Team will commence their 1985/86 Season on 1 October 1985. Military personnel interested in playing are urged to meet at the Base Rec Centre on Tuesday and Thursday from 1800 - 2000 hrs. The team will be seeing BCVA Single "A" Tournament action this year as well as possible League Play and the Regionals.

INTERSECTION HOCKEY MEETING

There will be a meeting to organize an Intersection Hockey League in the MSE Safety lecture Room, Tuesday, 1 October, 1985 at 0900 hrs. All sports reps and any interested personnel are urged to attend.

PACIFIC REGION RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP

M/Cpl B Whillans from BAMSO Section has been selected to represent CFB Comox at the Pac Region Running Championship, CFB Chilliwack, September 26 & 27, 1985. All Comox personnel wish him Good Luck at the Championship.

MILITARY PHYSICAL FITNESS CLASSES

All Military personnel are cordially invited to attend the Physical Fitness Classes being conducted at the Base Gymnasium on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 0730 - 0830 hrs (Summer) and 0800 - 0900 hrs (Winter). Grab your Buddy and come out and enjoy an hour of Fitness and Recreation.

"Old Folks" hockey

If you are interested in dusting off those old skates (must have one blade per skate, not two), combing back your grey hair (presuming of course you do have hair) and checking your birth certificate to make sure you are at least 35 years old (for those who have been telling lies about your age for so long that you can't remember how old you really are), you just may find yourself as a member in good standing with the CFB Comox Old Totems. With the frost on the pumpkins and the ice in the arena by 7 October, we are looking forward to getting our team together. In addition to our Old Timers League (we will include games in such exotic places as Campbell River, Nanaimo, Parksville and Port Alberni — not to mention several exciting tournaments throughout the year), we also plan to put our team into the intersection league. This, we hope will sharpen up those old legs and hockey skills so we can make a respectable showing in the upcoming Old Timer Nationals. After all what more could a guy ask for — a hockey tournament in Cold Lake in January — Shanks, herewe come!!

Old Timer hockey is lots of fun. Bring your wife and kids and make it a social affair. Everyone else does. After each game we quaff a few, have a bite to eat courtesy of the host team, and tell a few lies about how good we were in our younger days. After a season of Old Timers you may even be able to close the snap on your size 36 bluejeans.

For more information contact the Rec Centre at 2315.



Pipe Smoke

By Gerry Gerow

The best advice I can offer to persons contemplating acquiring a dog but who are not sure of what breed they want is to suggest attending a dog show. Entrance is usually free and you'll be able to see just about every breed of dog. Additionally, I've never met a dog person who didn't relish an opportunity to talk about his breed, so you'll have the opportunity to find out lots about the breeds also.

If you do, however, decide to acquire a cross breed dog, please have it neutered. Nothing is proven by allowing these animals to reproduce. In almost every instance the owner of a cross bred animal will state: He's a lab-collie cross, or a German shepherd-pointer cross, etc. In 95% of these cases the dog is a mongrel - mongrel cross. The owners of pure bred animals won't permit their dogs to be bred to other breeds and pure bred animals almost never are allowed to run loose. So the chance of even one parent of a mongrel being pure bred is remote.

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Dr. Richard Meen, President of the Canadian Kennel Club, has spoken out strongly for the formation of more breed clubs in Canada at the national level. Dr. Meen sees these clubs as taking over the responsibilities of breed standards and in fact all breed matters from the C.K.C.

To this, I can only say Amen. It's long overdue both in Canada and the United States. Many breeds are losing all resemblance of their forebearers, and in some, not a single dog still has the ability to do the job his ancestors were specifically developed for.

I had first hand experience with breed clubs in Germany, where they have absolute autonomy over their breeds. This system would appear to be superior to ours. To have the president of the C.K.C. come out strongly in favour of national breed clubs is a big step forward.

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The recent 10% increase in the price of pet foods is going to be quite a blow to the elderly. Many senior citizens are all alone in the world, except for their pets and for many of them 10% increase is more than they can afford. Hopefully the increase won't cause too many pet owners to switch to a cheaper product. Many of the economy priced pet foods on the market in Canada do not contain the proper nutrition.

A study has been commissioned to look at all aspects regarding pet foods in Canada and recommend legislation on the matter. This is very encouraging. The United States has legislation regarding the nutritional value of pet foods, but not Canada.



Nylon and blue skies

Totem ball talk

TOTEM MEN AT NATIONALS

The nationals started off on a sour note in the first game against CFB Baden. The Totems were leading the Baden Raiders 2 - 0 after five (5) complete innings, but when the dust settled at the end of seven (7) the Totems were walking off the diamond shaking their heads. We had been defeated 3 - 2. Things did not get much better after that losing three straight and scoring only one run. 3 - 0 to Goose Bay, 4 - 0 to Cold Lake the eventual champions and 4 - 1 to Kingston. Totems then came out for their last game against St. Jean who had already won a game. Pride took over in this game and a score of 6 - 5 for the Totems kept us from ending up in last place.

COACHES MESSAGE

It is with great appreciation that I congratulate my mens team on their performances on and off the diamonds whether we were at the CF Nationals, Regionals or playing down town in the Bill Moore League.

I Thank you Totems
Sgt Darrell Sears

TOTEM WOMEN AT NATIONALS

The CFB Comox Service Womens Softball Team travelled to CFB Cold Lake on the 6 Sep 85 to defend their Title at the CF Mens and Womens National Softball Championships. The girls played extremely well, but were unable to make a successful climb to the top. They finished 5th overall compiling a record of 2 wins, 3 losses.

THANK YOU

The personnel at CFB Comox congratulate all members of the womens and mens teams for their valiant effort and sportsmanship. A Special Thanks to Sgt Barry VanDusen and Darrell Sears for taking their time to coach the team this year.

As the skydive season quickly draws to a close, one final article should be written to express thanks to all—students and experienced jumpers who made it quite a successful year. Especially the students for their patience in waiting for winds to die down, parachutes to be packed and watching as experienced skydivers sneak on loads etc., for we all realize students are the lifeblood of our sport. Of course we were blessed with an unusually good summer with an endless supply of sunshine week after week.

Back in August, the experienced crowd split and some went to the BC Summer Games and others to the Canadian National Parachuting Championships in Alberta. Congratulations go out to Roger Skidmore who, in addition to winning gold medal in individual accuracy (seniors) at the Summer Games, teamed up with three other Comox jumpers to take silver medal in team accuracy. Close

behind was a second Comox team, capturing bronze medal, Clive Webb, Mark Howarth, ex-SARTECH Bill Wacey and Roy Latimer from Courtenay. Al Sharpe meanwhile placed a well deserved sixth overall in the classic parachute event of style and accuracy at the Canadian Nationals in Alberta. He also teamed up with two other Comox jumpers — Ron Dionne and Shelley Gottfried and a New Brunswick skydiver to compete in Intermediate 4 person relative work (freefall formations), just missing out on the bronze medal. They did place first in the unofficial event of team accuracy. Lots of fun was had in addition to the rigorous training that was put into the events.

The September Labour Day weekend saw the 3rd Annual Parksville meet take place with some very unique events and lots of good vibes. Al Sharpe went home with a permanent crick in his neck from all the medals he scooped.

Also winning medals were Wacey, Ron Dionne, Roy and Reid Wharton and Don Halbert; so Comox really cleaned up. One individual who wishes to remain anonymous, teamed up with 3 other mainland fools and jumped off a rock cliff 10 feet high and is now clumping around the clubhouse in a cast, vowing airplanes are the only thing he'll ever step off of in the future.

Of special note, all in the club wish Clive Barratt and Carol Lanyon the very best as they were recently married and are off to Ottawa.

Apart from the dedicated few who will be jumping till the first snows hit, most of us will be "hanging up the silk" (actually nylon) and dragging out long narrow pointy boards to abuse our bodies on the mountains.

So until spring, think POWD!
Blue Skies
C.W.



A "Gold" in golf

PAC REGION GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

What can they say; they lost last year but this year the Golf Team went for the "gold". The team members of MCpl Dave Ronaldson, MCpl Dave Murray, MCpl Bud Englund, Sgt Art Johnson and Capt Doug McArthur, were leading the competition by 9 shots the first day. Even though they had an out-day. Even though they never slackened standing lead they took the lead up to 30 strokes the second day. They don't like to brag or rub it in but they did because when you win with a 40 stroke lead at the end of the tournament it's pretty devastating to the other team. The whole team deserves a round of applause for the effort that they put out to win the tournament.

Congratulations go out to MCpl Dave Ronaldson for bringing home the "gold" in the individual competition leading second place WO Al Stewart (Esquimalt Team) by 6 strokes.

The hosting team was again McCord Airforce Base for good reason. They displayed extraordinary hosting qualities for the visiting teams. McCord wasn't the only one that showed great support for the golf team. The team sends thanks to MSE for the transport they supplied, the Peri Staff for their endeavours and the Mens Club at Glacier Greens.

Good luck next year.

F.A.

Environmental Calendar

Ottawa — September 10, 1985 - Environment Minister Tom McMillan this morning accepted the first copy of the 1986 Canadian Weather Calendar from Canadian Climate Centre employee Dave Phillips, the calendar's author.

The calendar was first produced in 1984 as a small recognition of the great importance attached to the weather service's thousands of volunteers. It has proven to be so popular that it has become a collector's item.

Filled with information on Canada's past weather, the calendar should enliven conversation, settle arguments, and entertain those who take an interest in weather. Each date of the year marks the anniversary of some significant weather happening or outstanding meteorological milestone.

Because of the calendar's popularity, it will be available again to the volunteers and will go on sale to the public, beginning September 16th at \$4.25 each from the Canadian Government Publishing Centre or authorized bookstore agents across the country.

The Yukon is coming

An official signing ceremony marking Yukon's commitment to participate in EXPO 86, took place recently. The agreement sets out the responsibilities of both the Corporation and the Yukon government concerning the Yukon Pavilion, now under construction at the False Creek Expo site in Vancouver.

The steel and glass structure, which will feature a mirror-clad facade designed by the internationally known Yukon artist Ted Harrison, will contain a myriad of exhibits illustrating Yukon's colorful history and development. Yukon has always presented special challenges in the areas of transportation and communications.

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recreation activities

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BAdmO	LCol Jackaman
BPSvcO	Maj Carmichael
BPERO	Lt VanHereweghe
Sr PERI	WO Brazeau
Military Sports Co-ordinator	Sgt Moore
Fitness Co-ordinator	MCpl Descoteaux
Facilities	Cpl Shanks
Resources	WO Buckley (ARAF)
Secretary	Pte Bostock (ARAF)

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WALLACE GARDENS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

	NAME	LOCAL	HOME	PMQ
Mayor	Capt Steve Harrison	2308	339-6633	91
D/Mayor	MCpl Martial Harvey	2217	339-6478	A2
Ward 1	Martial Harvey	2217	339-6478	A2
	John Blackburn	2264	339-6192	B1
Ward 2	Elaine Laing		339-6549	C4
	Michelle Wohlgemuth		339-2885	F1
Ward 3	Paul Fleury	2423	339-2958	12
	Kris Rasmussen	2318	339-4397	13
Ward 4	Gary Beals	2226	339-4923	42
	Luc Guibord	2621	339-6964	18
Ward 5	Will March	2308	339-7245	71A
Ward 6	Steve Harrison	2308	339-6663	91
Ward 7	Debbie Fehr		339-5291	107E
	Faye Luppe	2417	339-7702	107D
Ward 8	Lorraine Lourie	2266	339-0136	109G
Ward 9	Pat Tinnion	2218	339-7577	110H
	Jim Walsh	2308	339-4902	111B

Dog Catcher - Cpl Guibord 2247 339-6964

Base Housing - Capt Hackett 2322

MP Main Gate 2218

Bowling Alley Schedule

Activity	Time	Contact	Phone
Sunday Mixed	1800-2400	George Murley	339-7183
Monday Mens	1800-2400	Larry Carlson	339-7738
Tuesday Ladies	1800-2400	Carol Tinnion	339-7577
Wednesday Ladies	1300-1600	Joan Foley	339-4637
Wednesday Mixed	1800-2400	Harry Weeds	339-6702
Saturday Youth bowling	0900-1600	Harry Lavoie	338-1049
Sunday Casual	1230-1600	Pat Hudson	339-3965
Thursday Casual	1830-2100	Pat Hudson	339-3965

Refreshments plus bowling shoes are available at the alleys

Alley Manager - Mr Pat Hudson - 339-3965

Bowling Alley Local 2351

ARENA SCHEDULE

Day	Hours	Activity
Monday	1600 - 1745	Wallace Gardens
	1800 - 2400	Intersection Hockey
Tuesday	1000 - 1100	Moms and Tots Skate
	1500 - 1600	Base Team Old Timers Hockey
	1600 - 1730	Base Team Hockey
	1800 - 1915	Minor Hockey
	1930 - 2030	Public Skate
	2100 - 2245	Commercial Hockey League
Wednesday	1600 - 1745	Wallace Gardens
	1800 - 2400	Intersection Hockey League
Thursday	1000 - 1100	Moms and Tots Skate
	1500 - 1600	Base Team Old Timers Hockey
	1600 - 1730	Base Team Hockey
	1800 - 2000	Commercial Broomball
	2000 - 2400	Commercial Hockey League
Friday	1600 - 2145	Minor Hockey
	2200 - 2400	Dept of Transport
Saturday	0600 - 1545	Minor Hockey
	1600 - 1730	Public Skate
	1800 - 1900	Base Broomball League
	1900 - 2145	Base Hockey Team
	2200 - 2400	Church Hockey League
Sunday	0600 - 1315	Minor Hockey
	1345 - 1545	Oldtimers Hockey
	1600 - 1730	Public Skate
	1800 - 2200	Commercial Hockey League
	2215 - 2315	Commercial Broomball

Facility Manager - Cpl Al Shanks, Local 2314

Pool Schedule

Winter: 1 September - 30 June

Day	Hours	Activity
Monday-Friday	1130 - 1300	Mil and DND Employees only
Mon., Wed., Thu.	1300 - 1400	Masters Swim Club
Mon., Wed., Thu.	1800 - 1900	Casual

Gymnasium Schedule

(Includes Weight Room)

Day	Hours	Activity
Mon.-Fri.	1100 - 1300	Military & DND Employees
Monday	0930 - 1030	Social Fitness
	1800 - 2200	Casual
	2000 - 2200	Basketball
Tuesday	1615 - 1715	Social Fitness
	1800 - 2000	Base Team Volleyball (Male & Female)
	2000 - 2200	Casual
Wednesday	0930 - 1030	Social Fitness
	1800 - 2200	Badminton Club
Thursday	1615 - 1715	Social Fitness
	1800 - 2000	Base Team Volleyball (Male & Female)
	2000 - 2200	Casual
Friday	0930 - 1030	Social Fitness
	1800 - 2200	Casual
Saturday	1300 - 1600	Casual
Sunday	1300 - 1600	Casual
	1800 - 2200	Badminton Club

RULES

The following rules apply to the use of the Rec Centre:

- Children 13 years of age or under, must be accompanied by an adult;
- You must be 16 years of age to use the Weight Room; and
- Running shoes, T-shirt and shorts or sweat suits must be worn in the Gymnasium and Weight Room.

Courtenay Recreation Association

The Courtenay Recreation Association offers the following in their 1985 Winter Program:

Pre School Programs

Diaper Gym (9 mos - 1 1/2 yrs)
 Parent and Tot (1 1/2 - 3 1/2 yrs)
 Pre school Gym (4 and 5 yrs)
 Time for Tots (2 yrs)
 Fun with Friends (3 and 4 yrs)
 Fun 'n Stuff (3 and 4 yrs)
 Jardin D'Enfant (3 and 4 yrs)
 Romp and Stomp (4 and 5 yrs)
 Cosy Corner Nursery (3 - 5 yrs)

Youth Programs

Kitchen Kapers (8 - 12 yrs)
 Creative Drams (8 - 12 yrs)
 Young Potters (6 - 12 yrs)
 Young Potters II (6 - 12 yrs)
 Childrens Art Classes
 Jazz Dance (6 - 8 yrs)
 6,7,8, Mixed Gymnastics
 9 - 12 Mixed Gymnastics

Teen Programs

Tae Kwon Do (8 - 15 yrs)
 Advanced Gymnastics
 Youth Squash Membership (14 - 18 yrs)
 Girls Basketball
 Teen Weight Training Club (13 - 18 yrs)
 Archery (13 yrs and over)
 Floor Hockey
 Chimo Gym Club

Adult Programs

Gettin' Fit (Co-ed)
 Feelin' Fine at Nine (women)
 Aerobic Dance Fitness (women)
 Pre and Post Natal Fitness
 Stayin' Fit (Co-ed)
 Evening Co-ed Fitness (Ski Fit)
 Introduction to Fitness for Beginners
 Yoga - Iyengar Method - Introductory
 Yoga - Iyengar Method - Level I
 Safe and Sound
 Fitness Assessments
 Weight Control Program
 Stretch Training for Adults
 Adult Pre Ski Fitness
 Tae Kwon Do (16 yrs and over)
 Mixed Recreational Badminton
 Mixed Recreational Volleyball
 Ladies Recreational Badminton
 Masters Recreational Basketball
 Mens and Ladies Basketball
 NCCP Coaching Courses
 Gymnastics Technical - Level II (16 & over)
 Adult Drawing
 Country and Western Dancing
 Fitness Workshop (Oct 20, 1985)
 Ballroom Dance
 Squash and General Fitness Memberships
 Comox Valley Squash Club
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Recreational Activities

Activity	Location	Time	Day	Contact	Phone / Local
Badminton Club	Rec Centre	1800 - 2100	Wed./Sun.	Sgt Ken McDonald	339-3688
Mens Bowling	Rec Centre	1800 - 2400	Monday	Larry Carlson	339-7738
Ladies Bowling	Rec Centre	1800 - 2400	Tuesday	Carol Tinnion	339-7577
Mixed Bowling	Rec Centre	1800 - 2400	Wednesday	Harry Weeds	339-6702
Mixed Bowling	Rec Centre	1800 - 2400	Sunday	George Murley	339-7183
Ladies Bowling	Rec Centre	1300 - 1600	Wednesday	Joan Foley	339-4637
Youth Bowling	Rec Centre	0900 - 1600	Saturday	Mr Lavoie	339-3285
Golf Club	Bldg 141	Apr.-Oct.		Mr McCaffery	339-3965
Guides	R.C. Chapel		Tuesday	Marg Kosloski	338-8961
Brownies	R.C. Chapel			Pat Jackson	339-5091
Scouts	Gilwell Hall	1900 - 2100	Monday	Sgt Harvie	2467
Ski Club		Nov.-Mar.		Maj Finn	2211
Tennis	Beside Theatre	Apr.-Oct.		Rec Centre	2315
Social Fitness	Rec Centre	0900 - 1030	Mon/Wed/Fri	Mrs. Harris	339-6790
		1615 - 1715	Tue/Thu		
Weight Lifting	Rec Centre	Same Hours as Gym		Rec Centre	2315
Wood Hobby Club	Bldg 35	1800 - 2100	Mon/Wed/Fri	Cpl Ridgeway	2443
Parachute Club				Capt Sharpe	2223
ALLCAN Lounge	Rec Centre	Same Hours as Gym		Rec Centre	2315
Social Centre	Golf Club	Bookings Required		Pro Shop	339-3965
Beach Pavilion	Tee Pee Park	Bookings Required		Rec Centre	2315
Sailing Club	Quadra			Capt Mamen	2442
Masters Swim Club	Rec Centre	1300 - 1400	Mon.-Fri.	Mr. Sibierski	2542
Base Library	Base Theatre	1800 - 2100	Mon.-Thu.		2340
Auto Hobby Club		Seasonal		Rec Centre	2315
Forbidden Plateau		Seasonal			338-4744
Mt. Washington					338-1386
Centennial Pool	Courtenay				334-2458
Curling Club	Courtenay				334-4712
Comox Rec Centre	Comox			Rick Butler	339-2255

The above activities have time, cost and location available through the Courtenay Recreation Hall, 489 Island Hwy. (Lewis Park), 338-5371 or Base Recreation Centre, Sgt Moore - Local 2542

Around the Base

Our Lady of the airways

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are now ready to start a new CWL Year.

On the 18th June for our final meeting we treated ourselves to a lovely dinner. At this time Edna, our President, presented CWL spoons to our departing members. These members were Gaby Laport (Baden), Shirley Ned (Gander), Tish Tessier (Portage). Hazel Dort received a spoon on behalf of her husband's retirement from the service. A certificate of merit was presented to Shirley Ned for much service to the League and our Parish.

Our members had a sad occasion for joining together this summer. On 29th July our CWL hosted a reception for a memorial service for the late Cpl Jim Ruth. Cpl Ruth's parents travelled from Tecumseh Ontario to attend the service. Our council received a phone call from the parents of Cpl Ruth as well as a letter from Cpl Ruth's Commanding Officer expressing their gratitude.

Several members of our council have acted as volunteers in support

of Blood Donor Clinics held on 17 May, and 6 Sep.

Welcome to our new members, Sylvia Boivin and Erna McKinnion. We hope that they will soon feel at home in our midst.

Our Lady of the Airways Council celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Military Vicariate with a Mass followed by a reception. Members of the CWL participated in all parts of the Mass. Connie Lamouche gave an address to the congregation on behalf of the CWL. The reception was well attended with the main attraction being an anniversary cake made and decorated by one of our members, Nicole Gagne.

As previously mentioned, Connie Lamouche presented a wonderful speech to the congregation. We would like to share it with you now.

"Good morning on behalf of Our Lady of the Airways, Catholic Women's League. We wish to welcome you all to our Eucharistic Celebration of the Military Vicariate's 20th Anniversary. A special welcome to our sister council from Courtenay.

A Journey into Stewardship' is

the theme chosen by the Catholic Women's League of Canada this year. The Military Vicariate Council of the Catholic Women's League started that journey twenty years ago. It was on April 25, 1965 that a meeting to organize the Diocesan 1 Provincial Council was held at Royal Canadian Air Force Base Uplands, now Canadian Forces Base Ottawa South.

The Catholic Women's League Councils were active on Military Bases long before that date, some were organized as early as 1948. There were thirty active councils on Military Bases in 1965. Our Lady of the Airways, Canadian Forces Base Comox, will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in May of 1986.

Our motto of the Catholic Women's League is "For God and Canada". The present constitution reads:

1. To unite Catholic Women of Canada.
2. To achieve individual and collective spiritual development
3. To promote the teachings of the Catholic Church.

4. To exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life.
5. To protect the sanctity of human life.
6. To enhance the role of women in the Church and society.
7. To recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere.
8. To uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world.
9. To contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony.

There are 35 councils in the Military Vicariate today. Total membership members are around 700.

The Military Vicariate Council has had a great past. We are delighted to have been part of it and our inspirations are towards an even greater future.

These twenty years have indeed been a 'Journey into Stewardship' to God, Canada and it is only the beginning".

Richenia Ridgway
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Week Days - 0900 hours.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Second Tuesday of the month in Parish Hall, preceded by Mass in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. (No meetings during July/August). President: Mrs. Edna Sinclair, telephone: 339-6883.

PARISH COUNCIL: Second Wednesday/month at 1300 hours in Parish Hall.

CATECHISM CLASSES: From September - May in the PMQ School at 1830 hours.

CFB COMOX MILITARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



Meetings held from Monday to Thursday from 1130 - 1230 hours in the R.C. Parish Hall next to the Tennis Courts.

October 1985

OFFICERS' MESS

COMING EVENTS: NOVEMBER 1985 TBA AVO AAVN GREY CUP CANDLELIGHT DINNER

OFFICERS COFFEE HOUR

Coffee will be served in the Lounge every Wednesday at 1000 hrs. Dress will be dress of the day. All Officers are invited to attend.

SUNDAY BRUNCH, October 27th, served 1130 - 1300 hrs. Cost - Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00. Reservations required by Wednesday 23 October. Tickets to be purchased from the Bar. Dress casual.

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Saturday October 19
OKTOBERFEST
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Saturday Sept 28
CANDLELIGHT DINNER
Dinner at 1930 hrs - Consomme Regency, Scallop St. Jacques, Chateau Briand, New boiled potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots, Chocolate Mousse.
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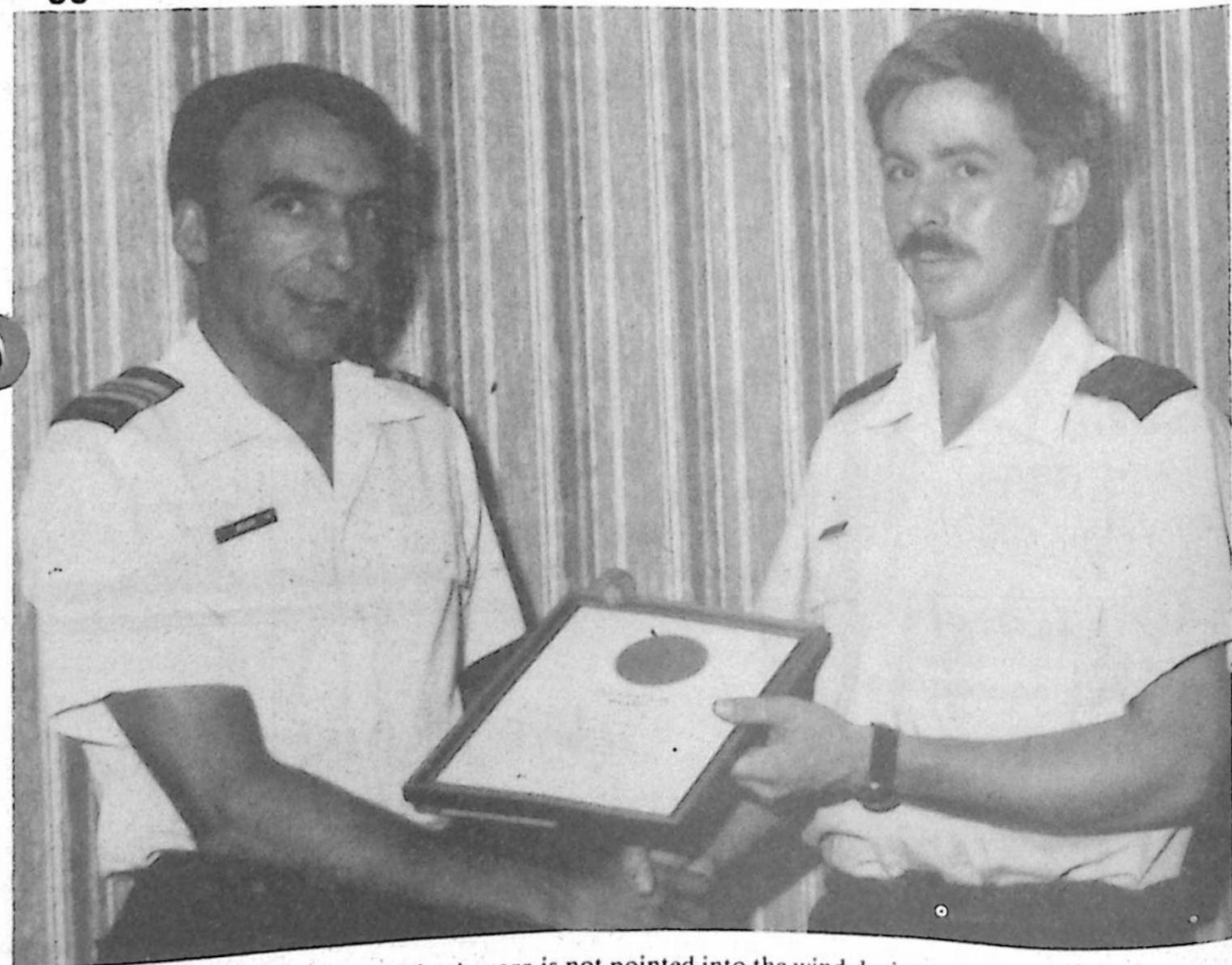
Maj Finn presenting

Suggestion award



In 1982 Sgt Dierk, of the BTELO's Telecom Ground Section, suggested a mod to the Chargers used with our PRC hand held radios that would permit them to be used to discharge as well as charge their nicad batteries. The proposal was adopted on this base with positive results and he was given a \$150.00 award. He was presented the cheque by our BISO the day he left for CFB Kingston and his new CO, Colonel G.L. Coady, the Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics, presented him with his certificate that was signed by our Base Commander, Colonel Kadanoff.

Suggestion award...



Serious problems will develop if the Aurora is not pointed into the wind during run-up. When Cpl Guay was an Aero Engine Tech on 407 Squadron he suggested that a wind sock be mounted at the run-up point. Due to the cost, a weathervane was used instead but NDHQ still granted him a \$50.00 award for bringing a problem that required corrective action to light. Maj Wojick, the Chairman of the Base Suggestion Award Committee at Shearwater, where he is now employed, presented the award.

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As The Beacon Turns

The section has a few new arrivals. We welcomed Sgt Don "Red" McLean and wife from CFB Trenton. Congratulations are in order as he received the promotion just prior to coming to Comox. We also welcomed three young ladies from Cornwallis by way of Borden for driver training. They are Ptes Darlene Raymond, Kathy Short, and Sandry Vermuelen. As they found out secretarial skills are used frequently and are very much appreciated. Thank you Darlene and Lorraine!

Our BATCO Maj Larry Harker is at a BATCO training seminar till the end of this week. Capt Lee Burnham just completed HAI training at Edmonton and will be departing for the ICP course in Winnipeg this week. Cpl Dave Jensen just received his posting message and will be departing for the Cool Pool the end of October. The section Mug-out will probably be in the third week in October. Cpl Warren Webber will be departing shortly to Cornwall Ontario for his PAR course. Good luck Warren. It has been reported that Lt Bob Ogrins and Ocdt Rob Dimmer both are doing quite well on their courses. Capt Pat Wolfe-Milner has started IFR training and soon will be headed for Trenton for a TRACS course. Sgt Phil Nakashima is going to Borden on a SIT 1 course in October. We also welcome Pte Dan Hutchinson, the new "Bird man",

to the section.

Cpl Roy Field and MCpls Larry Toovey and John Blackburn from MSE completed the famous West Coast Trail the first week in September. Capt Rick Champagne and a group of people from AirCom finished it one week later. When starting from Port Renfrew there are 106 bridges, 66 ladders, 2 suspension bridges and four cablecars. A feeling of exhilaration and accomplishment was felt after reaching bridge number one marking the end of the trail. As all could attest to the course, it is easier to traverse dry than wet.

The family day last weekend was a tremendous success. Lots of good food, activities in the form of softball games for the adults and kids and the welcoming of the new personnel to the section this summer. Our new OJTs certainly play softball with a determined attitude of winning no matter how many people tripped, shoulder blocks thrown, a real "team" effort. We will be looking forward to them playing intersection fastball next year. Nice to see Don and Joyce Forsythe at the cornboil. We also had guests from Victoria, Mr and Mrs Charlie Brown.

A special thanks to MCpl Dave Garipey and entertainment crew for a job well done over the past year. MCpl Paul Mitchell is the new entertainment chairman, with Cpl

Heather Walsh representing IFR-CC, Pte Paul Fluery Tower and MCpl Alex Bedard techs. Besides the Mug-out for Dave Jensen, the next function will be a Halloween party November 2. Tickets for a bottle to aid in the cost are on sale now.

MCpl Greg Templeton held the fastball banquet at his home. For the first time this year we almost couldn't field a team. Individual awards went to Capt Lloyd Friesen and Pte Paul Worthington for MVP honors. Our Coach of the year was Capt Joe (Pacman) Pacowski and greatest fan is Donna Friesen.

Lt Pete Foley will be coordinating the section hockey team. Lists are up now, so sign up quickly. If there is to be TV coverage, all moustaches are to be trimmed.

It has been said that Sgt Neil Garlough has been selected to the Multi-National Force and Observers going to El Goro Airport, Sinai in February. His replacement might also be from Comox, namely Sgt Phil Nakashima next September. Unfortunately for the ATCA 162s their position has been terminated at this time. Sorry, Marcel, Steve and Roy maybe next time guys. By the way, transport has been arranged: Sgts and above get a two-hump, while officers only get one!

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Trouble with the fine print



There's just no eyes like old eyes.... A gathering of three of Canada's finest combine talents for a group effort. Alas the print was too fine... Poor Peter looked perplexed as the awards committee groped with the task at hand — It was his first pension cheque and he needed the cash flow for buzz bombs. Bon voyage to all the old sweats that retired... may your life be filled with salmon.

NEXT TOTEM TIMES DEADLINE October 7th

Answer to MSE Safety Quiz

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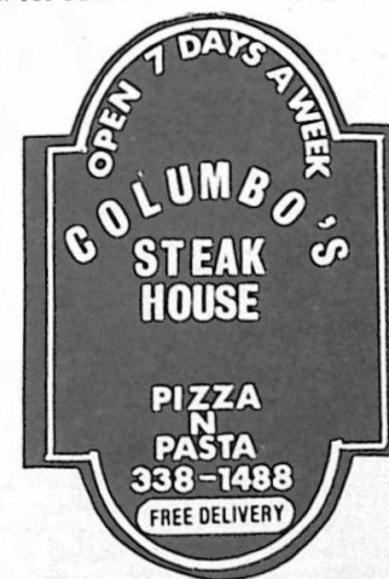
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Around the Base

Getting the Campaign going....



The Base Commander Col Bob Kadonoff unfurls the flag to kick off the local United Way Campaign. He gets moral support from L/Col Jackaman BADO, CWO DelFabro BWO, and Lt Sobieralski, the deputy co-ordinator for the Base United Way Movement.

The 1985 United Way campaign is now underway. In our last edition of the paper we provided you with a series of thumb nail sketches of some of the key personalities involved in the organizing and operation of this year's campaign. This week we would like to introduce you to the various agencies that benefit from the funds raised by United Way. Most of these agencies are relatively small operations but provide vital assistance to those in need.

In alphabetical order the United Way agencies are as follows:

The Arthritis Society with its aim to control and ultimately conquer arthritis. Here in the Comox Valley in 1984 some 125 individuals received physiotherapy and occupational therapy to assist them in coping with this painful disease.

The Bevan Lodge Association

providing help to handicapped people and their families. 131 Comox Valley persons benefit from their programs.

Big Brothers is an organization providing male companionship to young boys without a father at home. There are nine young men receiving this sort of support in the valley.

B.C. Children's Hospital a hospital of some 250 beds serving children from birth to age 19. 194 Comox Valley children have benefitted from the specialized treatment available in this fine hospital.

Canadian National Institute For The Blind which fosters the integration of the blind and visually impaired into the mainstream of Canadian life. 44 Comox Valley residents benefitted from the programs provided by the institute.

Canadian Diabetes Association (Comox Valley Branch) coping with the needs of the estimated 1,500 to 2000 diabetics in the Comox Valley.

Comox Valley Block Parents dedicated to the safety of our children.

Comox Valley Ground Search and Rescue providing emergency search and rescue as well as education of children in survival techniques.

Courtenay Stroke Club providing help to those who have suffered strokes. 22 received the necessary assistance last year.

Crossroads Crisis and Family Services Society a busy organization dealing with some 600 calls a month on their crisis line as well as providing counselling services for 50 to 100 persons a month.

Canadian Red Cross not just a blood donation organization (although 796 blood donors were recruited in our valley) or an international disaster aid operation. Local roles include providing water safety training for some 2,291 participants in 1984. Help to the sick involved 237 persons in our area. Providing support to families with critically ill children involved 8 families. 391 young people were involved in community health and safety programs. A busy local organization

S.A.V.A. (Western Canada Sexual Abuse Victims Anonymous Society). 120 Comox Valley persons benefitted by the help provided by this society.

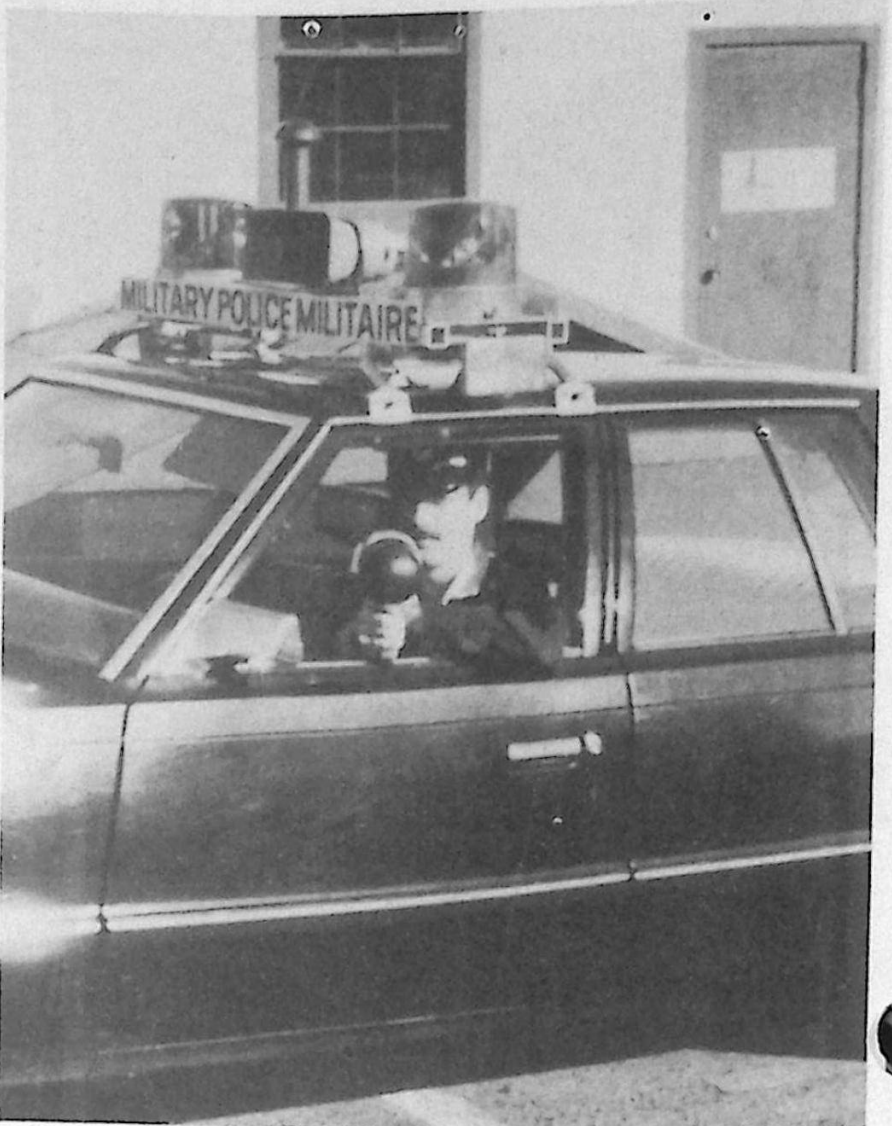
Victoria and Vancouver Island Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Society's District Services Coordinator visits the Comox Valley monthly to help provide a multitude of services to help those residents suffering from this illness.

Western Institute For The Deaf provides a variety of services for those with hearing loss including technical equipment as well as vocational training for school-aged children. 40 Comox Valley residents are benefitting from their assistance.

Comox Valley Recovery Centre Society helps people cope with alcohol related problems and provides a residential treatment centre.

All of the above organizations are deserving of our help. All provide a variety of key and often essential services to our Valley. For the most part they are small societies who do not have the resources of some of the major agencies in their ability to raise the funds required to operate. This is where United Way can help. Please help United Way.

Gotcha!



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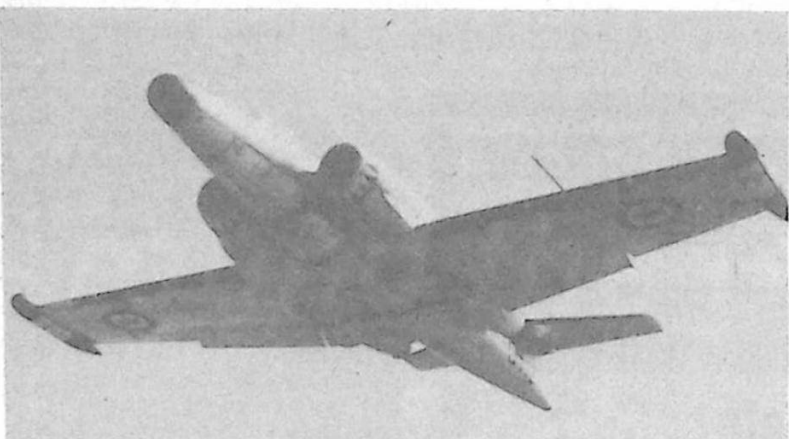
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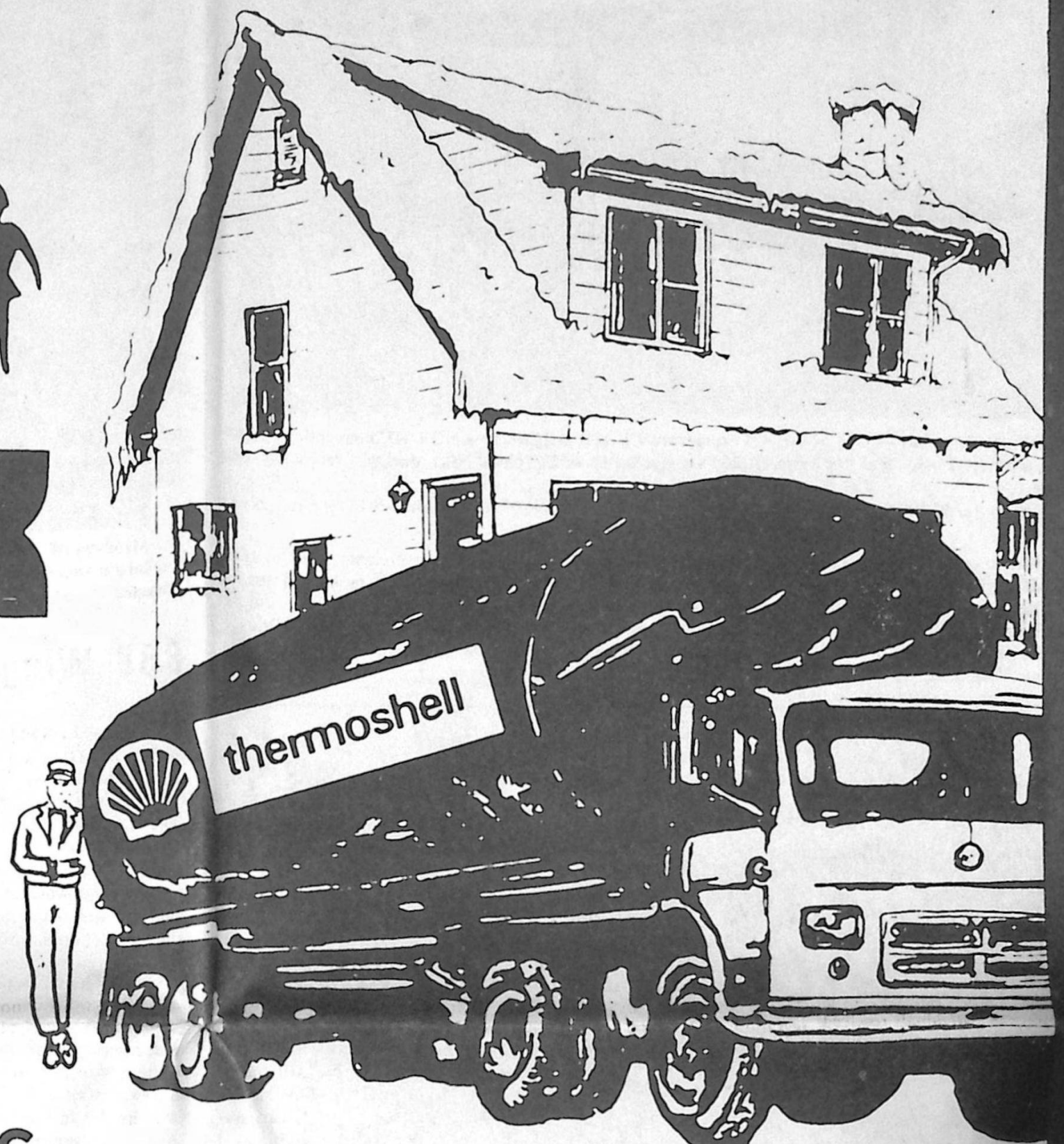
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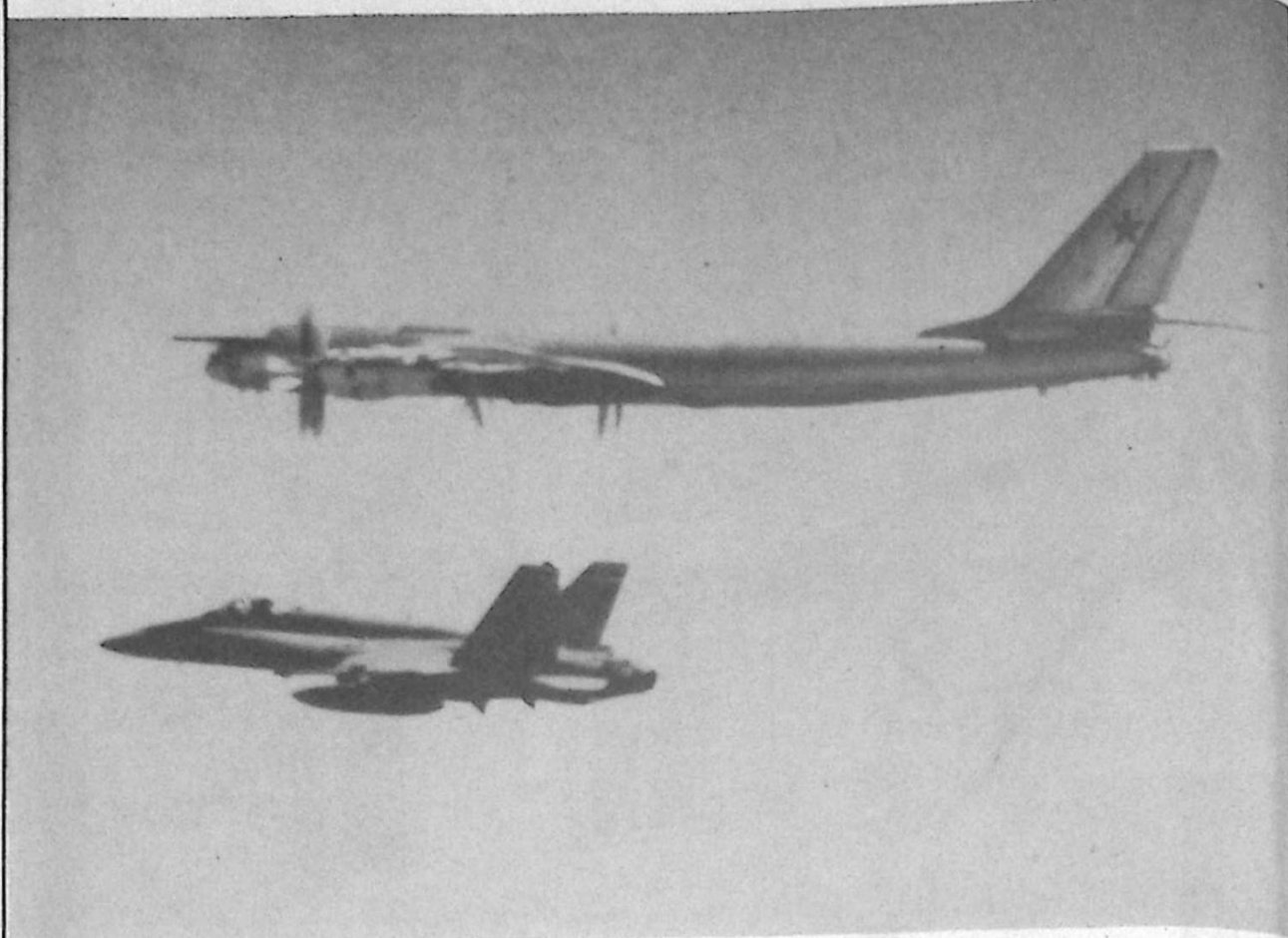
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CFB North Bay, Ont — One of two 425 Squadrons CF-18's assigned to a NORAD interception mission escorts a Soviet TU-95 Bear "H" aircraft 260 km north-east of St John's Nfld, during a recent intercept mission.

The Soviet TU-95 Bear "H" is a Soviet long-range bomber capable of carrying the AS-15 long-range cruise missile.

In order to carry out its peacetime role of ensuring and monitoring Canadian sovereignty, the Canadian NORAD Region at CFB North Bay ordered the scramble of the CFB Bagotville, Quebec, based jet interceptors. The air weapons control team of Capt Bob Vance and MCpl Jim Hines then directed the CF-18's to the Soviet bombers. The pilots, Capt Eric Matheson and Capt Chuck Caron visually identified the TU-95 Bears.

After the interception the Soviet aircraft continued flying away from the Canadian Air Defence Identification Zone.

Battle of Britain Remembered...



Members of Triple 8 Wing march past to commemorate the Battle of Britain. Sergeant At Arms Dave Oliphant snaps a big five to Base Commander Col Bob Kadonoff who took the salute in front of Triple 8's home.

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The fall season got off to a good start with the L.A. "Wingding" at the Native Sons Hall last Saturday. The food was excellent, and after entertainment by the "Windbaggers" and the fashion show narrated by Madam Lafountain, the wine and dance carried on until the wee hours. Many thanks, ladies.

We also had a good turnout for the Battle of Britain on the 15th. Not only did our Legion comrades participate, but it was a pleasant surprise to have an RAAF crew join us. The last time this writer marked the Battle of Britain with the Aussies was under the desert sun at the Commonwealth Airmens' Cemetery at El Gaba airfield near Ismailia, Egypt, in 1976. Always glad to meet our cousins from down under. Also, thanks to the Totem Times for the coverage given this historic battle in this edition. Maybe next year we will see some serving members in our ranks.

The Thursday bingos are having a bit of a rough time attracting players. Please pass the word around and come out for a fun evening and help support this effort.

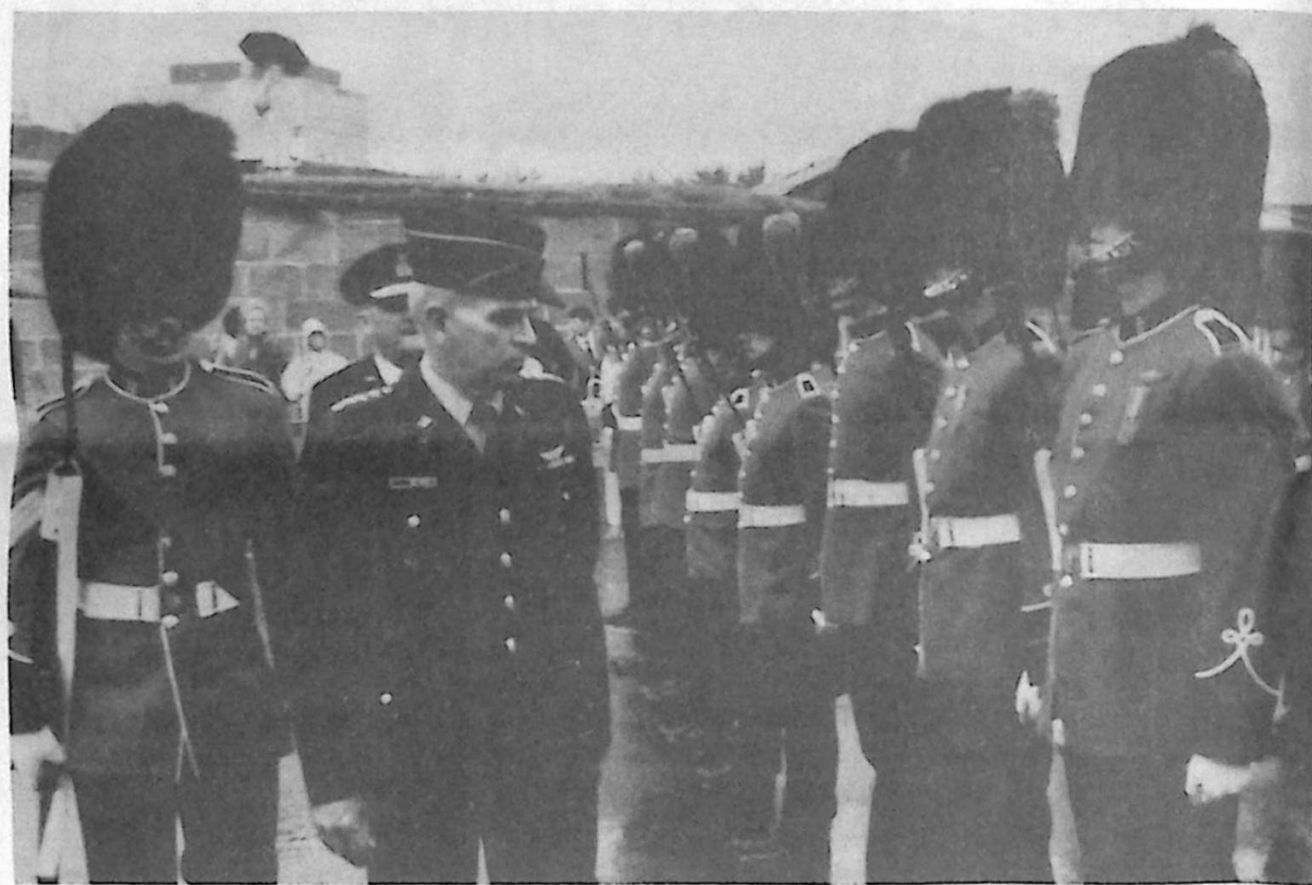
As most of you know, we kept the Hangar open during MAR-COT. For some it was a boring

tour, but many crews did take advantage of our facilities and on the overall we made some money. Again, thanks to all those volunteers who ran the bar.

Remember, we are trying to have some form of entertainment at the Wing each Saturday evening so come and join us. Next General

Meeting is Wednesday October 2nd, and the next major party is the Oktoberfest to be held at the Lions Den in Comox on Saturday, October 26th at 8 pm. Get your tickets

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Ottawa — General John W. Vessey Jr, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, inspects a guard of honour composed of members of the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment at La Citadelle in Quebec City during his visit to Canada Aug 25 - 28. Gen Vessey also visited Ottawa and met with Defence Minister Erik Nielsen and Canadian Chief of the Defence Staff, Gen Gerard C.E. Theriault to discuss various defence and security issues.



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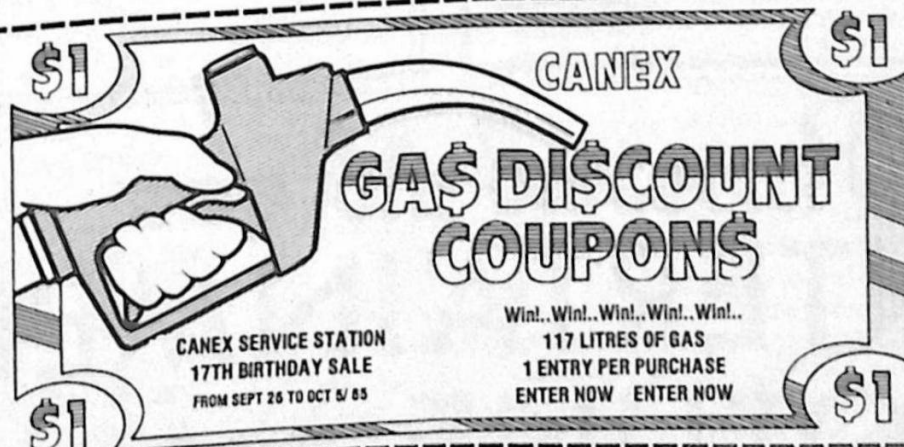
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Expo Update



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Across my kitchen table

— by Rosemary Gibson



Life is easier to handle if you remember to remain flexible. Yesterday I came home from work with every intention of, first writing my column and, second, freezing fruit. (Our spare guest bedroom is currently "the fruit room", with apples and plums waiting impatiently to be processed.) To my delight, I found friends from Victoria had arrived for a visit. Now, that tested my flexibility, all right! I hadn't even given a thought to supper. But the fruit could wait another day — my friends pitched in, and somehow we girls managed to create a great dinner for six out of odds and ends from the fridge and cupboards. Now here's "old flexible me", coffee cup in hand, writing my lines at the break of dawn. Sometimes I think it might be easier to be flexible if I were younger!

Here are two recipes from our OWC meeting last Wednesday. Both are great!

CHEESE AND CRAB FONDUE

Ingredients:

10 ounces Velveeta Cheese
2 - 8 ounce cream cheese
2 - 6½ ounces crab, drained and flaked
¼ cup light cream
1 teaspoon worcestershire sauce
¼ cup beer
French bread, cubed

Method:

Over boiling water, combine the cheeses until smooth. Add remaining ingredients except for the bread and blend thoroughly. Transfer to fondue pot.

Note: This will thicken; use either beer or cream to keep it of a dipping consistency.

HOT BROCCOLI DIP

Ingredients:

3 stalks celery, chopped
½ large onion, chopped
1 tin mushroom pieces
1 package frozen broccoli, chopped

1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 - 6 ounce roll garlic cheese, or use Velveeta creamed and mixed with garlic powder to taste.

Method:

Saute celery, onion and mushrooms in butter. Cook broccoli and drain well. Add mushroom soup to broccoli and other vegetables. Melt cheese and add to other ingredients. Serve in chafing dish with toast or chips. Also good cold. Freezes well.

HINT:

To freeze tomatoes, quarter and freeze on a cookie sheet, then bag them. To use, run hot water over the pieces and the skins will slip right off.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Behind every successful man stands a woman with nothing to wear!

Computer learning at NIC

North Island College has been awarded a grant of \$267,000 from the Provincial Ministry of Education for the formation of a training and development facility specializing in Computer Assisted Learning (CAL). The funding was made available through the Local Economic Renewal and Development Fund as part of the Provincial Government Partners in Progress Through Education initiative.

This innovative proposal, entitled *Computer Options in Learning and Training (COLT)*, enables North Island College to develop a program which provides training in the use of computers in education. The COLT program will provide a facility to train individuals in the techniques and methodologies of developing CAL courses. It will also provide a facility to further research and develop CAL courses for use in areas where traditional education methods may be inappropriate or inconvenient. Although CAL courses are generally self-contained and self-paced, they may be used in conjunction with instructors in conventional settings. Students in CAL courses have the flexibility to commence at their own convenience and progress at their own pace. This flexibility also permits students to periodically review learning materials as the need arises. This flexible, modern training tool is

ideal for on-site new training as well as for re-training or refresher training of skills.

The existing computer facilities at North Island College will be supplemented by the purchase of additional super-microcomputers, graphics terminals, peripheral disc storage facilities, laser printers and communications equipment. Some of this additional equipment will be deployed at each of the North Island College centres of Port Alberni, Courtenay and Campbell River.

The training program will comprise courses which, for the most part, will be delivered in the CAL mode. When completed, the program will be available at the North Island College centres of Port Alberni, Courtenay, and Campbell River. Anchoring the program will be a course on CAL Instructional Design which emphasizes learning theory, learning objectives and CAL lesson planning. Support courses will include introduction to the Unix operating system and courses in authoring languages including NATAL and the Concurrent Authoring System.

This program will be of particular interest to public educators at all levels as well as those involved in private personnel training. Those involved in any facet of training will be able to acquire the knowledge to create CAL courses in their specific area of expertise. In addition, the program will provide computer technology students with a specialty option in a rapidly expanding field and provide them with a specialized marketable skill.

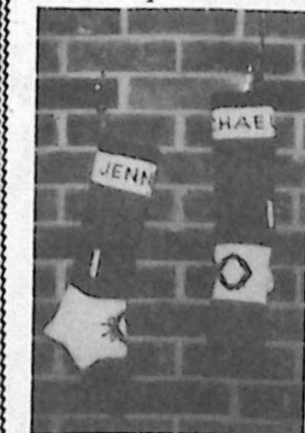
The demand for CAL training and for developed CAL courses has steadily increased as the cost-effectiveness of computers has increased. This is exemplified by recent signed and proposed international agreements for cooperative ventures in CAL training and development. North Island College will work in close cooperation with commercial software companies, particularly those specializing in CAL in an effort to fill a void in use of computers education as well as to create a viable product with a commercial potential.

For further information please contact Mr. Thorne K. Won at 339-5556 at North Island College in Comox.

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Nor is he old when his teeth decay,
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THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"

THE STAGE

By 4 June 1940 the last of the British Army had escaped from France via Dunkirk along with 123,000 French and a few hundred Belgian troops. They had miraculously avoided the German pincer-like trap, but left tons of their equipment on the beaches of France.

Goring and other high-ranking German Air Command officials wanted to follow what they believed to be a crestfallen and ill-equipped British Army to England. The Luftwaffe would land paratroops and capture an airfield in Southern England under cover of a massive bombing raid of that area. Junkers aircraft would transport five crack divisions to this airfield while five more divisions stood by in France.

Hitler vetoed this plan — he did not wish to humiliate the British by defeat nor did he want to destroy the British cities and countryside. He was preparing the British terms of surrender. When they came to their senses, he would act the benevolent conqueror. Churchill feigned interest in surrendering but in effect was stalling so that invasion defenses could be put into place.

By 19 July, Hitler demanded the British intentions and was furious when informed that no such surrender was forthcoming. He ordered England to be bombed with leaflets, informing the British people that the lunatic, Churchill, was leading them to their deaths and their country's destruction.

GORING'S PLAN

Hitler gave Goring permission to proceed with his plan to conquer Britain which would be accomplished in three phases. The Luftwaffe would —

Phase one - sink all British Merchant shipping and attack all naval ships, bases and installations in the English Channel and destroy all aircraft which interfered. The Channel would also be heavily mined by aircraft at specific locations.

Phase two - neutralize the RAF by destroying all British airfields and aircraft factories.

Phase three - cover and assist in the invasion of Britain.

Goring calculated that he would have ample time to invade England (Phase 3) on 15 September if he were to commence phases one and two on 10 August 1940. He also reckoned that in defense of phase one, all Allied naval ships would appear in the English Channel, where his Luftwaffe would destroy them.

Battle Status

The Luftwaffe had 824 Fighters (mostly Me 109s and some Me 110s). They also had 1,191 bombers of which 316 were Stuka dive bombers.

Britain had 640 combat-ready Fighters, mostly Hurricanes and Spitfires and some Defiants (these carried a gunner with rear firing guns only — much to the sorrow of the Luftwaffe pilots who mistook them for Hurricanes).

The Luftwaffe had many battle-experienced pilots (Spanish Civil War) while Britain had none. British aircraft were somewhat superior despite their lack of injector carburetors, and, of course, the highly manoeuvrable Spitfire which could get on the tail of a pursuer who a moment before had been on its tail. At the time Luftwaffe aircraft were operational well above 20,000 feet, while the British counterpart was virtually useless at such altitudes.

RCAF Participation

In addition to many Canadians serving with RAF Squadrons during the Battle of Britain, several RCAF Squadrons as well as those from other Commonwealth Air Forces fought alongside the RAF. #1 Fighter Squadron RCAF (renumbered #401 in England) was Canada's most famous and highest scoring Squadron with 196 enemy aircraft destroyed. The Squadron Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader McNab and two of his Flight Leaders, Flight Lieutenant MacGregor and Flying Officer Russel, were the first RCAF pilots awarded DFCs during World War II. During August and September 1940, this Squadron destroyed 31 enemy aircraft and damaged 28 others.

Early Battle Strategy

As Luftwaffe Fighters could do little damage to ground installations, the British strategy was to ignore them. Bombers were a different situation however, their massive formations were constantly attacked and broken up into small groups and sent down or home. Naturally, dogfights with escorting enemy fighters were unavoidable, but it was considered unnecessary risks for Allied pilots and machines. Allied fighters guarded against being lured away by Luftwaffe fighters. Should he be coaxed to follow, an Allied fighter seldom returned from the skies over France for he was bound to be pounced upon by several enemy fighters.

Epilogue

Perhaps Goring was unaware of the similarity of the mottoes of the RAF and the other Commonwealth country Squadrons to that of the RCAF - "per ardua ad astra", Through Adversity to the Stars.

We owe our sincere and everlasting gratitude, not only to those gallant young men, but to the millions, in uniform and out, that, under conditions of danger, destruction, and death played supporting roles in bringing about a victory in the Battle of Britain.

— Thanks to the Greenwood Aurora for much of the content.

"The gratitude of every home in our island, in our Empire and indeed throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to the airmen, who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge to mortal danger, are turning the tide of the world war by their prowess and their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."
Prime Minister Winston Churchill
20 August 1940



The British Advantage

Early in WW II, Britain's radar system was improved to the degree that all aircraft rising from French airfields showed as blips on the screens. As a result, WAAF operators tracked and reported the number, speed, altitude and course of the enemy force to Allied Fighter Command enabling accurate interception. The Luftwaffe were unsuccessful in knocking down the radar scanning towers and for some reason did not strafe the little wooden camouflaged shacks near their base, where the WAAFS would have been sent scurrying and their sets destroyed. Airborne radar installed in British night fighters were also most successful in pinpointing the quarry.

Even more miraculous was the well kept secret of Britain's decoding machine which informed them of all data for a proposed Luftwaffe raid even before enemy aircrew manned their aircraft. Many an enemy aircrewman wondered how it was that Allied fighters and anti-aircraft installations were always waiting for them regardless of their target.

German propaganda backfired, for Hitler and his top officials had convinced the German people that the Luftwaffe had ample and superior aircraft for the short conflict with Britain. Despite his severe losses he was now loathe to step up replacement aircraft production. On the other hand, during July 1940, Britain turned out 496 fighters and the number was increasing.

Thanks to the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, British aircrews trained in the safety of aircrews trained in the safety of Canadian skies. When Britain and Canadian Allies went on the aerial offensive, they shot down as many aircraft as possible including trainers, making aviation training in Nazi held countries perilous.

The Battle

Many will argue the start of the Battle, for many a dogfight was seen prior to Goring's date of 10 August 1940. Actually, due to weather, this date had been repeatedly postponed to the afternoon of 13 August. Many too will argue as to the date of its finale. The date proclaimed as Battle of Britain Day is 15 September, 1940, for on that date 185 Luftwaffe aircraft were shot down, the highest daily toll in the action. This period was certainly the turning point in Britain's favour. British losses were a fraction of these figures and damaged aircraft proportionately less. As the battle raged over England and the Channel, many Allied pilots bailed out and lived to fly again, while most surviving Luftwaffe aircrew spent the remainder of the war as POWs.

The German Me 109 had a flight endurance of 80 minutes which meant that to climb over to England took 30 minutes, another 30 minutes to get home, leaving a bare 20 minutes in escorting time. As a result, and despite efforts to provide flight escort in relays, Luftwaffe bombers often found themselves without escort and therefore relatively easy prey to British fighters.

By 30 September, Luftwaffe fighters remained safely above 20,000 feet and came down only for the most lucrative targets. Luftwaffe bomber raids were now of smaller formations, with lighter and faster bombers. Still later, nightly bombing raids replaced the daylight raids. One such terrible raid took place on 29 December 1940 when the city of London was mercilessly bombed by wave after wave for more than six hours, the firelit target of the first wave readily showing the way to those following.

Hitler had decreed that the city of London proper was not to be bombed, but when two of his lost bombers dumped their bombs over London (perhaps by accident), the British seized the opportunity to show the people of Berlin that the propaganda saying this could never happen was false. Soon both cities were being bombed every night when weather conditions permitted, although the nightly bombings of London diminished significantly by 10 May 1941. German Air Squadrons were by then moved to her Eastern Frontier and on 22 June 1941 German Armies marched on Russia. The Battle of Britain had been won and the German plans to invade England never took place.

Achtung Schpitfeuer!

The Spitfire was designed by DJ Mitchell in 1936 and was England's main defence during the Battle of Britain. The Spitfire Mark I was fitted with a Rolls-Royce Merlin engine with a maximum speed of 366 mph. Later models were fitted with a two stage, super-charged, Packard built, Merlin engine which raised the speed to well over 400 miles per hour. It was Britain's most deadly fighter plane, armed with two 20mm cannons and six 303 Browning machine guns set to fire forward, outside the airscrew disc.

The renowned Spitfire planes were a symbol of incredible courage for the young men who flew them. The Spit, along with the Hawker Hurricanes were flown by

Canadian and other Commonwealth airmen along with Poles, Czechs, Americans and Free French in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War.

At the height of England's "Darkest Hour" with tremendous casualties, these young men with few flying hours beat back the German Luftwaffe with their Messerschmitts, Junkers, Heinkles and Dorniers to win the Battle of Britain on 31 October, 1940.

The victory was not achieved without cost. The Royal Air Force had 375 pilots killed and 358 wounded. This was the price, and to those who died let it be said that: "All the soul of man is resolution which expires never from valiant men till their last breath."

Messages from "On High"

From the MND

On Sunday, September 15, we commemorated the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, fought and won during those dark months of Jul to Oct 1940. Had we lost that battle the subjugated Europe of 1940 could be a reality today. Our continued freedom in the Western World springs in large part from that victorious battle.

As we reflected upon the sacrifice of those members of the RCAF who gave their lives in defence of the freedom we now enjoy, we renewed our resolve to serve our country in a manner that sustains the honour of those who fell on our behalf.

From the CDS

Today, our pride when we view our squadron battle honours must be tempered with the remembrance that they were won with blood and sacrifice. Although the majority of you were not yet born during that fateful period the debt owed the memory of "the few" is outstanding and cannot be discharged until world peace is a reality. To you has been passed the baton.

I ask you to join me in reflecting upon the motivation and dedication of our predecessors and in resolving that our service to Canada will continue to honour their memory.

Sunday, September 15th marked the 45th Anniversary of the First Major Allied Victory of WWII. The

Battle of Britain (Jul - Oct 40) fought so closely and valiantly upon the heels of defeat at Dunkirk by members of the RCAF and Commonwealth Air

Forces was, perhaps, the single most important battle of the war, for it preserved the base from which all subsequent operations were mounted and led to the ultimate defeat of fascism and the restoration of freedom and democracy to continental Europe.

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