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## Update

### McNauton appointed Deputy Chief

OTTAWA - Lieutenant-General Donald M. McNaughton, has been appointed deputy commander-in-chief of NORAD, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He will be replacing Lieutenant-General Donald C. Mackenzie, who is retiring after 36 years of service in the Canadian Forces.

As deputy commander-in-chief of NORAD, Lieutenant-General McNaughton will assist in directing the operations of the North American Aerospace Defence System and will advise the commander-in-chief on all matters pertaining to the defence affairs of Canada. In the absence of the commander-in-chief, the deputy assumes that position and its duties.

### Aviation Trade Show at Abbotsford

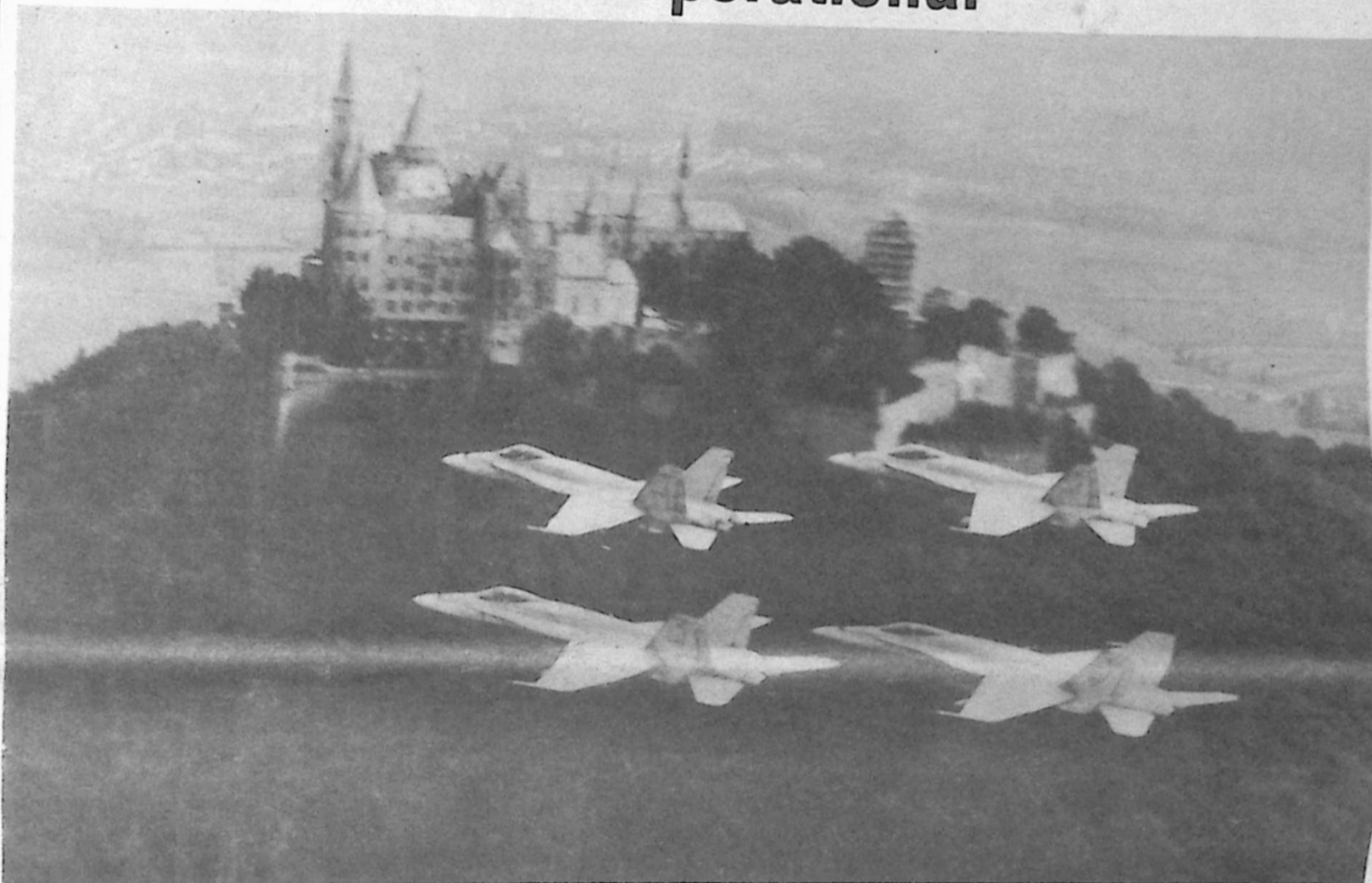
VANCOUVER - Canada's aerospace industry will join aviation firms from throughout the world at AIR FAIR 86, the international aviation trade show for EXPO 86 at Abbotsford Airport, August 4-10.

AIR FAIR 86 is part of the Aviation Period, one of fourteen Specialized Periods at EXPO 86 and will attract potential aviation customers from North America and around the world, Klaus Fuer-niss, V.P. of Participants, responsible for AIR FAIR 86 said, "We have encouraged our international participants to display their latest aerospace technology and have invited their government representatives, military specialists, and aerospace buyers and decision makers to AIR FAIR 86."

### STATION REUNION - CFS GYPSUMVILLE

The station reunion for past and present members will be held 15-17 August 86. Those interested contact Capt Strong at 493-8355.

## 409 is Operational



A formation of CF-18 fighters sweeps past the ancient Hohenzollern castle in southern Federal Republic of Germany. The aircraft are from 409 All Weather Fighter Squadron based at CFB Baden-Soellingen and are the first fully operational

Canadian squadron in Europe equipped with the CF-18. They will be followed by 439 and 421 Squadrons respectively, who will make 1 Canadian Air Group fully combat ready by January 1987.

## Airshow '86

...plenty of action in store

An impressive line-up of military and civilian aircraft will be featured at the CFB Comox Armed Forces Day and International Air Show, on Aug 3.

The feature will be "Ray Ban Golds" aerobatic team, in four Pitts Special biplanes, piloted by former CF pilots, Bill Cowan, Rod Ellis, Al Hauff and George Kirbyson.

The USAF SR71 Blackbird (high altitude reconnaissance, cruises Mach 3.0 at 80,000ft) will be on rare public display, with CF-18s, CP-140 Auroras, CP-121 Trackers, CT-133 T-Birds, and Buffalo and Labrador Search aircraft from the Canadian Forces.

The U.S. will also contribute a B-52 Stratofortress, C-5 Galaxy, F-15 Strike-Eagle, F-14 Tomcat, A-10 Thunderbird Tank-Destroyer, the AV8N Harrier and others. From Britain will come the all-jet Nimrod Maritime patrol aircraft.

Among the civilian contingent will be the Western Warbirds (of the Canadian Heritage Institute), a line-up of 6 Harvards, 3 T-28s, 2 Chipmunks, a Cessna Crane and a Beech 18 Expeditor. Bud Granley of "Miss America" fame will perform a solo in his T-6 Harvard which will be decked out in RCAF markings. A lucky airshow programme

holder will also get a free ride with Bud.

There'll be a parachute display by the "Skyhawks", NASA's travelling Aerovan exhibit and many other static displays, including the Shell Aviation display, where you have a chance to win a trip for two to California by AirCal.

Food and drink concessions, and the Quadra Band, are the other attractions. Admission is free except for a \$2.00 on base parking fee, which includes an attractive full coloured airshow programme.

It is a rare occasion when CFB Comox is host to such an international array of aeronautical science and talent.

The old, the new, the advance, the historic.

It's all here at CFB Comox on Aug 3. Invite your families, friends and acquaintances. Entry gate for the General Public is located on Knight Road, adjacent to the old sewage treatment plant, on the jogging track. Public parking is on the disused runway and adjacent areas. Duty personnel and VIPs enter through the main gate. The public gate is open at 9 a.m. — precisely...N.V.B

## 407 Reunion

Aug 1-3

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## SECTION NEWS



## Demon Doins

## Aussie Fighter Jock achieves milestone!



Group Captain Al Page, Royal Australian Air Force, was presented with an Honourary VP International Membership during a recent visit to CFB Comox. LCol Terry Rogers (CO 407 Sqn) made the presentation to formally recognize the transition of another fighter pilot into the Maritime Community. Group Captain Page has recently assumed the duties of Officer Commanding 92 wing at RAAF Edinborough.

Summer is supposed to be upon us, but I have my doubts, at least here in the Comox Valley. It seems to me that last year at this time we were in the midst of a tropical heat wave and the base had already imposed water restrictions when it came to watering lawns, etc. However, June was anything but dry and so far July does not look promising. So for those of you on squadron trying to develop some sort of tan may I suggest standing behind an Aurora engine. It may be loud, but is guaranteed to turn you red.

Speaking of sun-tans, might I presume to welcome back Crews 3, 5, and 7 from RIMPAC. These ladies and gentlemen returned recently with both sun and bar-tans. They also brought back various trinkets such as stereos, microwaves, VCRs and one Black and Decker work bench (way-to-go Major D). And of course everyone had brightly coloured clothing from Hawaii made of course in Taiwan or Korea. Much of this aforemen-

tioned apparel turned up at the Officers Mess for what many assumed was a welcome-home party for the RIMPAC people. I do have one complaint about the entire exercise and that is the lack of stories/gossip. How am I expected to write an article if I don't hear any tales?

It is block leave period here on the squadron and we must welcome Crews 2 and 6 back while wishing a fond-farewell to Crews 3 and 5. Just a note to the Deputy Dog here—please take it easy on 2 and 6 when they return. Remember, they were at home "resting" and therefore need a few days to recuperate. Failure to follow this advice will result in one of your crutches being shortened by two inches.

Crew 7 has just departed for a short stint in beautiful downtown Adak, Alaska. And I'm sure that the Moosemen will give a good account of themselves. Especially since B.J. "Life-is-sweet" Lunsford will not be with them. Some lame excuse about putting a roof over the heads of his wife and

children. Instead, the Moosecateers will be under the direction of Haico Ketellapper who is doing his VPC check-ride. Don't worry Haico, I understand that Major Hansen is very forgiving.

In case anyone hasn't noticed, the squadron has been swamped with new faces. I would like to welcome the following brand-new Demons to the squadron. Lts Jamie Keenan, Larry Arnold, Dave Bolton, Jay Campbell, Steve Amo, and Capt Hank Niewiadomski (whom I really think should change his name to Smith). These are but a few of the many who have arrived, but all I could think of at the spur of the moment. Any missed will be remembered in the next issue.

Crew 4 recently flew a NORPAT and I am still trying to figure out what went on during that trip. I've read the trip-report and no where does it mention gas-warfare experiments and yet our beloved PAdO, Lt Fiona Berchem, alluded to this fact when she

## Reunion Update

The 1986 Reunion of 407 "Demon" Squadron, set for 1-3 August, promises to be a huge success! To date we have received replies to our invitations indicating that over 400 ex-squadron members and their families will be attending the festivities. There are still several weeks to go and the Reunion Committee estimate that the final number of people at the Reunion will be between seven and eight hundred.

This large body of Squadron members, both past and present, represent a wealth of Canadian Military service and history. They will be arriving from as far away as England, and from as close as Comox and Courtenay. There will be aircrew and groundcrew in Comox who were members of 407 during World War II when the squadron operated as a Maritime Strike and Anti-Submarine Warfare unit.

Perhaps one of them can tell you first-hand how they earned our "Demon" nickname. There will be people there who were a part of each successive era of the squadron and who can tell tales of such aircraft as the Lancaster, Neptune, Argus and the Aurora. Indeed, the Reunion will also allow for memories of the Comox Valley which has been home to most of these Demons for the period since 1952. You can be assured that a lot of the out-of-town guests will be looking up old haunts and seeing if the fishing is as good as they remembered.

The Reunion will take place the weekend of 1-3 August. Friday, August 1st, will involve the registration of our guests followed by a giant meet-and-greet where everyone can mingle and renew old friendships or simply make a few new ones. Saturday morning will be taken up by several tours, sporting events such as

golf, fishing, hiking, sight-seeing, and of course, Comox Nautical Days and other local events. That afternoon everyone is invited to attend a change-of-command ceremony when 407 Squadron will say goodbye to its present Commanding Officer, LCol Rogers, and welcome the new CO, LCol Sutherland. This will be followed immediately by tours of the squadron spaces and aircraft. That evening will be highlighted by a giant dinner/dance featuring the local CAMPA dance band. Sunday will be a day of rest and a chance to take in the International Airshow.

The Reunion Committee, headed by Major Peter Devana, have been working on the project since January and have really done a spectacular job. Cost for the entire event will be \$25.00 per couple, \$12.50 single.

If there are any retired members in the local area who did not receive a formal invitation please let us know, we would like to add your name to our ever growing list (2500 plus to date) and also see you attend the reunion. For those retired members who did receive an invitation, plan to attend, but haven't responded formally, please let us know as soon as possible to facilitate our planning. We know many local retired members are planning to come but to date we have not received formal notice of their intentions.

Finally we would like to thank all the local merchants and businesses who helped make the reunion possible. We hope that this will become a bi-annual event that will not only strengthen the ties within the squadron but also within the Comox Valley as well. For further information contact LT FIONA BERCHEM, 339-2211 Local 2204.

presented a rather unusual cook-book to members of the crew. Inquiries into the matter should be directed to Fiona who must be for her choice of reading - material Right!

Not too long ago we had a mug-out where we said farewell to Maj Rick Yound, Capt Nick

Ierfino, Capt J.T. Williams and WO Buumhour. The master-of-ceremonies Don Carino, went on about he being the only Italian left on the squadron and therefore being the bunt of Italian jokes. But

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## Anker Klankin'

Dear Art,

As our handover time will be brief, I thought I would save some time by introducing VU 33 Aircrew to you via this letter. In any case, in dealing with this mob forewarned definitely is forearmed; so here follows a list of the cast. When you are finished I am sure you will agree that VU33 has more than its share of character(s):

ANCHOR 91, a.k.a. "Rapid Rollie", "Rotund Rollie" etc - as BFSO R.R. should revert to call sign ANCHOR 03, as befits his status as a base "WEENIE". He hopes, however, that by holding on to his current C/S you will forget that he is no longer a full squadron member and allow him to continue to fly both the T-33 and STOOF. A pole hog and scrounge of the first order, he will bear close scrutiny. He also flies formations using the "BRAILLE" touch method.

ANCHOR 92, a.k.a. "Russian" Ouellette - VU33's beach boy and certified sun worshipper. He just spent three weeks in Mexico and has been angling ever since for a deployment to San Diego and points south. Always sniffing around for any excuse for a cross country and, as scheduling officer, he is the first to know when they come up. Expect conflicts in this regard with ANCHOR 96.

ANCHOR 93, a.k.a. "Richie" - Richie's time with the Snow Turkeys has given him a taste of the "Good Times" and he cannot wait to get checked out on the T-Bird to resume the gypsy life. I've held him off as long as I can; now, over to you. An Archeologist in his spare time, he can be found haunting local cemeteries for more skulls to plant in his back yard.

ANCHOR 94, a.k.a. "Killer" - our answer to Tiger Williams and Nick Fortiu. A smoldering volcano who should be permanently connected to a seismology station. A master of

the MACR- if it has NATO stock number, he'll go for it. He has five A7 Corsair II on back order to replace the T-Birds, and don't be surprised if someday they turn up. ANCHOR 95, a.k.a. "Randy Randy". Breaking hearts all over the valley, this young man has it all. Tall, dark, handsome, single, and with a hankering for fine cars (he wants a Mercedes) and fast women. Never send him to give a squadron briefing at Officers' Wives or the Women's Institute without a chaperone. His stated aim in life is to violate the whole west coast fishing fleet and then retire to Spokane.

ANCHOR 96, a.k.a. "MOUNTAIN MIKEY" - Your deputy dog, gives "Let Mikey Do It" a whole new slant. Fish killer par excellence. His idea of heaven is a CF 99 and a travel copy, and although his hearing prevents him from driving STOOFs, he can hear the words "TD" or "Cross Country" from hundreds of meters over the noise of a NENE 10 lighting off. The man to pick to represent VU 33 at couth mess dinner or to impress your mother with the calibre of your friends. This guy is a definite keeper, Vern.

ANCHOR 97, a.k.a. "FNG" - His impending return from the course in Summerside has at least one local officer excited. Since you spent some time with him on course, you already know more about him than I do.

ANCHOR 98, a.k.a. "CHAINSAB" - A man whose energy would exhaust a Tasmanian Devil. Possessor of one of the valley's largest chainsaws which he wields with one hand, his is the man to call if those trees impede your glacier view. Harness his energy and talent too well, and you may find him running the whole show. A rare original article.

ANCHOR 99, a.k.a. - "JR" - A Ewing he is not. The fastest crew commander in the west, the only question about this young man is how far he wants to go. His judgement is suspect, however, as he resolutely refused to acknowledge the superior technique of certain squadron members in his monthly "Photo of the month" award. How many awards do you own JR?

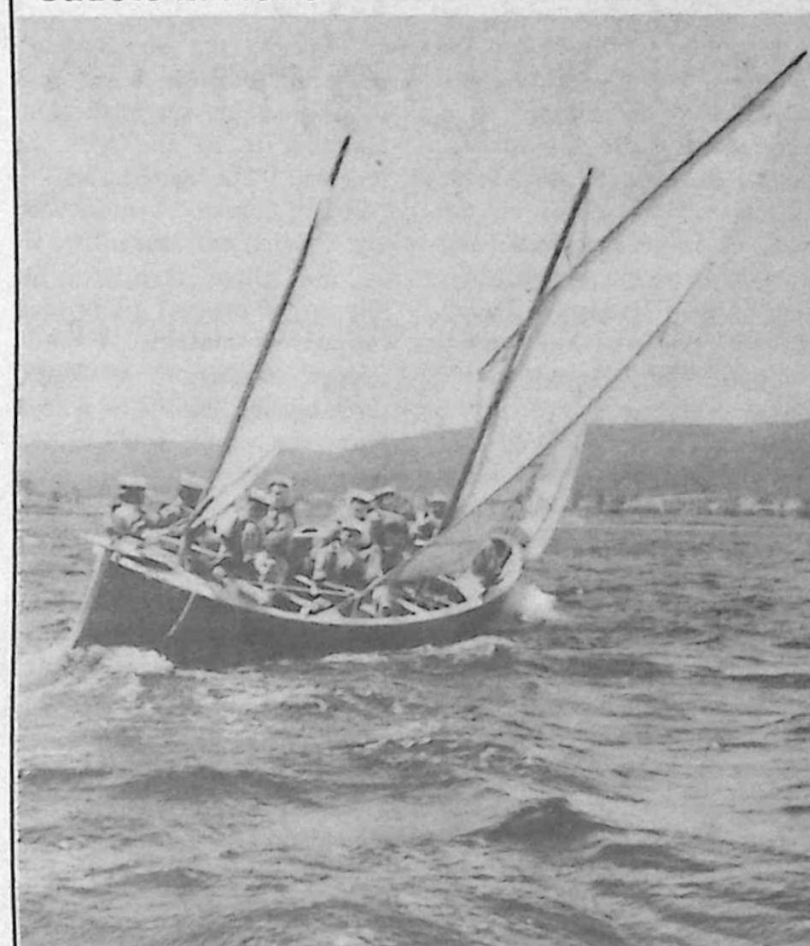
AESOP 1 a.k.a. PINA GIBSON- A connoisseur of fine music and a sure bet to win on "Name that tune". He has replaced a former SAMO as a man not to go to sea with, leaving one "Good ship Gibson" aground on Graham Island, and another constantly in the shop for repairs. Always ready with a smile and a bad joke. He is a genuine pleasure to work with. Another keeper Vern.

AESOP 2, a.k.a. "BVD" - Another pocket dynamo who can scrounge and organize with the best. He can organize a party or dinner while others are still thinking about it. Well known in all VU 33's west coast ports of call, he is another man who should never be given a blank, signed CF 99. He also loves parades, and has a request on record with the SWO to be named permanent colour escort.

AESOP 3, a.k.a. "WL II" - A fine replacement for WL I, this single Sgt is hot on ANCHOR 95's trail in pursuit of the available young ladies of the valley. Proud possessor of a house in one of Courtenay's fine sub divisions, traffic in that quiet area can expect to increase dramatically. Is that why ANCHOR 91/ANCHOR 03 has recently moved? This man has a "Trust me/your cheque is in the mail"-type of grin which could be deadly in the wrong hands.

It's been golden guys. They are all yours now Art, enjoy! ANCHOR 90

## Cadets in Action



## A Quadra Summer

Once again the Comox Valley will echo to the sounds of over one thousand teenagers from all across Canada. These Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, who have earned the right to attend the HMCS QUADRA summer training establishment, are looking forward to the many challenges offered. HMCS QUADRA strives to instill in the cadets a sense of teamwork and self-confidence.

This year QUADRA has been expanded by two new trades courses. One is the six week white level sail course emphasizing the Canadian Yachting Association's sail programme. The other is a two week basic sail course where the cadets will spend a great deal of their time on sailing skills. These sailing courses are examples of QUADRA putting the sea back into the name ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS.

QUADRA's other courses are: Shipwright, Operations/Communications, Boatswain, Cookery, Music, Drill Instructor, Junior Officer Sea Training, Junior Leadership, Medical Attendant, and Practical Leadership. The instructors for these courses are from all parts of Canada. They consist of Cadet Instructor List Officers, Junior Maritime Command Officers and Civilian Instructors. Most of the Officers are former Sea Cadets who have come up through the rank structure. HMCS QUADRA's flotilla

of small ships has been increased. This summer some cadets will have the opportunity of being at sea in a large sailing vessel called the Maple Leaf. Not all of QUADRA's cadets go to sea, although some of the cadets do go to sea in whalers and cutters. Their trips last from 2.5 to 5 days. Safety is always a prime concern whether the cadets go to sea in a small ship or in a 27' whaler.

The QUADRA School of Music has slightly changed its training program. This summer there are two four week Junior Band courses instead of one eight week Junior Band course. The other two courses (intermediate course and senior course) run for eight weeks. Besides the Military Bands, HMCS QUADRA's School of Music also has a stage band and concert band. The School of Music has a complement of 143 musicians.

HMCS QUADRA will again be hosting Sea Cadets from outside Canada. The Sea Cadets come from Great Britain, Sweden, Holland, West Germany, Belgium, and America. It should be noted that Canadian Sea Cadets will be visiting those countries also.

HMCS QUADRA is a Royal Canadian Sea Cadet training establishment where teenagers and young Sea Cadet Officers learn about teamwork and self-confidence. The cadets, during the summer, will make many new and lifetime friends.



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## Did You Know



Roller skates were invented 114 years ago by Dr. James L. Plimpton, an American, who made \$1 million from his ingenious idea.

## EDITORIALS

## Put on a Happy Face

A number of years ago the "Happy Face" sprang into existence. What started as a trend lost little popularity. People draw them on letters, waitresses draw them on the back of restaurant bills, and teachers in elementary schools distribute "Happy Face" stickers to virtually every student. The "Happy Face" makes everyone aware of the value of a smile. Well not everyone. Somehow the "Happy Face" never infiltrated a member of the Military Police.

I recently purchased gasoline at the Canex gas bar, then headed home via Naden's main gate. The siren and flashing lights on a MP vehicle caused me to slow down, to let the vehicle pass. I'd helped him apprehend his suspect. But arriving at the corner, to turn past the gym, I realized I was the one he wanted. I turned the corner, pulled up to the curb, and stopped my car. Looking into my rear-view mirror, I saw the MP pull up behind me, his lights still flashing. Mercifully, he disengaged his siren. I awaited what I was certain was a routine check.

Within seconds the MP was standing beside my open window, his face as frigid as a January iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland.

"You didn't stop at the stop sign when leaving the gas bar," he announced firmly.

"I didn't?" I replied, remembering the portable stop sign clutching to a make-shift frame, "I thought I stopped."

"No ma'am," he declared, "I want to see your driver's licence and registration."

"Certainly," I smiled at him, but the muscles in his face made no attempt to change position. I reached in my wallet and retrieved my driver's licen-

ce, wishing the photo didn't make me look like I was on a day pass from an institution. Handing it to the MP, he repeated, "The registration?" "Yes, of course," I unfastened my seat belt and leaned towards the glove compartment. Flipping it open, I rummaged through its contents. A bottle opener, numerous serviettes, three broken sea shells, a rock from my young son's collection, a map of Vancouver Island, a receipt for two new tires and a miniature sewing case would definitely not interest him. Ah, there it was the pink piece of paper. I grabbed it and handed it to him.

The MP studied it as intensely as Perry Mason studies a new piece of evidence.

"This, ma'am," he said, "is registration for a trailer."

"I'm sorry," I babbled, while trying to remain cheerful, "I know the one for the car is here somewhere," I pawed through the glove compartment once again and located the proper form. As I turned to pass it to him, I managed a weak smile. But the MP's expression never changed.

He turned and marched back to his vehicle, my identification marching with him. He hopped in his car and shut the door. The lights continued to flash.

I sat in my car and waited and waited. Then I sat and waited and waited some more. It was 1pm and there were at least 10,000 passers-by, all of whom possessed both a curious nature and excellent eyesight. I felt like a criminal. If only the MP had turned off the flashing lights, people might assume (unless they knew me) that I was a fitness buff and had just left the gym after lifting weights for an hour. Instead, I waited and waited. What was

that man doing in her car? I was certain the SIU, the RCMP, or the FBI had no file on me. The only illegal thing I had ever done was to swipe a paper coaster off a table in the Tudor House. What was taking so long? Was he writing a letter to his mother? He'd been back there long enough to begin a PER. Good grief! If that was the case, I could be there from 12 hours to three weeks. My eyes darted regularly to the rear-view mirror, praying for an end to this situation.

An eternity later, he stepped out of his car, his lights still flashing. Arriving back at my window, he looked at me with an expression hinting that I might be one of Canada's 'ten most wanted.' "What is the year and make of this vehicle?"

Knowing that information was on the sheet I had given him, and which he still possessed, I was tempted to reply that the late-model, full-size car I was driving was a '65 Volkswagen convertible. But I quickly gave him the correct in-

formation, fearing that if I didn't, I'd find myself sitting in a small, barren room, a single lightbulb dangling over my head. And maybe he'd found out about the Tudor's missing coaster. This was no time for a sense of humour.

He jotted down something in a threatening-looking notebook, then, in a tone like a Crown prosecutor questioned, "Who owns this vehicle?"

Why did this man look so frightening, so rigid and callous? Was Alcatraz my home address? Had I roared through Naden at 125 clicks, robbed the pay office, mowed down the Base Commander, sideswiped three vehicles, or ran amuck into a group of smartly marching sailors from the Fleet School? And was not one of the two names on the car's registration the same as the name on my driver's licence?

My smile was frail as I told him the names of the two people (of whom I am one) who own the car.

Without a word, he finished writing in his little book, then tore off a sheet of paper so abruptly that it failed to follow the perforated line. "Ma'am was all he said as he handed me my identification - and a ticket.

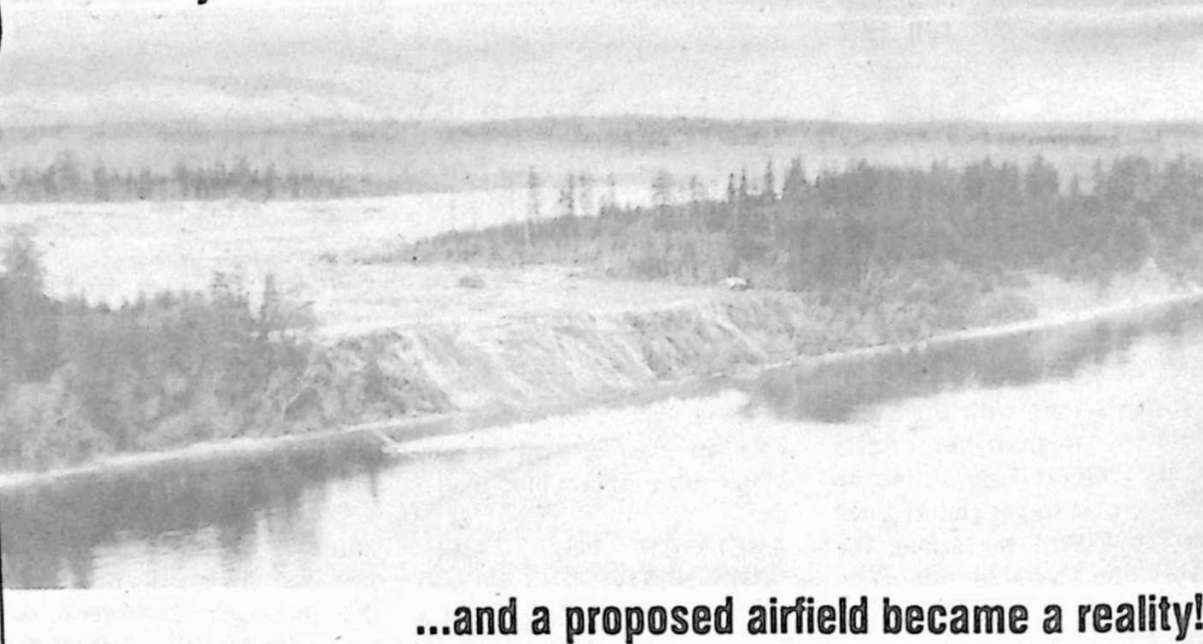
I gazed at the ticket and silently gasped, thirty-five dollars! The MP, his poor face still arranged in a frozen position, turned and marched back to his well-lit vehicle.

While other law enforcement groups might also have issued me a ticket (but I wonder), I believe they would have offered - at least once - a smile and a kind word, gestures of human respect and courtesy.

Perhaps the MP would appreciate a "Happy Face" drawn at the bottom of my \$35.00 cheque. Shouldn't someone be kind enough to tell him the value of a smile?

Courtesy Dianne Taylor  
The Lookout

In '42 they cleared the land...



...and a proposed airfield became a reality!



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## EDITORIALS

## Lightside

Norm Blondel

## Wife as Philosopher

Wife never studied at the Sorbonne, or Cambridge (although she did an intermediate typing course at North Island College), yet she is quite the philosopher. Or a sage, or she's philosophic, -or whatever: she is a regular soda-fountain of small wisdoms.

"Good fortune doesn't just drop in your lap," Wife says, "but if you move your lap under it, you might catch some." Isn't that profound! I don't have a lap (being a guy, and all) but still I'm impressed by this and all the other homilies, some her own, some handed down by her Mum (I call them "Mummarisms"), that she dishes out from time to time as the answer to most of life's little problems. She has a store of them that would choke an IBM computer.

I'll cut my finger, and hear her murmur: "Bind the wound in its own blood: It'll heal faster." I don't presume to ask who else's blood I'm supposed to use--you don't stay married for 31 years asking questions like that--I just wrap bumwad around the cut, and heal right up. Or I'll venture into the yard on a sunny day in May, temperature plus twenty Celsius, in shorts, and she'll say: "Ne'er cast a clout 'til May is out," and sure enough, I'll catch a cold. Her Mum told her that one.

"Believe half of what you see, and nothing that you hear, and you'll be somewhere near the truth," she avers. I have trouble with that one, since my

boss insists what he tells me and shows me takes precedence over Wife's philosophical gems, profound or not.

"Wear clean underwear at all times," Wife dictates; "you might have to go to the hospital." I ignored that dictum once, passed up the daily shower (and U/W change) to get some work done, and ended up in hospital with an injured hand. Uncanny, isn't it! The nurses didn't get to see my shorts, but, no matter, Wife went around for days afterwards wearing a look of Utter Faith. She never says "I told you so!", when I ignore her philosophical guidelines and suffer the consequences: I get hit with that look of Utter Faith instead.

She's also a Practicing Pessimistic Philosopher: "Look on the black side, always," she says; "when things turn out alright, you'll feel so much better." An example of Wife as PPP is the Annual Ritual of the Rose. I bring the first rose of summer to her in my teeth, every year--a reckless act, considering the rose dust and thorns and all, but very romantic. What does Wife do? She checks the rose for aphids. Finding none, she's doubly pleased with her gift. You can't fight that. I've been not fighting it for years. Occasionally though, I'm tempted to look for a rose with aphids--just to see how she'll react. My bet is that, under "Aphids, Rose, On," there is in her memory banks, a homily to cover the situation.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Here's some answers to your Trivia photo in the July 7th issue: the place is Jericho Beach in 1929. The tractor is a "Holt" and the operator is Flt Sgt Bill Pierce. The aircraft is a DH Moth Mk 54, with a 4 cylinder Cirrus engine and a Fairey-Reid propeller. The person on the port float is Sgt Pilot Billy Wells, and LAC Ward is sitting on the float.

The aircraft in the background is a Vickers-Vedette Mk II and the person on the wing is LAC Jock Nicholson.

Yours truly,  
W/C Harry Bryant (Ret'd)

Thanks, Harry, for the detailed reply--much better than the few notes on the back of the photo. Nice to know someone pays attention!

Editor



## As I see the Pension Changes

by Norm Blondel

In 1985, the Government announced its intention to place public service pension plans, including the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, (CFSA) on a basis where they would be "Operated in accordance with accepted practices and standards of major employees in the private sector." The proposed changes will be submitted to Parliament in the Fall of 1986, states message CDS 093.

For existing CF pensioners, no changes are proposed; their pensions will continue fully tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). For serving members, pensions arising from service prior to the proposed changes will still be fully indexed to the CPI.

The changes will remove guaranteed indexing for future service. Inflation protection, "targeted to," but not exceeding full CPI, will be provided from interest earnings of the CFS account. These earnings will be based on the performance and rate of return of

a "Representative sample of private sector invested pension funds."

For example, a MCpl with 20 years of service will receive full indexing for those 20 years of pension contributions, but his remaining service will depend on CFSA interest earnings. No changes to contribution rates are proposed.

The changes will also establish a Pension Management Board, with CF participation, for joint management of public service superannuation plans.

The CDS states in his message that "It is my considered opinion that these reforms do not pose any real threat to the current pension arrangements for retired and serving CF members."

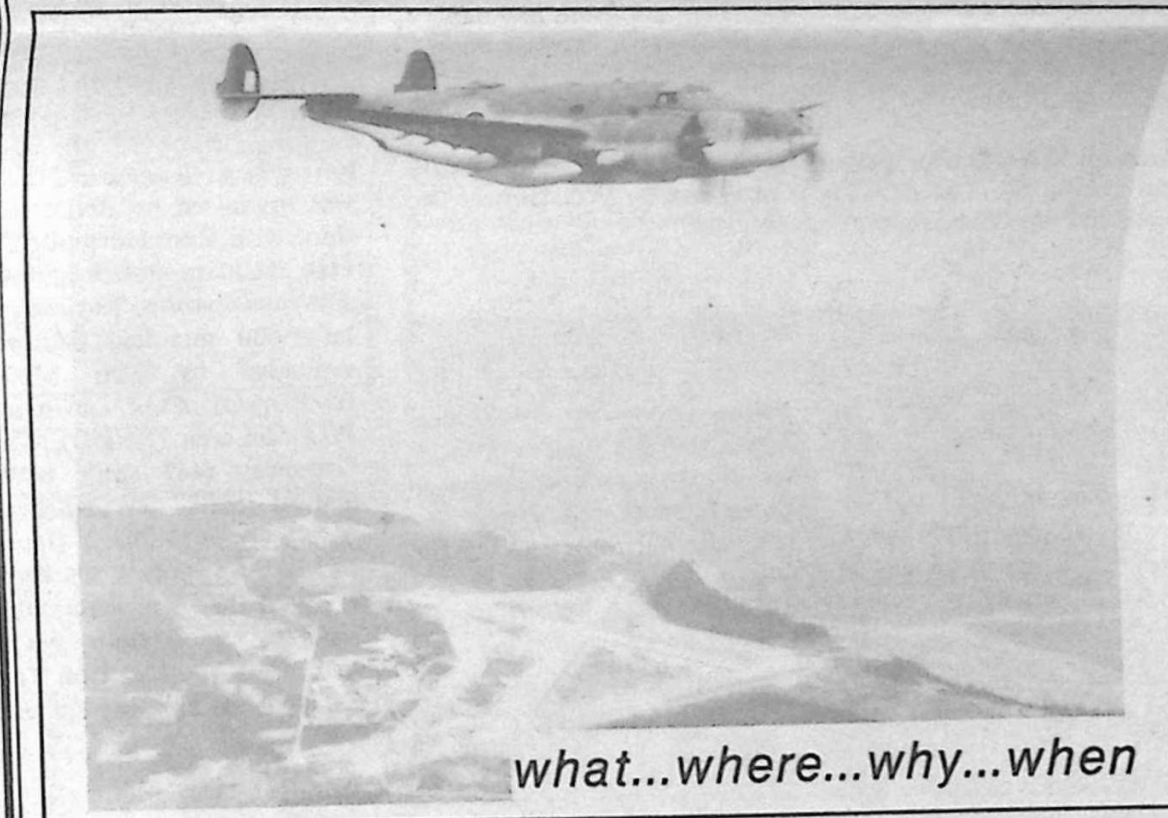
Future pension arrangements, however, will undoubtedly be affected. A final paragraph in the message reads, "Provided the anticipated relationship is maintained between the financial performance

of the private sector plans and the Consumer Price Index, full indexing...should be possible in the future."

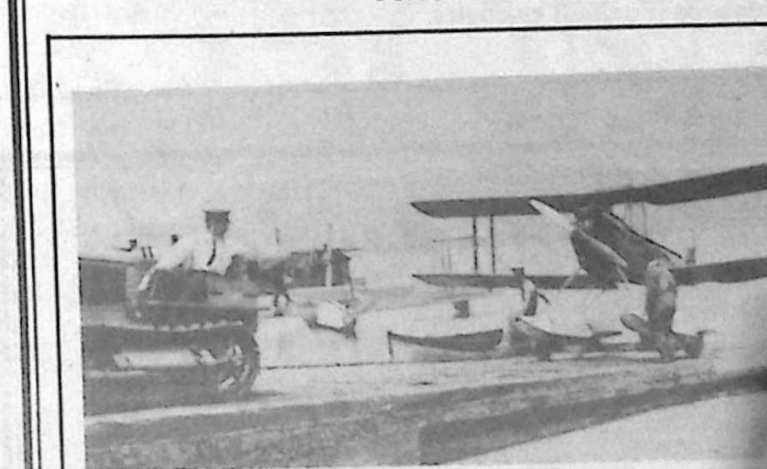
It also might not. If, during a period of high inflation and poor economy, (Stagflation), the private pension plans do not perform well, interest earnings of the CFS account would drop accordingly. Perhaps: a following sentence in the message reads: "The Government remains committed to the additional financial support implicit in the CF early retirement programmes."

The CDS's final comment, "...approval of the legislation will dispel the uncertainty which has prevailed regarding pension reform, and remove any pressures for early retirement to avoid the consequence of possible adverse legislative changes to CF pension benefits," will undoubtedly remove any uncertainties about what the Government plans to do to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act.

## Air Force Trivia



## Answer from Last Issue



The caption on the back of this ancient photo reads "Bill Pierce on tractor, Vancouver, 1929." The aircraft in the background appears to be a Vickers Vedette, with a DH60 Gipsy Moth under tow. BWO please note dress of the day for and black bathing

## PEOPLE &amp; PLACES

## Exercise St. Josephs



Casualty Ron James is pulled from the wreck by Firehall's Frank Cloutier (L) and Kip Kuyper.

Members of St. Joseph's Hospital Board received first-hand experience of a Medivac on 13 May, when they toured Base Hospital and emergency facilities at CFB Comox. They arrived on Base in a van, and returned to St. Joe's in a 442 sqn helicopter, together with a simulated casualty from "Exercise St. Joseph's."

Two hours after arriving on base, the five-person party witnessed the exercise, in which the pilot of a Cessna 310 "experienced severe chest pain," causing him to attempt a no-notice emergency landing at CFB Comox. While attempting to land, the pilot blacked out, the Cessna made an erratic turn, lost altitude and crashed in the trees at the side of the main runway near the golf course. Smoke poured from the wreck and all four souls on board sustained injuries. One patient required air-evacuation to St. Joe's Hospital.

The "crash," staged to exercise a portion of the Base Emergency Response Team, was organized by BNDO section, with Base Hospital, Fire Hall, Military Police and 442 sqn participation. The exercise lasted 30 minutes, and was evaluated by Maj McGill (D/BopsO), Capt Gavin and WO McLaren (BNDO), Capt Greenway (442 sqn), MWO Garrett (MP), MWO Kincaid (BATCO), WO Dieser (Hosp) and Sgt Edwards (Fire Hall). Hospital Board members were Sister Ann Purcell, MGen (ret.) W. Vincent, Don Tait, Larry Smook and Ray Furse.



Firemen Kip Kuyper, Frank Cloutier and Mike Duran assess the situation. Casualties are Lt Anderson, OC Silver, MCpl James and Cpl Marc LeClare. Sgt Edwards (Firehall) evaluates, from the left.

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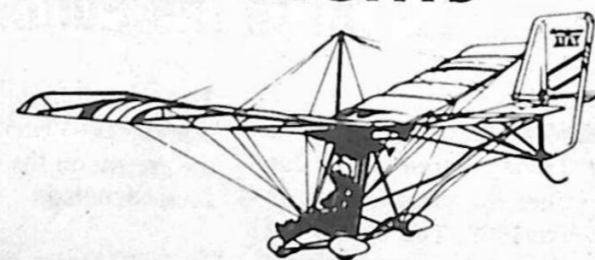
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## AROUND THE BASE

## New Commandant at AFIS



On 5 May 1986 Maj Don Thain (left) assumed command of the Air Force Indoctrination School from Capt Dave Blamire (right) while Col Kadonoff witnessed the signing of the certificate. Maj Thain is posted in from the University of British Columbia where he has completed a BSc degree under the UTPO program. He is joined by his wife, Joan, and infant son, Michael.

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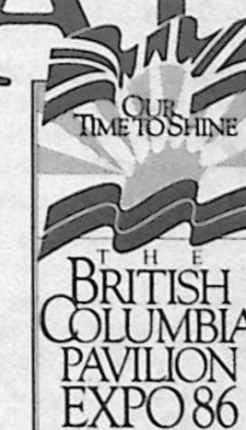
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## SECTION NEWS

# BAMSO

I start what I believe to be my last column for BAMSO NEWS with mixed feelings. I started writing the introduction to the shops' columns over a year ago and I must say that I have really enjoyed it. Now I am going over to work in the BTSO's office where I am hoping to remain until my retirement in two more years.

There are many things going through my mind to write about but the uppermost thought is to thank those who have put up with some of the things that I have said about them and to apologize to any that I may have offended. You were good sports, the whole works of you. It made my day to try and find something to report about Andy and I thank her for making sure that I had something to report almost every issue.

My thanks and apologies to the BAMSO, Major Monahan, for putting up with my writing this past year or so. The rest of you have no idea how many times I put him in a position where he had to make a decision that what I said was not appropriate for publication. I think the term he used one was that I was turning into a "crotchety old man." I really wasn't too kind to him either with that picture in the last issue. Thanks for being such a good sport sir.

Maybe my successor will succeed in finding out who the Phantom Armourer is. I must say that the columns he (or she) wrote sure snapped, crackled and popped, contained a slight Irish accent, and were a blissful joy to read.

I apologize to the IE/IS Labs for the errors that crept

into their columns and changed completely what they were trying to say.

Warrant Officer Bill Hill also deserves a pat on the back for not complaining when I referred to him as "Hillbillie." Thanks Bill. Come to think of it I believe I should also apologize to Grace as I have been pretty hard on her too. Thanks to you too Grace.

Just went back and read some of the back issues and found that I should also commend Lieutenant Mike Wells and Lisa, Master Warrant Officers Gerow, Elliston and Dryden, Warrant Officer Ireland, Sergeant Rice, and last but not least, my good wife Pearl (who still puts my civilian socks in with my military ones and causes me to frequently arrive at work improperly dressed) for not complaining about some of the things I said about them.

While I am at it I should have made apologies for my humour that you have all had to put up with. I say I should have and I must say that until I saw the CBC News the other evening I was going to do just that. If they can get away with reporting that the Canadian Forces have mounted an effective rear guard action against homosexuals I really don't think I have to apologize for any of my jokes.

I had originally thought that I was not going to report any Boos or Good Shows this issue but I just came across one that just has to be put to paper. First of all, the good show is for those people who hold open the small doors at the end of the seven hangar breezeway to permit the birds to get out. The

BOO is for those who hold the door open for the birds to get into the hangar. Don't they realize that birds in a hangar are a real problem and that we do all we can to keep them out. Don't they realize that there is an order issued by the BTSO to keep the doors closed when not in use. The purpose of that order is to keep birds out. Maybe I am a "crotchety old man" but occurrences like the above bother me. Maybe the people who purposely let birds into the hangar (regardless of rank) should be given the task of removing bird droppings off of our aircraft and hangar floors.

Don't know who is going to take over the writing of this introduction but I feel pretty sure that it will probably be another "senior citizen" as the other half of the Bobsey twins, Capt Bob McPhail is going to be joined by Capt Ron Fisher, who is taking over my old slot as Armament and Avionics Officer. The odds are that my assumption is correct unless the boss talks some other younger person into doing the honours.

**BAMSO NOTE:** A sincere thank you to Capt Williams for his stalwart support during the past two years. He got this column going and was the prime mover to keep it up. Notwithstanding the list of apologies above, he has nothing to apologize for (except maybe his spelling). We will miss him on the column but will probably see his writing style on the QA Reports instead.

For the last time I can say "Now let's hear from the shops."



Warrant Officer Munkeskov, our base senior inspector, suggested that video tape recorders be repaired instead of being scrapped, as was originally directed by NDHQ. He was granted a \$685.00 award that was presented by LCol Bowes, our BTSO and his Commanding Officer. Master Warrant Officer Munkeskov is now being posted to NDHQ as a career manager.

### SAFETY SYSTEMS

Now that everyone is back from RimPac we've all been sitting around comparing tans. Strange how Hawaiian sun can cause some people to burn even paler than they were before they left.

Ian has gone on leave to explore Expo. From what we've heard, the old Keds (that's running shoes for the uninformed) and the brown bag are really going to get a workout. We all hope that he will at least take a new brown bag instead of that ratty (any similarity between that word and a certain female person in that section is purely coincidental) thing he has been dragging to work for the last month. And I do mean dragging as I didn't realize just how much one of those things held.

It seems that the Lieutenant has run out of comments for all of the Unsatisfactory Condition Reports that have been coming out of our shop. If anyone can think of a couple of

different words for "agree" and "concur", please send them in care of the Orderly Room.

Trade board results have been received and congratulations go out to Private Hayes for passing his TQ4.

Congratulations also go out to Private Parr, who, on the 13th of June, became a member of the regular force. He re-engaged when his YTEP (Youth Training Employment Program) contract expired. Good luck on your future career in the Canadian Forces Gay.

Can't think of anything more to say so, bye for now. NDT

Greetings again from NDT. For a shop our size we've been kept fairly busy with a steady stream of tasks and have been working with a short-handed crew most of the time since our last report. In late May we had a visit from a technical representative of the company

## SECTION NEWS

### Baubles for BTSO Staff



Back Row (l to r) WO BA Munkeskov, MCpl JT White (Suggestion Awards); MCpl BR Silk, MCpl BS Lourie, Sgt KJ Fehr, Cpl MH Doiron (Promotions); N.D. Rowland (Apprenticeship Certificate). Front Row (l to r) Cpl JE Georzen (CD); Sgt LE Johnson (Retirement); LCol Bowes, BTSO; Sgt DR Bryan (Retirement); Cpl CA Webb (CD)

### ...more with BAMSO

in Boston that makes our SOAP machine. He came to service our equipment and for about five days the insides of it were disassembled in various stages and lying here and there and everywhere on the floor of the SOAP Lab. At the end of the five days Arnold Ziffle (the name we have given our machine) was back together and burning oil samples a little better. By the way, SOAP is an abbreviation for the Spectrometric Oil Analysis Program that we use to determine the condition of oil samples from our aircraft.

442 Squadron also kept us very busy in June. We've just completed our first consolidated inspection which required us to conduct two of our major X-ray techniques together on the same aircraft and on the same night. It was a long day, to say the least. The USAF also added to our daily SOAP tally with some oil samples from their H-3 (Jolly Green Giant) helicopters.

At the time of this writing Dave is literally counting the hours and days until he and his family depart for Germany. He hopes his tour in Germany will only be a temporary departure from beautiful B.C. Have a good time there Dave.

Scotch has just returned from leave out east but it seems his return trip last week was interrupted by the Boeing's schedule, which appears to be changing on an hourly basis these days.

George is hoping for a little smoother water conditions so he can start filling his freezer and smoker. Blake is off to Edmonton in August for exams and is also hoping that the interest rates and cost of real estate do not escalate too much in the next little while.

Anyway, so long and we'll talk to you later in the summer.

### ARMAMENT

Hello again from the Taz's lair at Base Armament. It's not hard to figure out that summer is finally upon us as it becomes more and more difficult to track down the Phantom Armourer and even more difficult to locate his scribbles for the BAMSO News.

As of this date we have Master Corporal Jacques, Private Campton and Corporal Wilson on course. Personnel just returning from the far east (Ontario) are Private Fraser (XG/XH), Corporal Koen (HA/EOD), and Private Ladouceur (POET).

Everyone is busy these days, with the awesome gunships visiting us and providing an increased workload for us to adequately support our southern friends.

Warrant Officer Ireland has been working such late hours on his boat that we all chipped in to buy him a miner's hat complete with lantern. Sergeant Jim Lewis has finally, officially, almost completely, retired. Anyway, he has left the section and was last seen wandering towards Sardinia. The very best of luck to you and yours Jim from all of us in Base Armament.

Master Corporal Bliss is going to vacation in his new super duper trailer. Frank said he really wants to rough it so the unit doesn't contain a bath or colour T.V. Private Payne is also on leave in sunny Victoria where it is understood that he was the main attraction at some graduation ceremonies. Private Thibault, the other most eligible bachelor in the Comox Valley, seems to be shuttling back and forth to Vancouver to visit his ex room mate.

Well it's finally happened; we now have an Armourer in our shop that is so savage that his own dog (man's best friend) turned on him. Corporal Olson

### Suggestion Award Winner



MCpl Graham congratulated by LCol Bowes

will be OK but I believe the dog had to get some shots. Master Corporal Patenaude has moved over to the Bomb Dump side where he promises to get some work done as the red tide is in and the visibility is very poor for scuba diving. Corporal Oakie is to be congratulated on his upcoming promotion to Master Corporal and we wish him the best of luck on the shooting competition he is entering in Ottawa. Editor's Note: When you are good shot you don't need luck so "bring the trophy back Dave."

Last but not least, the Phantom Armourer does hereby bestow upon Capt Bob Williams the title of Honorary Armourer and we wish him the best in his future endeavours. Welcome aboard to Capt Ron Fisher who already is in Armourer and we wish him all the best now that he has come home to roost.

Have an enjoyable summer everybody and remember, that if you go to the beach, to shake all the sand out before you go home because it will make the parts inoperable.

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## SPORTS &amp; RECREATION

## Community Council

Another council meeting has come and gone and with it we must say farewell to two long-standing and hardworking members of our committee. Leaving due to postings are Debbie Fehr and Pat Tinnion, both of whom have been working for our community for a number of years. Their enthusiasm and efforts on our behalf will be greatly missed, so goodluck and thank you!

Direct to you from your Friendly Community Council and the officer of the BAdO, we take great pleasure in announcing the 1986 Beautiful PMQ Contest. No this is not a joke. From now until the end of August a contest is being held to determine the best-kept and the most beautiful PMQ at CFB Comox. The best-kept category means the MQ that is most consistently looked after (ie lawns cut, bushes trimmed etc) and it cannot be the same Q that wins the Most Beautiful PMQ Award. The top three in each category will be selected by the middle of August and the winners will be announced in the final addition of the Totem Times for that month. The prizes awarded for this contest are: \$100.00 for First Place, \$75.00 for Second, and \$50.00 for Third. But the best prize of all is that Wallace Gardens will look much better to us all. Bon chance!

Recently the Base, through the Council, has been awarded a contract for cutting the grass at empty PMQs by the Department of Supply and Services. This contract allows both the government to save money and

put a few dollars in the pockets of some of our children. Presently, the going rate is \$8.50 per Q but this does, however, require some work. Grass must be cut, it must be trimmed around the house, then picked up, bagged and placed at the side of the road so that CE can dispose of it. Benefits are that the grass is to be cut on the average of about once a week and the contract continues to approximately October. There will be positions for ten cutters and five alternates. It is open to children between the ages of 12 to 15 and they must have their own grass lawn-mower. For more details see the flyer that will soon arrive at your doorstep or phone the OPI, Luc Guibord, at 339-6964.

The softball/T-ball season is finally over and it looks like everyone had a good time. At least it seemed that way from the turnout at the closing party. I must especially complement whomever baked those cakes shaped like softballs. But most of our thanks should go to Kay and Gerry Galway for taking the time to organize everything and to talk so many other people into helping as well. Recently they were honoured with a Community Service Award for their efforts, as were a number of other people. I won't however announce their names here, but I'll wait until the next Totem Times issue so that I can show you their picture as well.

And that is about all we have for now so everyone take care and enjoy your summer.

## Summer Fun in 86

This summer Wallace Gardens community Council again offers a Summer Day Camp. The program will include various games, hikes, arts, crafts, and beach and pool activities along with special events. This day camp is open to all CFB Comox personnel and their dependents.

The two recreational leaders are: Sarilyn Timcke, who has completed her leisure services diploma and boasts vast experience in the Comox and Courtenay Recreation Centres, including work last summer at this day camp; and Andrew Black who has just completed his third year of sciences at university. Andrew has had previous experience as a summer camp counsellor at VIASC (Vancouver Island Program for Special Children) in Courtenay.

The summer camp program was a success last year and promises to be lots of fun again this year.

Also there is another three sessions of Red Cross Lessons left.

July 14 - July 25  
August 4 - August 15  
August 18 - August 29

There will be three registrations dates for these sessions: July 10 and 11, July 21 and 22, and finally August 11 and 12.

The summer swim staff consists of Wayne Thompson, Connie McPhail, Ian Small and Michelle LeRoss. All four instructors have both instructor 1 and instructor 11 Red Cross Teaching Certificates. They are looking forward to a fun and enjoyable summer and hope to see you.

For further information, costs etc. Phone local 2314 and ask for Ken Erikson, Program Supervisor.



Outdoor Wildlife of Canada

## Pipe Smoke

By Gerry Gerow

This week's book is a real winner. The *Armchair Angler*, edited by Terry Bryhczynski and David Reuther, Collier Macmillan Canada, 50 Gervais Drive, Don Mills, Ontario. \$29.95.

This is a collection of short fishing stories by a myriad of well known authors including Zane Grey, Ernest Hemingway, and Izaak Walton. There are over fifty stories in this 400 page hard cover book. Excellent light reading for anyone interested in the sport of fishing. Fishing is a sport which lets a person get away, relax and enjoy nature, while still facing a challenge. Perhaps this is why there is such a proliferation of fishing stories in our heritage.

The *Armchair Angler* is the latest in the *Armchair* library series. It has just been published and should be in most book stores. It will make an excellent gift for that angler on your list who has everything.

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By far the most popular of the sporting dog types in Canada are the retrievers. There were 6,999 individual retrieving dogs registered in Canada in 1985. This is 51% of the total sporting dog registrations and 12% of the total for all breeds. Even more significant is the fact that most of these (6537) were Golden and Labrador retrievers. They enjoy almost equal popularity. The other breeds registered were the Chesapeake Bay retriever (305), the Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever (120), the flat coated retriever (35) and the curly coated retriever (2).

Golden retrievers are one of the most popular of show dogs probably because of their beautiful coats and their docility which makes grooming easy. Labradors on the other hand, distinguish themselves in retriever trials all over

North America. In fact it is seldom that any other breed wins a retriever trial.

The Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever is an extremely interesting little dog. He is the smallest of the retrievers standing only 51 cm (20 inches) high and weighing a maximum of 23 kg (50 lbs). Its actual ancestry is, like most dogs, unknown. The toller as it's often called makes an ideal pet.

The Chesapeake Bay retriever is particularly good at retrieving in cold, rough, water which is what they were bred to do. They are the exception, and are not popular as pets as they are basically an outside loving dog.

The Flat coated retriever and the curly coated retriever are not popular in Canada, although I have seen them at shows on the B.C. Lower mainland.

The interesting thing about our retrieving breeds is that they all trace part of their ancestry back to the original Newfoundland dogs. These early Newfoundland dogs evolved from dogs left there by seamen, centuries ago.

One thing is certain. If your choice is a retriever, you will get a good family dog as well as a faithful hunting companion.

Why are these dogs so popular? One reason is the large amount of waterfowl shooting in this country. But only a small portion of these dogs will ever see a wild duck. The main reason for their popularity is that they are docile and easily trained. They have all the desired qualities to make excellent pets. I have never heard of a vicious retriever. They are loving and compliant. Extremely tolerant of children, they are ideal family dogs for those with small children in the home.



Master Corporal Maillous, a Mobile Support Equipment Operator in our Base Transportation Section, received an award of \$200.00 for suggesting the addition of a permanent ladder to the CFB Comox UREA spreader to eliminate a potential safety hazard for the operator of that equipment. Lieutenant Colonel Beswick, the Commanding Officer of the Canadian Airborne Centre in Edmonton, presented him with the award certificate.



## SPORTS &amp; RECREATION

## The Canadian Military Team



THE CANADIAN TEAM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS... (Rear Row, Left to Right) Major Margaret Kavanagh (Team Doctor), OCdt Arden Tansey; OCdt Mike Perry; Cpl Kenneth McDonald; Cpl Pierre Lessard; MWO Robert DesRuisseaux; OCdt Bradley Andres; 2Lt Alain Robichaud; Pte Darcy Carroll, Maj Victor Trnavskis (Team Captain). (Front Row, Left to Right) OCdt Stephane Dubois; Lt (N) Mario Hubert; Lt Rene Sturgeon; Capt Kazimir Oreziak; Capt Ed Vukets; WO Paul Dorion (Coach).

CF Photo by Sgt John Blouin

Hornby Island  
Midsummer Festival

The Hornby Midsummer Festival, July 31st to August 10th, on Hornby Island will again offer eleven days of the best in performing arts by national and local performers. And this year, if you're tired of crowds and line-ups, you can see the Festival as your Expo Escape. Accommodations and tickets can be guaranteed to those who reserve early. Tickets are on sale as of July 1st. Spend your evenings enjoying concerts by the Purcell String Quartet with Robert Rogers, piano, and Stephen Boswell, guitar; comedy by the satirical mime troupe Bastal; family entertainment by the Vancouver Wind Trio; the Midsummer Cabaret; and performances by Hornby actors, dancers, and artists. And there's a lot more! During the day, enjoy the natural splendours of the island as you join an organized tour of Hornby architecture, artists' studios, or a nature walk through the woods or along the beach.

The program for this year's Festival includes traditional favourites and exciting new works in music, art, and theatre. The Purcell Quartet, with Stephen Boswell, will present the world premiere of Suite Pampeana for guitar and strings by Argentinian composer Jorge Cardoso as part of

a special evening of contemporary music (to be held in one of Hornby's most beautiful homes). Three other concerts by the Quartet will feature works by Beethoven, Haydn, Mozart, and Benjamin Britten. Robert Rogers, piano, will join the Quartet in works by Brahms and Dvorak. Hornby's theatre group, Theatre-on-the-Rock, will present the provocative comedy by Joe Orton, *What the Butler Saw*, while the Midsummer Cabaret will showcase the fabulous Sheila Schild ("Popular Piano in the Grand Manner") and the Nick McGowan Quartet for your dancing pleasure. There will be two on-going exhibits: a group show by Hornby artists—opening night features a talk by Jack Shadbolt—and Handbuilt Hornby Island, an internationally known display of photos and drawings of Hornby architecture.

Make your plans now for your Expo Escape. Accommodations and reservations are strictly limited, so reserve now (have your VISA number handy) by phoning 335-2734, or write: Restival, Hornby Island, B.C., V0R 1Z0.

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## Daiwa Leader

BURNABY, B.C. — It was only a matter of time that a spring caught in the productive waters of Sooke, near Victoria, would take the lead in the Canadian Pacific Airlines largest Chinook category of the Daiwa World Salmon Fishing Championships.

Fishing at Aldridge Point with a friend, Fred de Geest was reeling in his line to call it a day when a fish took his anchovy bait that was skimming on top of the water. After a half hour fight and a broken net de Geest managed to bring aboard a Chinook that was weighed in at Pacific Lions Marina at 44 pounds.

"That's a big fish for this time of the year," said Daiwa Championship's co-ordinator, Don Ellis. "The smallest spring ever to win our tournament was a 56 pounder caught by Don Wilcott of Bragg Creek, Alberta in 1982."

Ellis also announced the May 28-30 annual International Writer's Tournament, co-ordinated by Daiwa Canada to promote sport fishing tourism, was won by a two man team from Europe.

The pair took the Tourism B.C. trophy after capturing seven fish with a winning total weight of 52¼ pounds. Other contestants represented the countries of Japan, Australia, U.S.A., and Canada. Australia won the Daiwa team trophy with the largest fish at 23¼ pounds.

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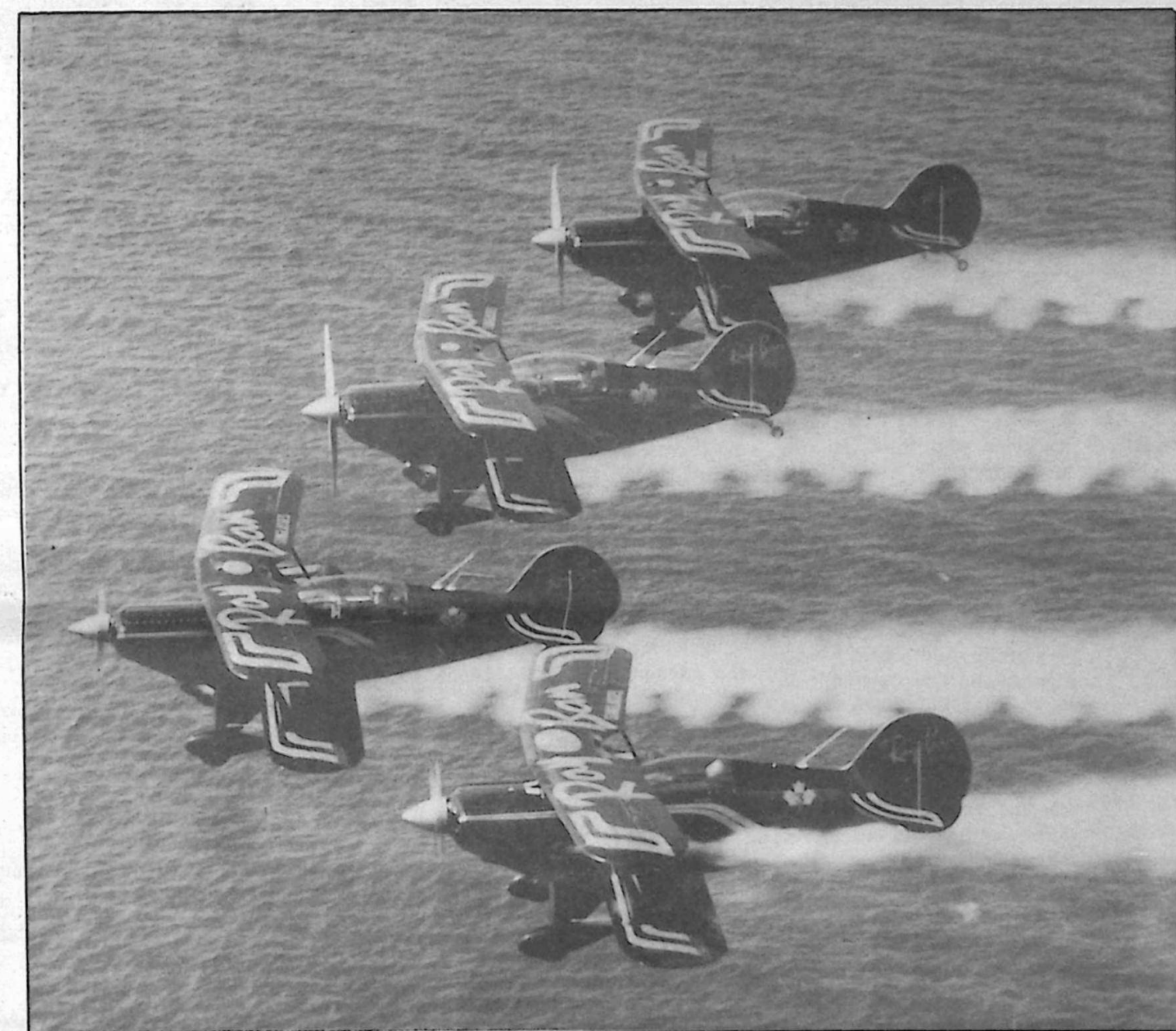
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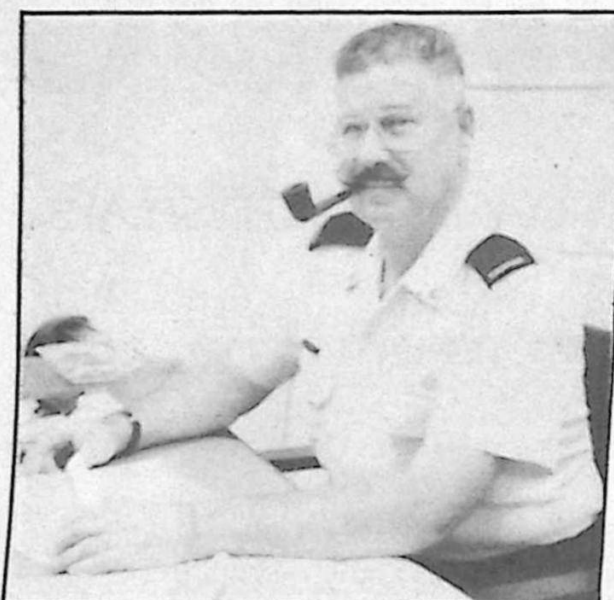
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## AROUND THE BASE

## PROFILE



the last of the good old blues...

**"Sgt Shatterproof" — MWO Jim McKendry**

At a mess dinner on Sept 4, 1986, at Comox, the CF will say farewell to the RCAF. After MWO Jim "Sgt Shatterproof" McKendry retires, there's really no one left to carry the banner. A few perhaps, scattered among the green, will speak for the old Blue virtues, but none with the passion and commitment of Old Waxed Moustache. Jim McKendry is the last of the Good Old Blues.

The years have battled Jim McKendry, and he them. He's got his share of scars. But through all the changes - Unification, 28 percent, High Tech, Human Rights - he's been resolute in his fight to preserve the best of the Blue. He's won a few: at Borden in 1980 he was appointed "Company Warrant Officer" in the AVN Tech school, and was addressed as "SarMajor." He had that changed to Squadron Warrant Officer. He went eyeball to eyeball with the legendary school Chief Billy Buckle (RCR, now retired), and shortly afterward, Companies became Squadrons, Platoons became Flights and RCAF tartan dickies popped up all over the place. "Blue" was back in Borden, and is now enshrined in a name change for the school (CFSATE) and celebrated every year with a parade and other ceremonies on the RCAF's birthday.

Jim's students responded: "I must trust your judgement," he told them, "that will be the nature of your work. And exercise self-discipline; I will help you." He sure did. That moustache (he's had it 19 years), backed by a pair of steel

eyeballs, was an all-too-familiar sight to the few students lacking in self-discipline who stood on Mr. McKendry's mat.

The "Sgt Shatterproof" sobriquet became attached to Jim at Portage-La-Prairie in 1967. ("Shatterproof" was the creation of WO1 Tracy, based on a grubby old ETech who'd been up and down a couple of ranks, was always being - ahem - dumped on by the higher-ups and never had his pool of wisdom tapped. To Tracy his was the Voice of the Groundcrew, and in the old RCAF "Roundel" magazine, that voice was heard).

"It was one of those periods in a career where ambition falters, the uniform gets unclean and a big chip appears on each shoulder," Jim said; "someone said, 'look at old Shatterproof,' and it stuck." The name, for Jim, has come to mean an unbreakable faith in the Blue way of doing things.

"You can't just order a tech to do his job, you have to rely on his judgement. That's where we differ from the Others," avers Jim, glancing critically the while at the writer's undone shirt pocket. The writer buttons up his pocket, and asks,

"What would you want said of you, after you leave?"

"He gave more attention to his NCOs than he himself received," Jim said, without hesitation, "we must not become so wrapped up in our own affairs that we fail to help

others, or to help improve the system." Asked if he feels there is any specific Blue virtue lacking in the CF today, he responded, "We are forgetting (as NCOs) how to chastise with dignity and humour. If we forget how to do that, then we'll never be the old RCAF that some of us knew."

Jim's career - briefly - began with basic training at Aylmer Ont. in 1951, then to Borden for AE Tech Training, followed by postings at Lachine, Downsview, UNEF Downsview again, Portage-La-Prairie, Baden-Baden, CF-SAOE Borden and Comox in 1982, where he served in BAM-SO and is now cleaning out his desk for the next 407 sqn AM-CRO.

For all his attachment to the old virtues, Jim's thinking isn't calcified. Currently, he's contributing to a CFHQ study called, "Project 2010," headed up by an old friend, former CFB Comox Base Commander Colonel R. Dobson. Project 2010 is informally entitled, "Flight Plan for the Future," and attempts to forecast how the workforce will look after year 2000. As might be expected, Jim's suggestions - some of which are revolutionary - are still solidly based on Blue virtues, which, by Jim's dictum, will never change.

In some respects, neither will Jim. His obituary will probably read, "do up your shirt buttons and get a haircut, Saint Peter, I'm coming through."

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## So Long Jim....



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## CANADIAN FORCES UPDATE

## Brave Lion

OTTAWA - The largest move of Canadian troops to Europe since the Second World War will take place this September when Canadian armed forces participate in a large-scale exercise with Norwegian armed forces in Northern Norway. More than 5,500 soldiers and 15,000 tonnes of equipment and supplies will be air and sea-lifted to Norway for "Exercise Brave Lion."

Consisting of brigade-level and division-level exercises, Brave Lion is designed to test plans for the deployment, reception and employment of the Canadian Air Sea Transportable (CAST) Brigade Group and a Rapid Reinforcement Squadron.

The CAST Brigade Group mission, which provides for the rapid reinforcement of NATO's Northern Flank (Norway) in time for crisis, was accepted by Canada in 1967. Five years later two air squadrons were committed. Although some units of the

brigade group have gained experience in Norway during exercises with the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land) and each of the two air squadrons has exercised in Norway on alternate years, this will be the first time that the entire force has deployed overseas.

The goals of Exercise Brave Lion are: to demonstrate NATO solidarity; to test plans for deployment, reception and employment of the force; and, to test Canadian and Norwegian plans for supporting the force while in Norway.

The nucleus for the CAST Brigade Group is 5e Groupe Brigade du Canada with headquarters at Valcartier, Que. It will be augmented by a Canadian support group, a medical group and a communications squadron. The Rapid Reinforcement Squadron will be comprised of CF-5 aircraft from 434 Tactical Fighter Sqn, Chatham, N.B.



KANANASKIS COUNTRY, ALTA.-Kananaskis Country park ranger, Paul Vidalin prepares to board a 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron Kiowa during a combined military and civilian ground and air search for a missing civilian pilot and his biologist passenger in the Alberta park west of Calgary. A total of 11 searchers including three military aircrew died in the tragic search which ended 18 June. The 408 Kiowa was only one of 56 different aircraft that flew a total of approximately 700 hours covering more than 13,000 square miles during the 13-day search.

(CANADIAN FORCES PHOTO by Pte. Jozef Baars)

## Tragedy in Alberta

Grief and tragic loss of life struck this Albertan military community for the fourth time in as many years on June 14. A base Twin Otter with three airmen and five civilian spotters aboard, engaged in a search for a missing Cessna, struck a Kananaskis country hillside 65 km west of Calgary. Tragically there were no survivors.

CFB Edmonton mourns the deaths of Aircraft Captain, Captain David Plumbtree; Co-Pilot Captain Ted Kates, both of 418 Air Reserve Squadron and, flight engineer, Sergeant Brian Burkitt, of 4 Regular Support Unit, CFB Edmonton. Also mourned are Civil Air Rescue Emergency Services organization spotters David Hall, Jerome Schindler, Charles Masur, Carl Grant and Patricia McLean.

Capt. Plumbtree was an Air Navigation Requirements Officer with the Federal Ministry of Transport when not flying with the air reserve. He joined

the air reserve in 1979 after 23 years service as a pilot in the regular air force.

Capt. Kates was a member of the Correctional Service of Canada when not flying with the reserves. He joined the air reserve in Winnipeg in 1974 and has been flying with 418 Sqn since October 1977.

Both pilots had extensive experience flying Twin Otters.

Sgt Burkitt was a member of the regular force since 1968, serving with 4 RSU as flight engineer lead since December 1985.

All three men leave behind wives and children. Their experience, presence and skills will be missed.

A memorial service was held at CFB Edmonton's Griesbach Barracks 18 June. More than 450 friends, relatives and sympathetic community members filled the Kappong Drill Hall. Not only were the eight victims of the Saturday crash remembered but so were Bruce Pratt,

Rod Harradence and Hayden Evans. They died June 6 when their search plane crashed while searching for the original lost flyers.

Only hours before the memorial service began and 13 days into the deadly ground and air search, an Alberta government forestry service helicopter found the wreckage and bodies of pilot Ken Wolff and biologist Orval Pall missing since June 6. Altogether the search took 11 valuable lives, a toll unsurpassed in the history of Canadian search and rescue.

All members of the CF and DND communities regret the loss and share the grief of the 13 families who lost a member in this tragic series of accidents. But, as one of the padres officiating at the memorial service reminds us, "we should not think of them as dead, think of them instead as being with God."

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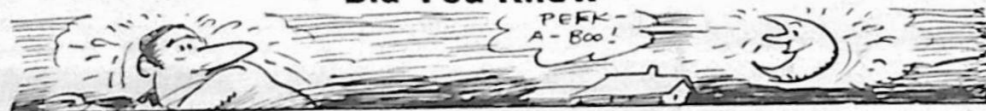
## The Right Stuff!



NEW PRIVATES FOR ARAF... (L to R) Back Row: MWO Campbell (The Whip), Pte Bryan Clayton, Pte Rob Facey, Pte Darren Kadonoff, Pte Sylvie Hatch, WO Ellis, (The Other Whip) Maj Pete Fellow, (The Boss).

Front Row: (L to R) Pte Christine Threder, Pte Pat Rapper, Pte Samantha Walsh, Pte Kateri Ouellette, Pte Jo-Anne English.

## Did You Know



It's thought bad luck to see the moon over one's shoulder.

## J.R. Ladies Club

Hello again. Since I was away in May, enjoying EXPO, this article starts with our May meeting. The May 28th meeting was a floral demonstration put on by the Garden Patch in Courtenay. Debbie Etherington and her helper Joanne Lindal showed everyone how to do flower arrangements. I am told that this was enjoyed by all present. Also, the arrangement was given as a prize to Heather Lazar which was a nice surprise.

At the June 25th meeting we were to have Constable Wilkison come in and talk of various things. Unfortunately he had other duties to perform that evening and had to cancel. So, we went ahead with the rest of our meeting, a wine and cheese party for our last meeting until September. The Ladies Club provided the wine and everyone brought 100 grams of cheese, surprisingly enough a great variety of cheese arrived. A fun game of

Pass The Ace was also played with Sue Englund being the winner. Our next meeting will be in Sept. on the 24th, but we do have some summer activities planned.

In July, on the 27th at 2:00p.m., we are having a pot luck family BBQ. The idea is that you bring your own BBQ food with a salad dish (pot luck), your refreshments (not glass bottles) and your family. Then we all get together at the beach pavilion and have a good time. If you would like to come call local 2459 and ask for Cpl. McGrath. All J.R. members' wives, J.R. female members and their families are welcome.

August brings our big event of a car rally. The date will be 24 Aug 86, open to females only. For more info or if you'd like to participate call Cpl. McGrath. As you see we are planning on having some fun this summer so come out and join us.

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## New Wildlife Protection

Four bats, one salamander, one toad, one frog, a lizard, and six snakes: recipe for a potent witch's brew? No, these creatures are part of something more positive. They are the latest species to receive protection under British Columbia's Wildlife Act.

The bats specifically named in an Order-in-Council officially designating them as 'wildlife' are the pallid bat, spotted bat, Keen's myotis, and the big freetail bat. The three amphibians listed are the Pacific giant salamander, Great Basin spadefoot toad, and the tailed frog. The lizard is the short-horned lizard, and the six snakes are the sharp-tail snake, rubber boa, western rattlesnake, gopher snake, racer, and night snake.

"We felt the time had come to provide legal protection for these animals," Environment Minister Austin Pelton said in announcing their designation as wildlife. "Some are rare and occur in Canada only in British Columbia, and some are decreasing as a result of direct interference by man."

"The reptiles particularly, are sought by people collecting for the pet trade and the exotic garment trade. Across the border, in most of the United States where these species occur, state governments have been forced to give them strict protection because of rapidly depleting populations. In consequence the commercial trade

has begun to turn to British Columbia as a source of uncontrolled supply.

"By designating the animals as wildlife we can give complete protection to the species that need it, making it illegal to take them, and we can regulate the harvest of any of the others that can tolerate some removal."

The Environment Minister noted that all the species listed are beneficial to people, feeding on insects, slugs, or small mammals like mice and voles. Only the rattlesnake, the one poisonous snake found in

British Columbia, is a potential source of harm to people or property. Designation as wildlife will not prohibit rattlesnakes being controlled where necessary around human habitations, Pelton said, but will protect them from wholesale slaughter at den sites or during 'rattlesnake round-ups', when entire local populations can be eliminated in short order.

For further information on the protection of non-game wildlife in British Columbia, contact Chris Dodd, 387-4573, Victoria.

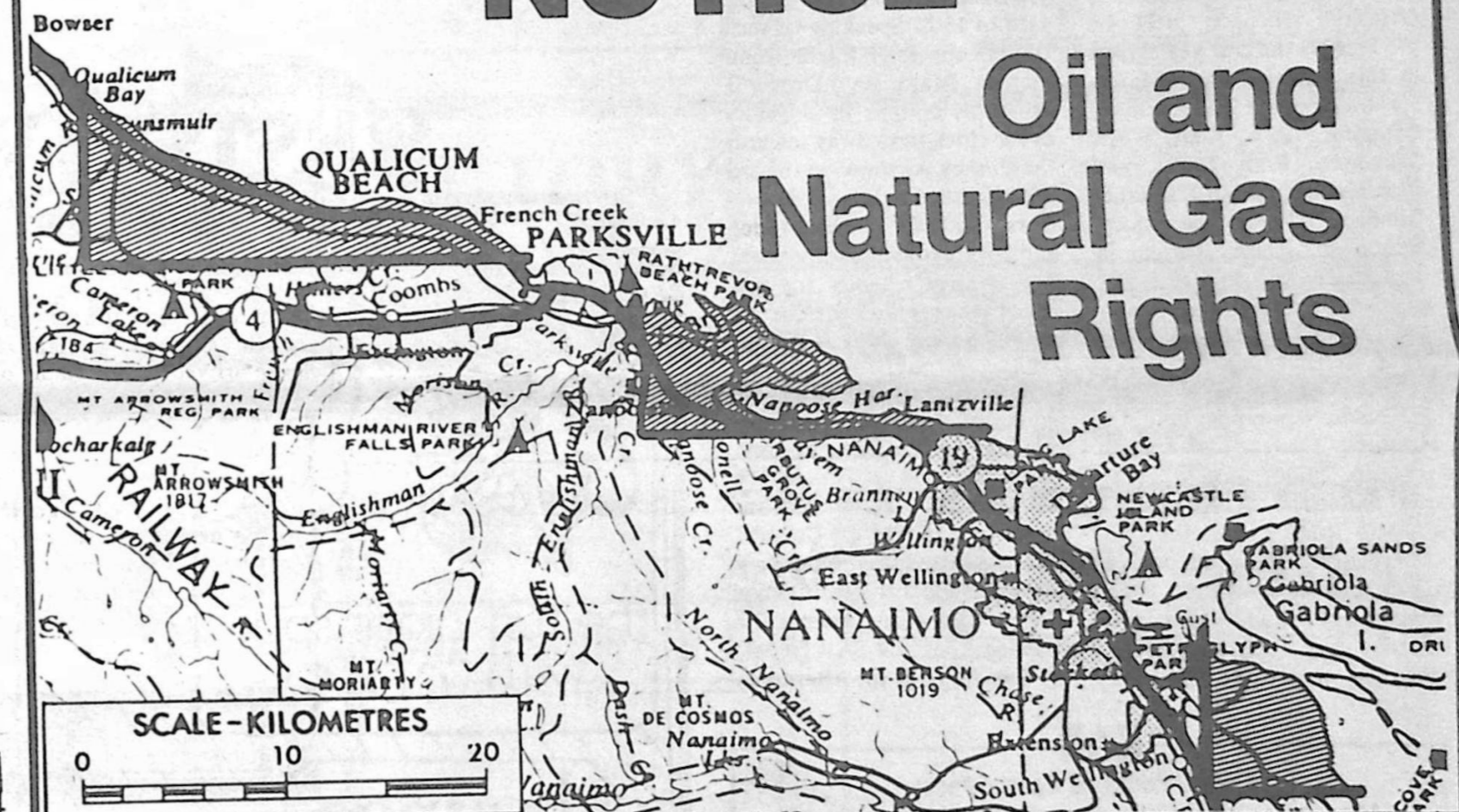
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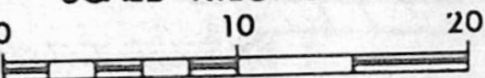
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## SECTION NEWS



## 442 Squadron



Aside from a couple of medevacs of injured hikers from the infamous West Coast Trail last week, and a few boat incidents, things around the Snake Pit have been relatively quiet. After trying unsuccessfully for several days to get away on the northern trainer SF 600, the Buff flight succumbed to the vagaries of Buffalo servability and postponed indefinitely. Not to be put off however, was the Squadron Officers' luncheon held on Wednesday the 2nd. Key players in this "affair" were Majors Jim McBain and Reg Lanthier, Captains Al Watt, Art Sakamoto, Rudy Preus, and Rick Hanna, and 2Lt Heather Dunbar. All of the aforementioned were turning in their snake skins for other forms of dress: Major Lanthier to ATGHO in Trenton; Captains Hanna and Sakamoto to RCC Victoria; Captain Al Watt for CFANS in Winterpeg; and 2Lt Heather Dunbar to CFB Toronto. Major Jim McBain, our dauntless SOPSO, and Captain Rudy Preus, the Lab OTF Commander, will turn in CF Greens for civvy blue, grey, ping, purple or what-have-you, as they take their retirement. Heather made off with our

rubber snake mascot, refusing to live the rest of her days without a snake in her life. If you give it back, we promise NOT to send you a real one, Heather!

The lazy, hazy crazy days of summer also means "Airshow season", and ours began with a Skyhawk drop in Kitimat on the 28th and 29th of June, and continues with Pasco Washington, next week on the 11th to 13th. Speaking of such things, our Buff Flight Commander, Major Paul Drover is up to his armpits in alligators as the clock ticks away towards the Comox Airshow on the 3rd of August. In other "Show" news, the 442 Squadron dog-and-pony extravaganza was out in full force recently for two visits to the reptile kingdom: on Friday the 4th, Mr. Ji of the Peoples' Republic of China SAR Organization toured the Squadron and received a briefing on techniques and equipment; and on Tuesday the 8th, over fifty members of the Outdoor Writers of Canada, attending their national convention held in the Comox Valley this year, attended a briefing, tour and SAR DEMO by Lab flight in the afternoon.

One writer was overheard to ask where Captain Bob Grant's buddy "Danger the Sea Otter" was hiding!

For those non-Squadron types fortunate enough to enter 1 Hangar by the flightline entrance in the near future, look-up over the doorway and behold a gift from the fishheads in Victoria to the Flying Snakes. Seems that last year during Comox "Nay Days",

our Admiral (Yanow by name) noticed the "rough" state of our CDS Unit Commendation sign over the flightline entrance, and directed his artificers, Ship Repair Unit (Pacific) to remedy the situation. Presented to the Squadron during Esquimalt's "Air Force Days", the all-metal, brightly-coloured replacement sign, was recently installed par excellence by CE. Pictures to follow shortly sir,

and Bravo Zulu to the Ship Repair Unit for a superb job.

Finally, in the "good news" vein, congrats go out to Captain Tom Lindsay and his wife Michelle on the occasion of the birth of a second son, Marc Thomas Joseph, on Monday the 7th. That's snake news for this issue...Jan Murray's farewell to Major Jim McBain can be found elsewhere in the rag. For now, Snakes...out!

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FRIDAYS JULY 11 and 25

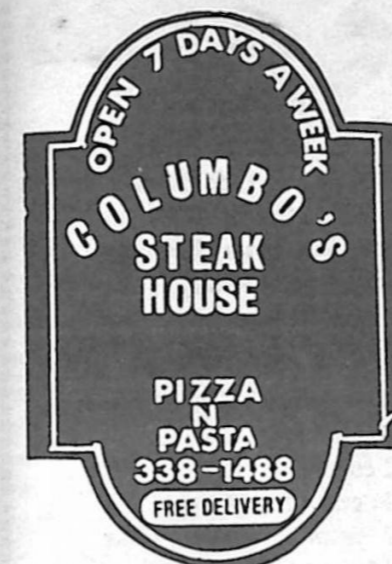
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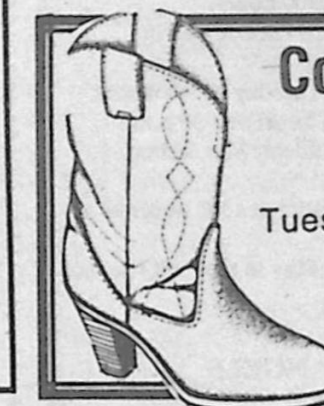
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## Across my Kitchen Table

By Rosemary Gibson



More leisure time has the young people with more time on their hands, and music blares forth from every nook and cranny. I'm sure I am not alone in my concern for a very precious sense which many of these youngsters are in serious danger of losing. I refer to their sense of hearing. Many articles have been written, many lectures given, many sad stories told by sadder and wiser persons, victims of severe hearing loss. If you had a job where the noise level was potentially dangerous, you or your union would quickly demand ear defenders to protect your hearing from severe damage. The damage from loud music, though perhaps more pleasant to endure, is equally as dangerous and just as impossible to reverse.

Damage is cumulative, and hearing loss irreversible. Young parents whose own lifestyle includes ghetto blasters and walkmans should stop and listen, while they can still hear, to the warnings from medical personnel. Consider the future of your children—don't pass on to them the hearing loss to which you seem to blindly sentence yourself. Please, give your children the chance to hear their own baby's first cry, the sigh of the winds whispering in the trees, the haunting cry of a loon in seaside twilight.

Music is enjoyable at a reasonable decibel level. Please, please, think, and perhaps if you do, you may continue to listen, and to hear.

## In Consideration of Children

It's too much trouble to go to the beach  
 We'll wait for another day  
 When the floors are scrubbed  
 And the clothes all washed  
 And everything put away.

And then one day my work was done  
 Let's go to the beach, I said;  
 And I looked outside, but the wind was cold  
 And summer's leaves were red.

And I looked around for those golden heads,  
 But the children, too, had flown,  
 And I know that now if I go at all  
 I'll go to the beach alone.

-Ann Schultz

## Yummy Chicken 'N Rice

**Ingredients:**  
 1½ cups cooked regular rice  
 ¼ teaspoon pepper  
 2 cups cooked cubed chicken  
 ½ cup chopped green onions  
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
 1 tin cream of chicken soup  
 ¾ cup shredded medium or sharp cheddar cheese  
 ¾ cup shredded mozzarella cheese  
**Method:**  
 Grease a 1½ quart casserole. Put layer of rice in bottom. Sprinkle with pepper. Cover with layer of chicken. Saute green onions in butter until clear. Mix together soup and onions. Pour over chicken.

Cover with layer of cheddar cheese and then layer of mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350 F for 35 minutes. Nice meal with caesar salad and rolls.

## Morning Glory Muffins

**Ingredients:**  
 2 cups flour  
 ¾ cup white sugar  
 2 teaspoons baking soda  
 2 teaspoon cinnamon  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 2 cups grated carrots  
 ½ cup raisins  
 ½ cup chopped nuts  
 ½ cup coconut  
 1 apple, peeled and grated  
 3 eggs  
 1 cup vegetable oil  
 2 teaspoons vanilla

**Method:**  
 Mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. Stir in carrots, raisins, nuts, coconut and apple. In another bowl, beat the three eggs. Add oil and vanilla to the eggs. Stir into the flour mixture until batter is combined. Spoon into muffin cups. Bake at 350 F for 20 minutes. Makes 14 scrumptious muffins.

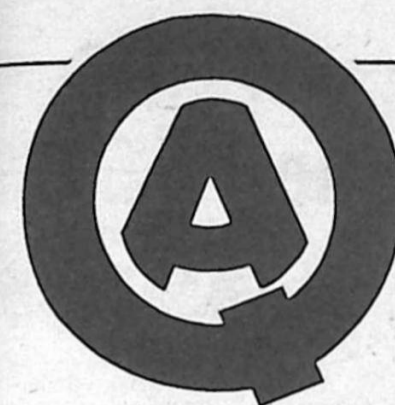
## HINT

To clean up oil spills on concrete - pour on some kitty litter, rub in well and sweep up.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

If they gave rewards for finding fault, some people would get rich quick.

## SECTION NEWS



## Quality Assurance

Last week, Jonesy and Bill found blank spaces on their new CF490s where their qualifications used to be - apparently due to a computer hiccup in the Headshed. Until their qualifications are restored, QA is employing them as Coffeemakers 1 and 2. Kevin isn't being deluged with offers after we printed his photog last, so he asked for another one. (Discs please note: Kevin's had two haircuts since the photo was taken). It's Bill's turn for QA fame however, so ladies requesting an intro to our eligible bachelor will have to make do with Kevin's phone number (L2385). Our new mini-Bagwhan (442's Coop Cooper) started work in QA last week, encountering a little difficulty at first, because outgoing mini-B Al Munkeskov hadn't left yet and wanted to sit in the chair 100. Welcome to QA, Coop.

Another new arrival (in August) will be MCpl Barry Swanson from 442 AVS, replacing Sgt (to be) Bill Ouellette, who is going to 442 ATAT. And on the technical side:

## THEM TOO

One of our members (Bill) visited with the Yanks during their recent exercise here, viewed the now-famous "Moonscape," and talked shop with their QA team. Our alligators seem to inhabit their swamp too: Shortcuts, paperwork, procedures—all the things we find are also found down south. They're also using our ACMI C-05-005-010/AM-D11 regarding dual scale gauges. Are you?

## PUT DOWN YOUR DUKES

Speaking of ACMIs, we seem occasionally to land in an adversary role, contrary to the spirit of ACMI C-05-005-

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## Supply Signals

Once again Supply streaks the Totem pages with the only news worth reading. To start off we have all kinds of Hellos and Goodbyes to write about. First of all, Maj Finn has left and Maj Blakely has assumed command. Welcome from all of Supply, and we are all looking forward to a good tour with you. Sgt Vander Kooy has arrived and set up shop in MIS, MCpl Snetzinger is getting his feet wet in 1 SG. Rumour has it Sgt Cameron since has assumed a new position. Pte Lowe will be emptying Semi's for CRS and lastly Sgt Trevina has arrived but no one has seen him yet. Welcome everyone. We are hoping you'll enjoy your tour as much as everyone else has and will. Oh! I almost forgot, Claire Gagnon has returned after a nine months pregnancy tour. Sorry Claire, no medals handed out for your "Tour of Duty".

Our Fishing Derby didn't turn out as good as we would have liked it, weatherwise, but never the less 13 fish were caught in a very short time due to rough waters. Jerry Marks caught the largest spring and Ken Chadderton caught the largest Coho. The party, however, was a success. Ron Pearce donated some of his previous Salmon for a superb baked salmon meal. Thanks Ron. Another one to mention, although she didn't win any prizes, she managed to reel two in the boat, was Cathy "Up-chuck" Olsson. Way to go Cathy!

OK! Here's one for you: a black furry creature was spotted lurking around POL. Now, some say it's a bear and yet others say it's Terry Carter's replacement just checking things out. We'll let you draw your own conclusion.

The Hutchinsons have left, finally, so things should start getting back to normal. Ken Minor will be leaving pretty soon, another sailor is born. And the newly promoted Sgt Shea will be heading for Petawawa sooner than we'd like. A real loss is Steve Dew retiring on 31 July. You know we'll miss you all and that we wish you the best of luck in your endeavours. HMCS Quadra will be losing Mr. Bill "Jeffy Pooh" Jefferson on his posting to HMCS "Down-town" Ottawa. Best of luck Jeff.

Kim Heath has a new motorcycle and as soon as she can find a helmet to fit her she'll be rolling the streets looking for fellow bike riders to ride with.

Why is Keith "The Driver" Geldert trying to stay away from Moe "Arms of Steel" Mowbray?

For a final note, a few of the boys are off to Kamloops to represent the Base in the fast-ball league. Good luck to Jack Picard, Derral Sears and Patty Armstrong.

And that's all, folks. You know what I mean, Vern!!

## ...more Demon Doins — continued from page 2

God was merciful Don, and saw fit to arrange for your transfer to 404 squadron in Greenwood. Just goes to show you what can happen if you complain.

As of this date, the Squadron Reunion is only 21 days away. The final cost of the event has been determined and will be \$25.00 per couple and \$12.50 per single. This will include a meet and greet on Friday 1 Aug, and a Dinner/Dance on Saturday. Advance registration should be done as soon as possible by seeing either Maj Devana in Nav Standards or Pte Kris Rasmussen in the AMCRO office. See you there!

Hawaii night 86, sponsored by 407 Sqn is now history. Many thanks to everyone who participated, making the evening a tremendous success. Special mention goes to Crew 4 for organizing the event, the carpenter shop at CE for tools and workspace, the bar and kitchen staff at the Officers' Mess and last but not least, Farquharson Farms and Trent River Garden Centre for providing beautiful flowers and palms. For all who missed the event, plan well ahead to make it next year. Aloha for now!

Nuff Said

## 407 AMCRO

## "UPSTAIRS UPDATE"

And have we got news for you!!

The flash from our last article (16 May) has almost fully struck!! Our resident airframe specialist Roch St. Pierre and Sandy tied the knot, taking the leap again on Monday June 30th over in the Albernie Valley. Congrats to the happy couple and may all your future ups and downs be in bed!!

Other notable events of interest: 11 June: Birthday cake for Bod, Wayne and Kyle, another masterpiece of workmanship in the shape of a full beer stein, from the Point Holmes kitchen of Marilyn Schmidt. The coffee was excellent as well!!

12 June: Another great "Leeward Lunch" this time to mark the posting of our favorite clerical Cpl Carol Anderson who together with her husband Paul have now taken up their new residence in Goose Bay Labrador. There will be some hot times in the Happy Valley Legion this winter!!

Thursday June 19 saw the return of our valiant squadron mates from another rigorous RIMPAC in the Hawaiian Islands of the South Pacific!!

Lots of brown skin and empty pocket books!! (Not the reading kind) The blue haze has returned to the office but it has a sweeter smell, the quality of the product has definitely improved!!

Monday July 7: MWO Larry Hunt from BAMEO/ARO Winterpeg replacing the present MWOWIC Jim McKendry who is retiring on 11th Nov after serving 35 years 9 months and 11 days with the RCAF/CAF.

MCpl Gary Grass, up off the hanger floor replacing Sgt Roch St. Pierre at the Research Airframe desk. Roch retires on Xmas Day after 33 Lots of luck to both these individuals on their future endeavours.

Postings out! Harry Lunde to the BAMSQ, Navcom Labs! After only 14 years and twenty seven days with 407 Squadron, Good luck in your new job Harry!!

Welcome to our new clerk Cpl Darlene MacDonald who has been internally transferred from 407 SOR to the SAMO Organization replacing Carol Anderson. Also a welcome to MCpl Gary Grass and MWO Larry Hunt.

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## AROUND THE BASE

## CE Happenings

Hello from the Production Cell of the Construction Engineering Section! Although our personnel have been silent lately we have now taken pen in hand to write the first of numerous articles to come on happenings within the section.

We are now at the height of our busy season, with MQ posting march-outs, grass cutting, and numerous new priority projects. To supplement our regular complement of fifty regular civilian and military employees, we have now hired an additional thirty civilian term employees to keep up with our workload. We are now working on a three-phase project in Bldg 22 which involves constructing a new home for the BNDO, English Language Training, and MSE Safety Training. These projects will keep a large percentage of our personnel occupied until late fall.

Rumours are finally turning to fact. Keith MacKenzie is actually going to be getting a new carpenter shop that will be large enough to hold all of his equipment. Construction of the extension will also involve reallocation of space to all of the other shops. The Defence Construction contract is scheduled to start in early July and we anticipate completion by the end of August. We are fully aware that once we get the new shops set up, the BCEO is going to want even more production out of us. Oh well, maybe we can take some leave and go fishing this fall.

The CE section was augmented with four USAF tradesmen from Naval Air Station Moffit, California, during a recent exercise. It was easy to distinguish the Canadians as they gave up their hats to wear ball caps of the 129th USAF CES. MSgt Larry Hempal and

his staff had a great tour, spending time at Expo, salmon fishing, and of course, doing lots of work. We would like to express our thanks to them for their help and friendship. They were appreciated by all of us.

On the personnel side, congratulations are in order for the Production Officer, Capt Rick Boivin and his wife Diane, for an 8 lb 1 oz baby girl named Stephanie. We hear that Rick is doing well domestically around the house, however Diane, we need him back at work.

Cpl Jason Evans will be doing his fishing in Alert this summer and MCpl Gord Wilkins is half way through his Cyprus tour. MCpl Wilkins and Cpl Evans have been promoted to Sgt and MCpl effective 1 Aug 86. Both will return to Comox richer for their experiences.

The only member posted out of Production this summer is MCpl Dave Greene who is on his way to the Canadian Forces

School of Military Engineering at CFB Chilliwack. We would like to wish Dave, Judy and family all the best at Chilliwack.

Two of our 041 Field Engineers in Roads and Grounds have seen the light. Cpl Don Longpre is remustering to a Carpenter and Cpl Joe Huard is remustering to Stationary Engineer. Congratulations to both!

Two new members are posted in this summer. Cpl Woolman will join us from Chilliwack to work in the Roads and Grounds shop. MCpl Bouchard from CFS Beausejour will be MCpl Greene's replacement in the RM shop.

In closing, some of you may wonder how to get work done and why it may seem that it takes a long time before CE gets to your request.

To raise a work order for your MQ maintenance requirements, the Work Recep-

tion clerk should be given a call at local 2234. You can also visit her or send your request in a written form.

When your work order is authorized, it is then sent to the Production shops to be implemented. Implementation normally does not happen immediately for most of you. You must remember that we get approximately nine-hundred work orders a month. We also have high priority construction and maintenance projects imposed upon us which must be accomplished. To compound the problem even more, we also have to accomplish work on MQ march-outs in order to have them ready for occupancy during the active posting season.

We continually strive to get your work done and give you the best service possible, however, we do not have unlimited resources. In summary, do not lose your faith in CE-your work will get done.

## ...more Demon Doins — continued from page 21

## 407 PHOTO

Hello again from the Darkroom Devil. As usual there's not much news this month, between leave and TD.

Let's start off with congratulations to Richard Bonin on successful completion of the Automatic Film and Print Processor Maintenance Course, and on his recent promotion to Corporal.

Lynn Fralick has said goodbye to us and hello to Base Photo for three months this summer. Mike Valiquette was away on a four day trip with the Ground Search and Salvage Team to practice their skills and also to recover a propeller from a Liberator that crashed in 1945. The trip was successful, (Fishing trip that is) but the recovery was unsuccessful. Sgt Lawless has been soaking up the sunshine, he can be spotted easily by his Farmer's Tan.

What other type of tan can you get on the golfcourse. (In the evenings of course!) Jeanette Labelle's husband Real has finally returned home from his (according to her) everlasting course. We find that she is now here in body but not in mind.

Congratulations also go to Sgt Cote who has successfully completed his SLC and to Serge Peters for successfully completing his 6A.(Atta-boys) John Plante, Mike Giroux, and Holly Ford are off to Hawaii for this year's Rimpac. Maybe

that is where our sun went. Joanne Paul has managed to obtain an all expense paid trip to Greenwood for a five day course on the Aurora Night Illumination System. Bernie Lambillon is having Fun floating from one shift to another because of servicing being low in personnel due to courses and TD's.

Well I guess this is all that we have for you until next month...

Darkroom Devil

## AMCRO TRIVIA:

Marilyn advises us that they have now received the 2nd amendment to the first change of dates to her husband Denny's posting (plan C!!) and will now be definitely going to ZX, sometime in the future.

Rick Verbeek finally back off leave after two weeks in Sunny Ontario. Harv is really relieved. He says it seemed like a month!! Should get a lot more work from him now that his golfing partner has left the area.

There is a strong definite rumour that the SAMO has traded his home in Comox for one on the mainland (Ladner) and that he will be taking up residence there later this month. It seems that Vancouver has more to offer than Toronto.

Seen in passing: Monica Burns giving the Chief a big hug Monday morning, after the

swell weather of the last weekend it was apparent that he hadn't gone on his usual camping/fishing trip!! Thanks Chief for keeping the good weather here.

Watch for big news from this column next month, as the other half of the last flash will be announced.

## SERVICING

RIMPAC is over and we are back. Twelve loudly dressed red skins. 3 crew "alias" 6 crew, made up of Sgt Folliott, Cpl Fast, Cpl Impound Kneilt, MCpl Longval, Cpl Lintner, MCpl Alex, Cpl Dufour, Cpl Legault, Cpl Warren, Cpl Giroux, Cpl Guibord, Cpl Provencher and Cpl "Uncle" O.G.Pond. All travelled to the Hawaiian Isle by Herc to participate in the 1986 RIMPAC exercise. Ah! The Canadian tourist, duff the S-4s, don the new "unicorn" shorts and the "I Love Hawaii" glasses. Fun in the sun. Wrong! Didn't quite work out that way. True, we

did have our moments of fun, thanks to two admirals who couldn't get along. They shouldn't be playing you sank my battle ship when there is an actual exercise on. Yes, the 20 days "AYE Broad" will be a memorable one. There are stories that were told and there are more to be told. I won't bother you telling you any tales, such as Bill 2½ lb cow, or Steve's parking habit, nor Anne's two tone bathing suit.

## Promotion at 407



WO Johnson Congratulated by LCol Rogers

There are so many stories that a book can be written. Maybe I should see Dave since his first How to? is near publication. I believe the first chapter should be titled "The Canadian Peelers". Skin that is. Back here at Demon Servicing these last few weeks must have been hellish. Half the fleet, and no where to go. It appears to me that our crew has been raped. Blessed be the posting season. Out with the old in with the new. Seriously, we would like to wish Sgt Karl Parker, Cpl Rob Haswell and Cpl Paul Sorenson a fond farewell and best of luck in their new careers.

in Comox, Churchill (Thompson) and Vancouver.

Congratulations to Ken and Trish McMahon's new born son Daniel. Safe-Tex ear plugs are in the bottom drawer of the cabinet. On the road again for Sgt Folliott, upstairs this time. Also, Alain Proulx and Trudy Damphouse off to Greenwood, Ken Donnally to CFB Kingston and finally Tony Foster, off to CFB Edmonton.

Remember to carry all your documents and the grass remains green here. Thank you for your company and your support. Good luck.

Mahalo

## SECTION NEWS

## VU33 Tech Side

Lots of summer activities on-going and up-coming at VU 33 with many of our personnel taking part. MCpl Len Mallette was one of the members of the canoe trip. Being an avid sailor he put up a sail and completed the course in half the time.

The West Coast Trail will be the next one week outing beginning on the 21st of July. If you're looking for something a little more challenging, this could be what you're looking for. Want to shape up!-sign up.

Seems Ian Taylor has found a way to put on a few pounds by being present, lately, at the mess hall throughout all of its' open hours. He's now 3 pounds lighter due to an invitation from Gerry Gerow to get a hair cut.

The ball team suffered a loss to BTNO last week. One of the reasons being a heavy schedule on the VU 33 flight line that evening which held back a few of our big guns. Take heart guys, there's more games to come. Our present standing is 3W, 3L and 3 rained out. Not playing?! Lots of room in the stands. Be a fan-try it-you'll like it.

Our "Woody" Woodburn has been recuperating at St. Josephs this past week. He's really chipper and trips all the nurses with his brass cane. We hope to see you up and around very soon Woody.

Our two intrepid maritime adventurers Wayne South-

ward and Ray Morrison set sail last weekend for the South seas. Unfortunately their navigation was a bit off and they wound up in Desolation Sound. Wayne had a bit of a problem keeping his boat on course and was forced to throw Barb overboard to act as a rudder trim tab.

Wayne has taken up smoking again. Appears he lit his first one up immediately after finding Texada Island and seeing the ten foot waves bearing down on him.

The annual Tree Island adventure went off well with multi prizes being given out: (courtesy of Pete Morro and the squadron fund). Mike Cummings won a prize for the

biggest salmon, Pte Bernard Bekolay for the most fish, Chris Shelly for the smallest fish and last, but not least, Gerry Gerow received a prize for his excellent imitation of a Canada Goose Call.

Bob Wrightson has returned from a three day holiday in Tacoma Washington. Mode of Travel-Tracker. He must have had a good time because we haven't heard a word from him since he returned. How were the cap sales Bob?



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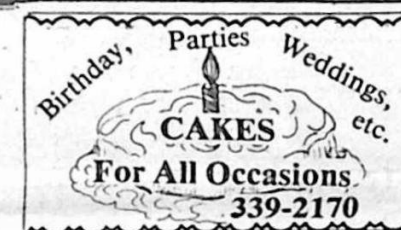
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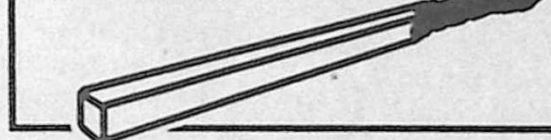
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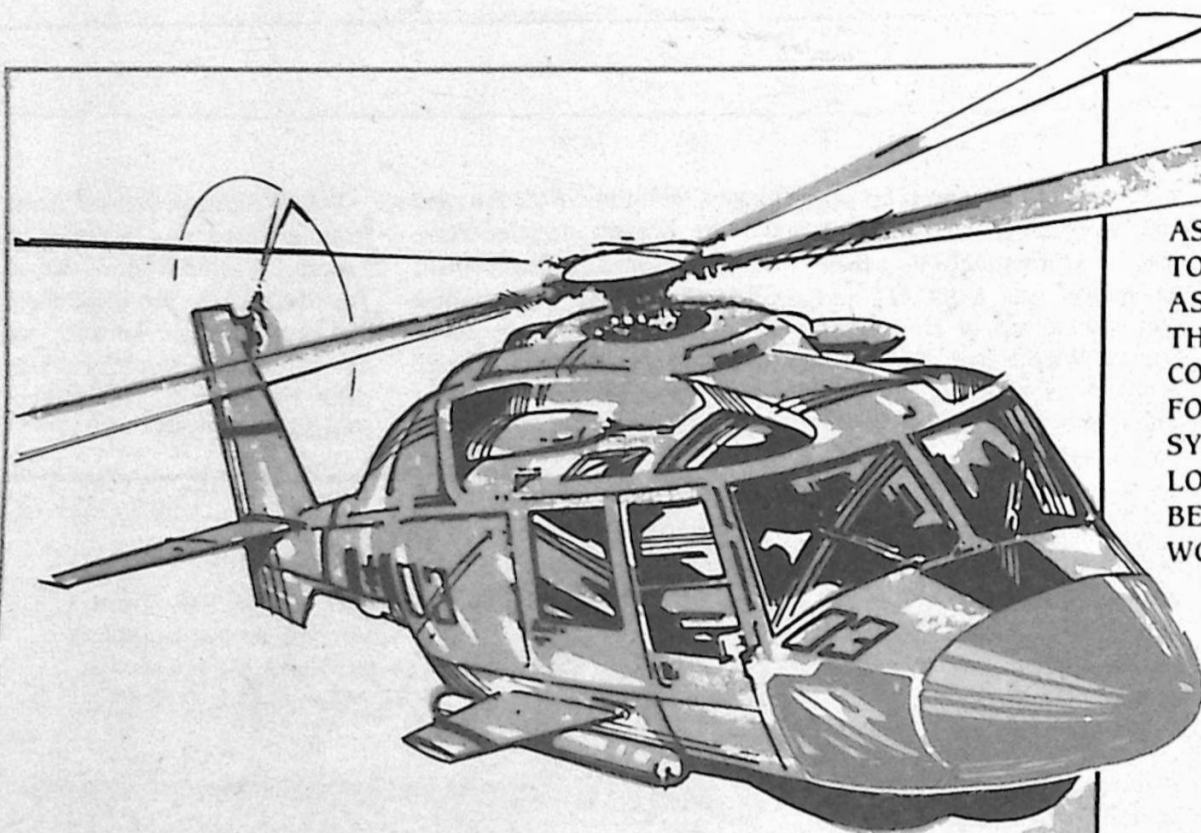
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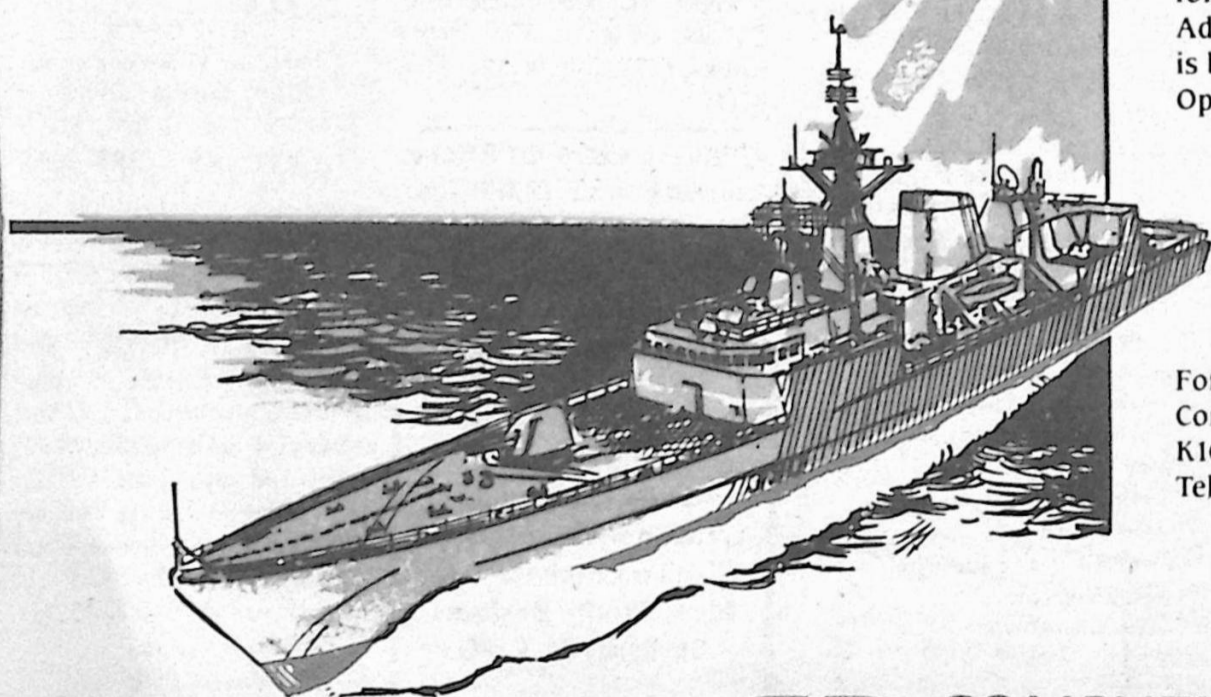
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