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Base Commander's Christmas Message

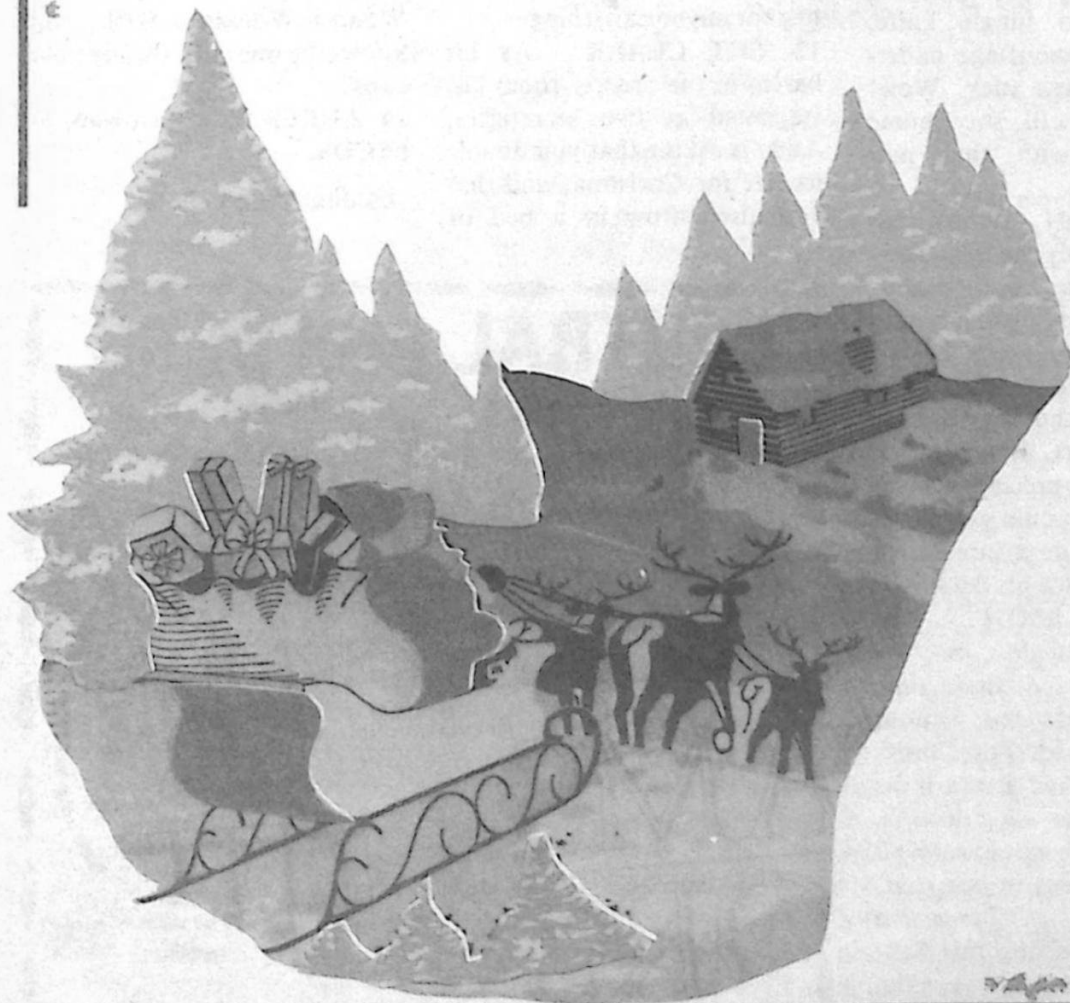


As we approach the Christmas Season and look forward to the New Year it is appropriate to take a few moments to reflect on the past year and how we have individually contributed to our service and the very special family we belong to. In my short time as your Commander I have been impressed with the enthusiastic manner with which you have gone about your tasks and the obvious pride you have in your Base and your personal appearance. These fine attributes have frequently been commented on by visitors to Comox and the users of the services we provide. The challenge for all of us is to meet and exceed these standards in the future so that we will continue to see the festive season as a celebration of our commitment to our country and our association with our countrymen.

In the past you have demonstrated your generosity through your response to the United Way Campaign and your active support of numerous appeals on your time and resources. This same quality has been evident in the workplace as you continue to demonstrate your loyalty to your units and sections through long hours and hard work. I commend you all for these efforts and am very proud to serve with you.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your professionalism and support and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, may 1987 be filled with happiness and success in all your endeavours.

*Col J.E.H. (Ted) Gibbon
Base Commander*



**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**

**Joyeux Noel
et une Bonne et
Heureuse Annee**

SECTION NEWS



Anker Klankin'



Aerobic Excellence Award



Cpl "Mikey" Woodworth

Maj Nielsen presenting

Dear Santa:

How's the summer been? Lose any of that baby fat yet? Does Mrs. Claus still have that nasty habit of using the bathroom as a drying rack for her under garments? Anyway, the reason I'm writing you is to send you VU 33's Christmas list. They've all been good boys (at home) and I feel they're all very deserving of their requests, so here goes:

1. MAJ NEILSEN - He is often frustrated with the slow pace at which his memos hit the streets. To eliminate this problem, which resembles Canada Post's definition of efficient service, Maj Nielsen would like to have a yearly subscription from Purilator Courier for quicker, same-day service.

2. CAPT CUMMINGS - He would appreciate any consideration on the Dept of Justice's part for a pardon to his criminal record concerning his continued poaching activities, as these documents may considerably hamper his continued employment in the near future. If for some reason you cannot sway (or buy) the Dept of Justice, Santa, Mikey would also find his files charred at the bottom of a trash can to be an acceptance solution.

3. CAPT OUELLETTE - He has requested for his Christmas present all three volumes of "The Chef's Guide to Cab-

bage, Beans and Spice Cooking" by I.F. Artalott. However, the squadron members have instead put in a special request for a family size case of industrial strength Pepsi Bismol.

4. CAPT CLEMENTS - He knows that asking for a better car to replace the rusted out Chevette which Gloria makes him drive to work, would be out of the question. Instead Santa, how about a paper bag to put over his head so that nobody can recognize him?

5. CAPT BEKOLAY - He is right into fitness as you know Santa and can often be found at the gymnasium in his tights dancing to his Jane Fonda workout tape. But recently his wife, Cathy, has complained that he should be displaying his masculinity more when he works out. As a result Dave is giving the Fonda tape the old heave-ho. Can you get him anything by Richard Simmons?

6. CAPT REIMER - Ever since he has arrived on squadron, John has been given the job as flag party guy. He waits from one parade to another with abated breath until he can once again strut around and wave his flag on parade. How about giving him what he wants most Santa, his own flag pole, a recording of the Air Force March, and BVD as his rifle escort on the weekends.

7. LT CUTHBERT - More money.

8. LT BAGGALEY - He is our unit defence force officer, but you have probably figured out Santa, that he is too nice of a boy to portray that sticks and nails chewing image that a UDF leader should have. This Christmas he wants something to toughen up his image for the troops, that's why he is asking for a Rambo jungle knife, along with camouflage underwear and a cam stick. Wow! Maybe Inga will stay home more often with that new array.

9. WO GIBSON - I know that Dave is probably the least likely on squadron to receive anything from you Santa, because of how mean he has been throughout the year, taking all those different people to court. However, he would really appreciate it if for Christmas you could give him a degree in law, he'd sure save a bundle in fees for his lawsuits.

10. SGT LARSON - The swiftest single in the squadron has a difficult time flying photo patterns without getting nauseated. For Christmas he has asked Santa if he could give the squadron a photopod which would snap all the required shots in one pass, eliminating excessive manoeuvres. Barring this Santa, please at least provide the squadron with shopping bag

size barf bags to hold all of Wayne's box lunch.

11. SGT VANDUSEN - He has asked this Christmas to finally receive his pilot wings so that he doesn't have to be dishonest with the ladies at the bar. BVD realizes that this is a big request and he wants you to know that if you can't give this to him, he'll be waiting under the tree Christmas Eve in his sleeping bag for anyone anything.

12. SGT CLARK - As his harem in the orderly room has stagnated at two secretaries, Andy is asking that you double its size for Christmas and that you also throw in a bed of

pillows with grapes and fans.

13. MAJ ACORN - Over the past year, he has really been frustrated with the size of his pyjamas - he keeps tripping over the long legs. As well, the Spiderman colors are wearing out from too much use. This Christmas could you replace those Spideys with a pair of pyjamas which are 4 sizes smaller and are styled like Wonder Woman's outfit, you know, the one with the big gold cups?

14. ANKER 95 - I just want to be CDS.

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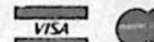
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CO'S
CHRISTMAS
MESSAGE

As the Christmas season approaches, let us stand back from our normal busy routine and reflect on the real meaning of that very special time of year. Behind all the glitter and lights stands a timeless message - Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men. These simple but powerful words are much needed in our troubled world and should be an inspiration to all. Let us hope they will touch enough of us to make the world a better place.

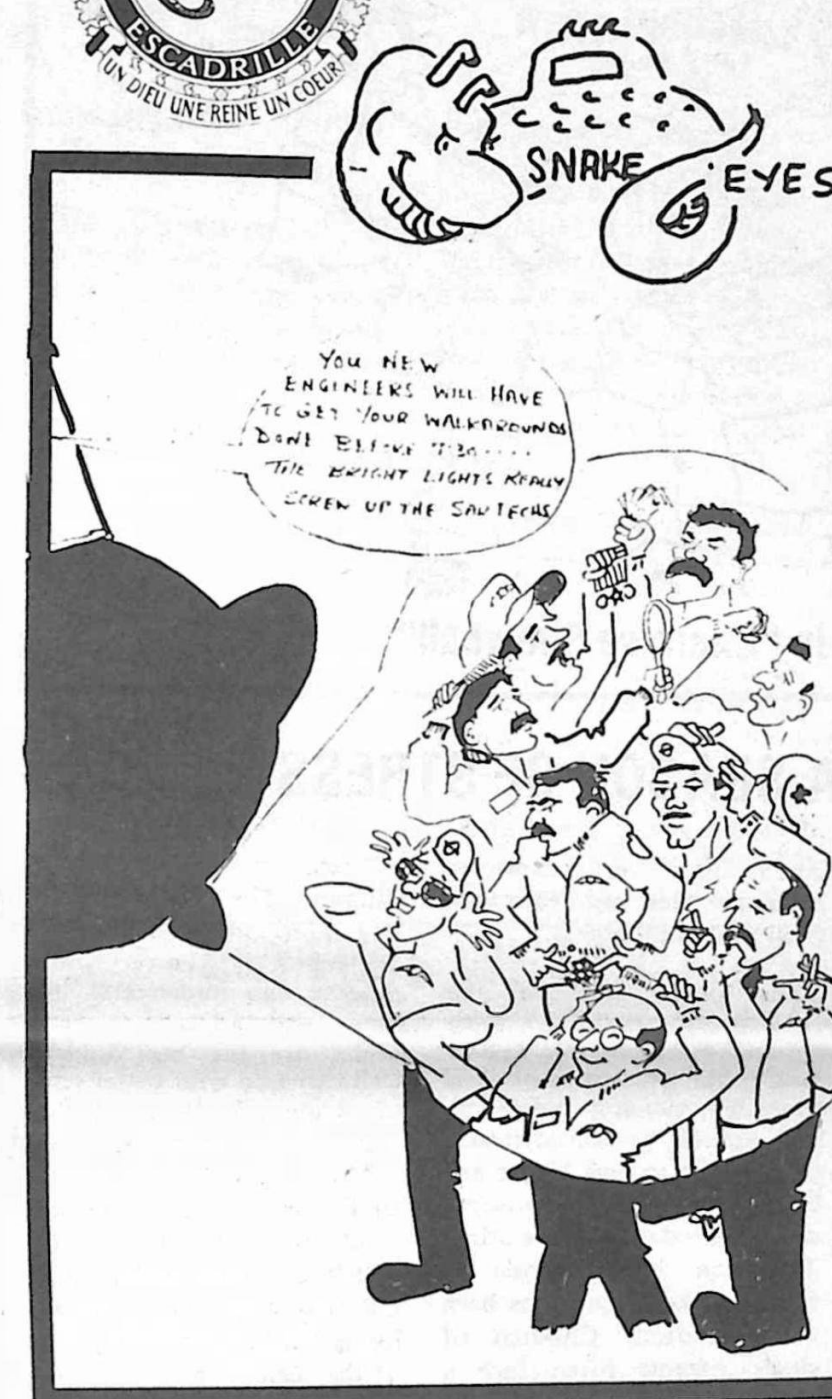
I join all members of VU 33 in wishing the readers of the Totem Times a most joyous Christmas and a prosperous 1987. I sincerely hope that all may enjoy the festive season in health and happiness. My wife and I extend special greetings to all VU 33 personnel and their families. May you have a rich and fulfilling Christmas celebration.

Major A.R. Nielsen
Commanding Officer VU 33

SECTION NEWS



442 Squadron

CO'S
CHRISTMAS
MESSAGE

Throughout 1986 the "Snakes" of 442 Squadron have continued to meet the challenges of Search and Rescue in the mountains and off the coast of British Columbia. From the demonstrations during Expo '86 "SAR Week," through SAR MESHBERG and over numerous MEDEVACS, the aircrew and maintenance personnel have upheld the reputation for spirited professionalism that has become synonymous with 442 Squadron.

As Commanding Officer I want to express the heartfelt appreciation of all squadron members to our spouses and families for your patience and unrelenting support where call-outs or longer commitments have disrupted social events and leave plans. May Carol and I also wish you all a most fulfilled festive season with the hope that each of you enjoy good health and happiness in the year to come.

Lt Col D.K. Lett
Commanding Officer
442 Squadron

Last but not least, (honest, Chief!) the SWO, Chief Ford, wants Santa to bring him some new Privates for him to drill and terrorize. And behold, St. Nick has heard your plea: posted in, fresh from CF-SATE, Borden, are Ptes Jones, Struke, and Luczak...welcome to our nightmare, guys!

So heed our wishes well, Santa, and when your sleigh loses an engine (reindeer) over Mt. Washington, if you set off your ELT (you DO carry an ELT, don't you, fatso?...and just snuggle-up nice and cozy with your reindeer in the snow (a little nip of Christmas cheer would probably help!), then maybe, just maybe, a little yellow Buffalo, bearing gifts from afar, will drop Christmas dinner, (and two SAR Techs to help you eat it!) from the sky. Of course, if you don't have any GI Joe dolls in your sack for the boys, I wouldn't want to be in your shoes...! Merry Christmas!

Other recently arriving Christmas gifts include a posting for "Bookend" number 2, Sgt Lorne Munden, who's heading east, (Sorry, Lorne, not THAT far east!) to Boeing Vertol in Arnprior. Pat

says he'll miss you dearly, and keep your face out of the soup!

Two other personnel movements of late, Sgt Dave Lepatourel is a new addition to the AMCRO Section. Sgt Gord Kehoe is presently showing Dave the ropes, so that, according to Pat Burke, the confusion will be unanimous! Pat would also like to mention that WO Bob Gould is back on full days (at least Bob calls it full days!), and the boys are glad to see him back!

Pte Robyn May is extending her Christmas leave down east to take in the Voyageur maintenance course, 7-15 January at Bagotville, and Sgt Bob Legault from Servicing, is taking a LONG Christmas leave this year, as he retires, 20 December after some thirty years of service. Congratulations and best wishes, Bob!

The same to MCpl Norm Blondel, who retired Dec 3 after 38 years of military service.

On a final note for this issue, let us take this opportunity to wish you and yours the merriest of Christmases and a very Happy, safe and prosperous New Year!...from the flyin' Snakes, at 442!

...MORE
VU33

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TECH SIDE - VU 33

HO! HO! HO!, we had a fine time poking fun at each other all year. Let's hope that the festive season is even more enjoyable.

Mr. Gerow has confirmed good beginnings with a very successful Christmas Dinner put on for the single troops at the other ranks mess. Gerry was noted for his "fleet of feet" service and was thought to be ahead by a turkey dinner when serving of the meal was complete.

This week we say a fond farewell to Gennie who had taken her release from the service and has become Mrs. Rob Butler. Rob, a former member of VU 33 Sqn and now posted at CFB Baden, Germany, had his last bash as a single man on Wed evening 10 Dec. The Stag, attended by many organized mainly by Br Driver, was well planned. Rob was obviously taken surprise. Around mid someone was seen strapping a flag pole looking duds that were later found to be flying in the wind above. On Saturday the 13th of Gennie and Rob were married at the RC Chapel on the base. Gennie certainly was a beautiful blushing bride. VU wishes the best of luck to both of them.

Even with maintenance doing their annual pre-Christmas clean up, paint up, Cpl "Weiner" Levisne still finds time to operate the pool for our Sqn Christmas Turkey Draw. The last chance is on Friday guys, so keep those quarters coming.

Harry Weeds informs us that the VU 33 bowling team has attained a second place standing. With lane experts Lyle McManus, Andy Clark, Oscar Grubwieser, Pete Vantassel, Glen Caslake and Harry Weeds it's no wonder they're setting sights on first place.

Promotions - Yvo Duchesne was recently promoted to MCpl. Jamie Bu has finally decided to add on second hook. Having the distinction of being the P with the most time in service was great but the raise in pay was just too hard to resist. Looks good on you Jamie.

VU 33 extends a warm welcome to John and Tri Johnson. John is our new Tech.

SO! That's it for now. Ha a Merry Christmas and Good Luck in 87.

EDITORIALS

COMMENT

Gord Kruger

Peace and Goodwill

It seems to come around with regularity - that time of the year when the old editor has to sit down and put together a few lines about the meaning of Christmas.

It's all been said before by many better at it than I. They start out by saying something profound like "Ho Ho Ho - 'Tis the season to be jolly"! And then they grab your emotions and tell you to reflect for a moment on the "so called" true meaning of it all.

Well damn it, it is that time of year. It is a time to reflect on what it's all about. No doubt there is something magical about it, something that spurs us on and provokes a feeling within us that ahead must lie something better. A new year full of good fortune and a better life.

There was a time some one thousand nine hundred and eighty plus years ago when things were simpler. A humble beginning in a crude stable gave hope for a better world. Have we really made progress since the night of the very bright star?

The threats of war and conflict have continued to menace us and a sudden nuclear holocaust could yet be our epitaph. That holiest of places where it all began continues to be troublesome and could yet provide the spark that might ignite world wide hostilities. Would it not be ironic to have it end from where it started!

Yet we must have hope and

be positive. All is certainly not lost. There are indications today that men with wisdom do exist. They realize the potential for destruction and are beginning to show some prudence in using the power they have. They actually speak to each other on occasion which is cause for at least some limited joy.

Peace on earth and goodwill toward men is a time worn cliché. It is apparent that goodwill toward men should be foremost. For if we have goodwill toward men, peace on earth will surely follow!

It is indeed unfortunate that man's competitive nature militates against goodwill. There must be a better way to harness the wasted energies of conflict. The carnage of such conflict is a sad waste of man's talents.

Only through the development of goodwill can man hope to achieve that age old dream of peace on earth. For centuries now man has stood in the shadows of conflict and been a threat to destruction of his own kind. That goodwill is so hard to achieve so let us come together this holiday season in some semblance of goodwill. For if each of us does some small part it may catch on. Then if we can carry on what this Christmas brings there will be hope - but we must last longer than the week of Christmas.

As is said, "Try it - you'll like it!"

G.M.K.

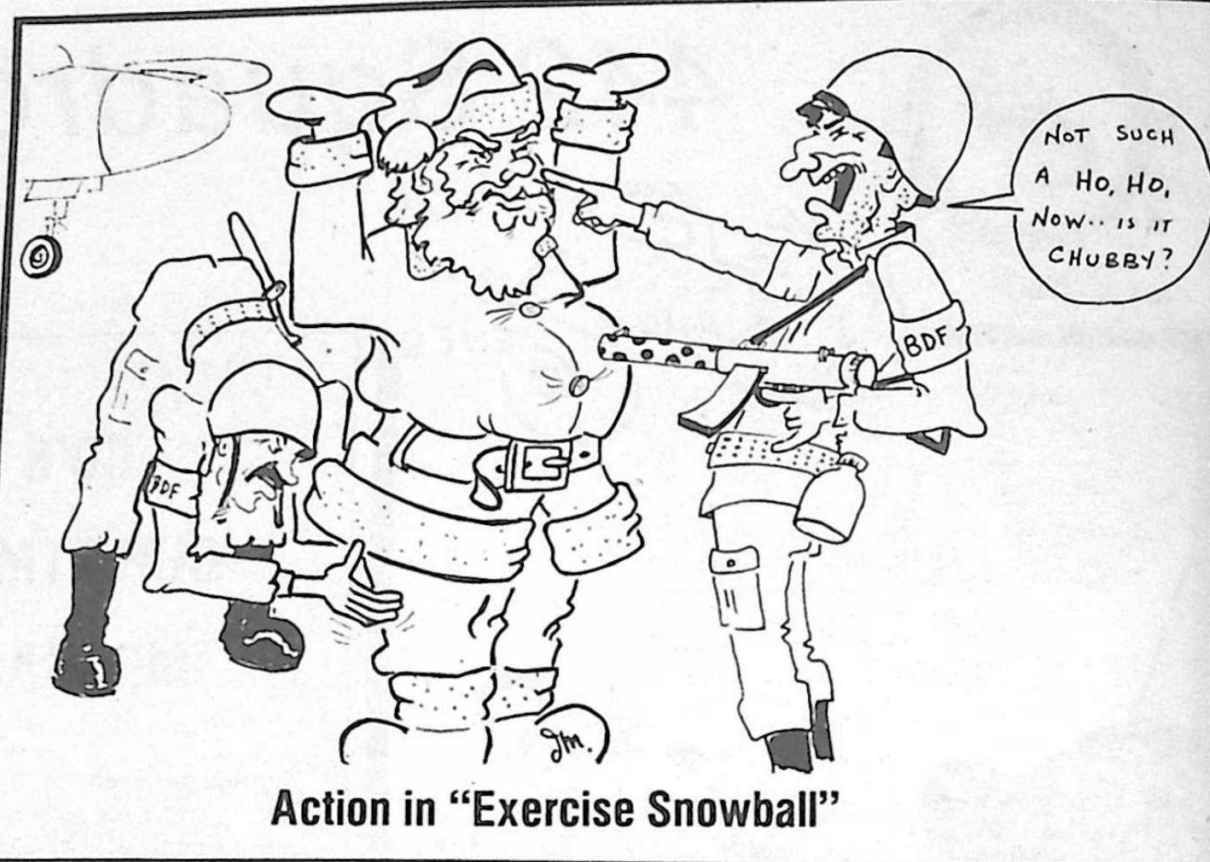
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Action in "Exercise Snowball"

CHRISTMAS — A SEASON OF STRESS

Christmas can be a time of stress for anyone. For children in separated, single or blended families, it can be traumatic. There are so many emotions involved in these situations. The additional pressures of Christmas can make it far from joyful.

Children can be both the victims and the aggressors. After divorce kids usually live with their mother - and statistics show she usually experiences quite a drop in income after separation. The gift she can afford will perhaps be something in the \$10 to \$20 range. The father, who likely has suffered no drop in disposable income,

often buys very expensive presents. This can lead to a great deal of bitterness.

The other side of the problem is children who sometimes instigate this type of rivalry. If the mother has remarried, the step-father can find himself pressured into a competition to give bigger and better presents. Or one parent can be pitted against the other. This can happen even in families where there has been no separation. Children of single parents often face a bleak Christmas, for economic reasons, but their tensions are of a different sort.

There are ways to ease the situation. The first is by pointing out to kids the materialism of Christmas. Even very young children can understand that stores and advertising companies are the big winners. Children gain a far better sense of giving and caring if they make or sew a small gift.

Most families, whether traditional, single or blended, would probably be better off with a less material Christmas, but that might be fighting a losing battle. At the other end of the scale, some people opt out completely - they declare Christmas defunct and just enjoy a day off.

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EDITORIALS

Lightside

Norm Blondel

REMEMBERING CHRISTMAS

The Christmases of my childhood were magic ones. The barnacles of age haven't encrusted those memories, which were of the years when we were at war, and gifts were simple, because the factories were turning out Spitfires and Lancasters and Sherman tanks, and there was little material for making toys.

Our own imaginations made up for any lack in technology however, and I still believe those were better toys than many I have seen since.

Today, for the princely sum of around ninety dollars for example, your child can find under the tree a talking, nod-

ding bear which takes all the work out of play. After the novelty has worn off, the child will probably start the thing up and then get on with something more low-tech while the toy bear bumbles to itself. This could happen; how many times have you seen a child neglect a toy to play with the box it came in?

As young parents, Wife and I chose to give our kids toys that didn't require batteries.

Their toys eventually wore out, but they didn't languish in the back of a closet because they offered no challenge to a child's imagination.

This is not to say high-tech has no place in toy-dom: For older children, who are more

techno-literate than we were, high-tech is their future. But the question I ask myself when I shop for my grandsons is, "Is it Magic?" To answer that I go back to my own childhood memories, still vivid after all these years, and blank out adult thoughts. Briefly, the magic returns and I know what to do. In my grandsons and the more recent recollections of Christmas with my own children, I live as a child again at this time of year.

Another recollection, fairly recent, is of the games I played when it came time for old Ho-Ho to hand out the gifts piled under the Christmas tree.

Our custom was for "Santa" to stuff a few playables into pillowcases and leave them at

the foot of our children's beds. This served to keep them occupied until after Christmas dinner, at which time all eyes (except mine) would start to focus on the pile under the tree.

My eyes weren't on the tree because they were feigning sleep, or on the dishes while I dawdled with the washing-up, or outside while I pondered (aloud) going for an immediate ten kilometre walk--or some other delaying tactic employed to put off the time of gift-giving. It drove my kids half-way up the wall, and I was often accused of being a Ho-Ho version of Torquemada, but it prolonged a magical day, and is still recalled (fondly, I hope) by my now adult son and daughter.

Whoever coined the phrase, "Christmas is for Kids," said it right: He wasn't just talking about children.

Merry Christmas everyone.



LETTERS WE GET

Editor, Sir
Air Force Trivia
Dec 4

The aircraft illustrated is a French Nieuport XVII.

The picture was probably taken somewhere in England as the aircraft has British registration markings and it appears to be a peaceful setting. This French designed and built fighter aircraft was one of the best during the mid stages

of WW1. It was used extensively by the French and British and particularly by the Americans after they entered the war. It was superseded by the vastly improved Nieuport 28s but continued to be used right up to the end of WW1 by the Americans as a fighter escort for their D4 day bombers.

Now for Trivia,
You Guess Who!

Of May in December

Some strange things take place in the Officers' Mess,
But the strangest I've ever been at,
Was that day in December I'll always remember,
When Harvey May lost his hat.

You all know the one, all soil and grunge,
That used to look like a wedge;
Some black and some green (but that's seldom seen),
And a teeny RCAF badge.

He was having a brew, (just one or two)
With the Base Commander and BAMSO.
Then he bid them adieu because 442
Was having a party and so-o-o...

He went to the back, took his coat from the rack,
And grabbed a hat from the shelf,
And some black service gloves, which everyone loves,
But which didn't belong to himself.

Then only one hat was left on the rack.
I really hated to take it,
But I have to declare with my shortage of hair,
Without it my head would be naked.

So now I have his hat and Harvey has mine;
It's just not a fair exchange.
For my nice new wedge and shiny black gloves,
This relic I'm willing to change.

Air Force Trivia



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Answer from Last Issue



Nieuport 17 being flown by Bill Long over Rockcliffe in May, 1967 in preparation for the Centennial Airshow. Moments after this photo was taken the engine mounts failed, the a/c crashed, and Bill received a head injury from the Lewis gun butt.

SECTION NEWS



BAMSO

A Christmas lift



Struttin' their stuff for Xmas...the guys and gals at Base Photo decided that it was time for a "power trip." Performance is the name of the game at the photo shop and we at "ye old Fishrap" would like to pass along our utmost thanks for the tremendous support we receive throughout the year. Without it we would be just another "average base newspaper." Demonstrating the finer points are left to right Gilles "the bruiser" Doiron, Tammy "the body" Kazakoff, Doug "I'm no slug" Slauenwhite, Kim "Too tall" Lambillon and Attilio "golden boy" Sartori.

BAMSO — THE LAST WORD

Because I do see the column last before it goes to print I get the last word. And this time that word is: A Happy, Safe Christmas to all, and the Best of all possible years in 1987.

GOTCHA! It doesn't happen very often but BAMSO himself was caught in a dress regulation gotcha situation by one of his staff. At first it was assumed the "Boss" was testing to see how observant people were...but not so this time anyway. Sorry, but for details you'll have to ask the "Boss" yourself as we don't tattle (much)!

AMAZING STORY?! Too early for a fishing story so read on. The Buffalo has an emergency locator beacon (transmitter) in a "foil" affixed to the exterior of the aircraft. The beacon will automatically transmit an emergency signal (homing beacon) when the "foil" separates from the mother ship. One "foil" had appar-

tly inadvertently released from a Buffalo and had been returned to the IS Lab for recharging of the internal battery. I guess Al Gray had been dreaming about the foil or something, when suddenly waking up in the middle of the night he checked the time and found it to be 4:42 AM (0442 hrs)...do you see the significance of the "442" numbers? (For IE-IS people - "inadvertently" - accidentally).

NOT AGAIN!! I thought the "Bob" problem was resolved when one of the "Bobbsey twins" went to the BTSO EA office...certainly wasn't so the week of 24th Nov when Maj Bob Drummond of AMDU, and Maj Bob Mofford with MWO Bob Alston and Mr. Bob Daye of NDHQ/DASP all visited BAMSO. Can't call this a flock of Bobs although all are or were "pigeons"...perhaps a "batch" (number of things or persons coming at once and treated as a set) of Bobs is most correct.

BAMSO ORDERLY ROOM UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

We welcome Sgt "Moe" Mousseau out of retirement on "special assignment" to oversee BAMSO clerical Ops. "Moe" is not a total stranger to CFB Comox as he was with 442 Sqn in the mid '60s. He has spent "time" in the "grunt" environment, retiring from CFB Shilo at the rank of MWO. He and his wife are currently residing in Comox. "Moe's" arrival is welcomed to fill our long empty Sgt Adm Clk slot.

SPARE AERE. Another new face is 2Lt Dari Basque in from CFOCS Chilliwack for several months (until next Summer) for general aircraft maintenance familiarization before heading for his AERE training. Dari has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and hails from Tracadie, N.B. (he's an Acadian and interested in playing hockey!). He will be working his way through all shops as he goes through his practical phase training.

BASE PHOTO

So much has happened since our last article....I hope I have enough space. First things first.

Tammy arrived back from POET and WEDDING safe and sound. She passed both with flying colours. We at Base Photo thought a cook book would be a great idea but the look on her face when she opened the paper told us she already received the same one. So much for great ideas huh?

Our brand new, high tech, fully automatic colour printer arrived (finally) and what a sight for sore eyes!...no more ball and chain around the ankles of the darkroom tech. Giles and Attilio took a little trip down to Esquimalt to check out the set-up and operation of their Base Photo's printer, and one week later our printer was working. What a god-send...it's better than Christmas...we shall all reap the benefits.

We have come up with a brilliant idea for a shop photo. It's tough coming up with a new idea every year; but hey, we're fairly artistic and creative. After several coffee breaks spent brainstorming, we've come up with two great ideas. We'll shoot both and pick the best.

On the sadder side of things, I am going away early in 1987 on my POET course. I have in-

formed everyone that my sense of humour and bubbly personality will be sorely missed...won't it everybody? I said, won't it everybody? Oh well, maybe they won't even notice!

So that's about it for now...maybe even for the next five months or so. So, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and I hope the Easter Bunny is good to y'all. See ya. (Editorial note: Kim's write up was written in green ink, a typical indication when she is feeling in a creative mood. Keep the green ink handy Kim if that's all it takes!)

NAVCOM LABS

Well here we are once again with the Christmas season upon us. All those petty trivial and demeaning things that have happened over the past year are but memories, but still, our sordid lives go on! So, for all interested, here is this week's gossip.

Into riddles? Try this one. What's short, extremely fast, still shocked, but not a sergeant? It's our very own resident speed demon. Barry Whillans! Barry received his third hook from LCol Bowes on December 4th. Personnel from NAVCOM and IE/IS

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"The Ski Shop"
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From The Fire Chief's Office

CHRISTMAS SAFETY HINTS

Cheerful lights of Christmas bring a special warmth to the holiday season - but each year tragedy strikes somewhere through electrical fires or other accidents.

The main reason is either worn or defective equipment or sheer carelessness. Christmas lights and electrically lit decorations are tested and certified by CSA for safety. However, people often forget the most basic rules when handling electrical equipment.

Fire safety precautions should head the list of every sensible family's precautions for Christmas. There is no place like home for the holidays - there is also no place like home for Christmas fire hazards.

It would take an entire book to write a safety manual for Christmas time. In this publication we touch on only a few.

The main thing is to exercise special care in all your Christmas preparations and activities.

Three steps to safe enjoyment of a natural tree:

*Don't purchase a tree that has dried out. Test twigs and needles to see if they are not brittle.

*Store tree outdoors until used. If stored indoors, re-cut butt and keep immersed in water.

*When tree is erected, re-cut butt diagonally. Stand tree in water and maintain water supply.

Never decorate a tree with candles.

Use of fire-retardant chemical spray on your tree is no substitute for butt immersion, and is not recommended.

Do not allow the tree to block access to doors or windows in the event of fire. Some plastic trees are flammable, other artificial trees are fire-proof. Set up tree away from drapes and from heat sources such as fireplaces, tv sets or radiators.

Use only CSA Certified lighting sets and only non-flammable decorations. Remove tree from the house as soon as possible after the Christmas celebrations.

Switch off tree lights at bedtime or when leaving the house.

Do not allow cotton batten, discarded gift wrappings, or other combustible material under the tree.



Metallic trees are conductors of electricity, and should not be decorated with strings of lights, but illuminated with floodlights.

Allow bulb to cool off before removing or touching.

Check strings of electric lights carefully for worn insulation, broken plugs or loose bulb sockets.

Declare the tree a no smoking area and keep matches out of the hands of children.

Always look for CSA certification mark when buying new lights or lighted displays.

Proper planning for Christmas lighting enhances safety, but also will help you to get the best out of your display.

Special effects and contrasts in color can be achieved with the use of spot-lights or floodlights. These bulbs are made to withstand snow, rain, etc. Know the difference between "series" and "multiple" burning lights. It determines the type of bulbs for replacement.

Be certain that outdoor and indoor lights are marked as such on the box. When string is provided with insulating washers on sockets, use them for greater safety. It keeps water from seeping in.

Use only insulated staples to hold strings in place, not nails, tacks, or brads. Or run string through hooks obtainable from hardware stores. When replacing burned out bulbs, always unplug power supply first, make sure replacement lamp is the right kind and voltage. CSA requires that package of replacement lamps bear guidelines to assist in selection of bulb. Make sure that the metal of the reflector be prevented from contacting screw shell of either lamp or socket. CSA certifies the reflector which fits around bulb and is usually sold separately.

Many gifts are electrically powered - look for the CSA Certification Mark on electrical toys, appliances, tools, snow throwers, etc.

Be sure to have a fire extinguisher at home.

An overloaded circuit will cause overheating and a fire hazard. If a fuse blows, or the circuit trips, turn off and unplug one or more appliances to prevent too great a drain on power supply. When replacing a fuse, never use one of higher amperage than indicated for the particular circuit.

Always read manufacturers instructions carefully and follow them to the letter.

Never leave small children unattended.

The Fire Hall would like to wish all of you a fire safe Festive season.

USE
CHRISTMAS
SEALS



It's a Matter of Life and Breath

More with BAMSO

Continued from page 6

were on hand to congratulate the new Sarge. It was a welcome surprise for all of us, as we thought that we had been gathered together for the dreaded "Christmas has been cancelled briefing." Keep up the good work Barry!

Anne (I want my own telephone) Davey has once again departed sunny (?) Comox for the frozen wastelands of Eastern Canada. She will learn all about the ARN-82 VOR/ILS System and then, filled with this vast knowledge, she will tackle the QL 6A course. Good luck Anne!

While back on the home front, we have one very proud new father! Bob Gauvin's wife Helen gave birth to a whopping 8 lb, 8 oz baby boy. The noticeably taller father was seen roaming around NAVCOM handing out chocolate bars. Mr. Big to be exact, guess he didn't need the Sweet Maries this time. According to Bob, this is the best looking baby he has ever seen! We're still awaiting pictures.

This has profoundly affected another one of our technicians.

Warren Sutton, also a soon-to-be father, has been desperately seeking a way to top the gender symbolic chocolate bars! However it seems that Labatts doesn't make pink labelled beer; better hope it's a boy Warren!

In the meantime, our two resident space cadets, Bruce and Ron, have been busy playing engineer. Their TWO year, multimillion dollar public address system project is almost completed. As soon as they find a cabinet big enough to house the 30 lb transformers and the 50 Amp power transistors, they should be done. Bruce hopes that 900 watts output will be adequate and Ron just wants cosmic feedback.

Clive Web, on the other hand, just wants people to quit bugging him about the Forbidden Plateau party. Some party Clive, the youngest girl there had fond memories of doing the Cha! Cha! with Fred Astair.

Our two 4x4 techs, Gilles and Brian, have been seen gloating at us less fortunate vehicle

operators as the Winter sludge has increasingly decended upon us. Never seen two grown men pray for bad roads before.

Also Perry Johnson has returned. He was in Shearwater learning what makes a doppler dopple. Seems he ran into an old buddy of his back there; "Booger" Harrison helped make his six week stay more enjoyable. It's too bad Perry didn't learn anything on his course though. It seems that "Flash" Johnson tried to measure four kilovolts with an ordinary voltmeter, and resulting explosion put the poor lad into shock, and now he thinks he's back in the Armoured Corps. Probably where he belongs though, at least until he remembers his electronic's theory. His wife is still upset about the microwave; it seems to have a few extra components imbedded in it.

Back in Command Center of this complex lab, Sgt Lunde alias "The Head Honcho," has been seen trying to find a NSN for a telephone answer machine, guess he doesn't answer the phone every minutes.

Well, as for the rest of o Techs. Sheila's still on cours and Cliff's on leave, so I can't pick on them. As for Carl, well, he's just too grumpy to pick on.

Last but not least, Sylvie has deemed that any details of her personal life are just too sordid for publication and this author feels that he is too young to die, so her gracious request for anonymity will be granted.

So, 'till next time, Merry Christmas, everyone.

FIRE HALL NEWS

Fred Johnson attended a Gas Safety Course for 2 days in New Westminster. He is now classified as an expert on "Gas."

Bill Gawdun and Dickie Manzuck went on a 1 day Ex-termination Course in Vancouver.

Ron Bennett attended a 1 day Shock Trauma Course in Vancouver.

Mike Joyal is posted to HMCS ALGONQUIN, Halifax.

Congratulations to Charlie and Shirley Dunn on the birth of their daughter on Dec. 5th.

Don Parsons is being screened for Germany.

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SECTION NEWS

Demon Doins

407 Photo does windows too!



Doin' windows...Cpl Rick Bonin of 407 Photo takes a little time out from photo duties to perform at his alternate trade. With squeegee in hand and an absolute disregard for the towering heights Rick did a masterful job. That's performance Rick!

Base Photo

AIRCREW

HO HO HO!!! Christmas will soon be visiting 407 once again. Maj Bishop's attempt to get two new Auroras through the supply system failed so we are still waiting to see if he has any other Christmas ideas. It seems the extra birds would have been handy as the SOPs, playing Old Father Christmas, tried to give two of our precious airplanes to NAS North Island. The CO however, was quick in putting an end to that, he wanted the boys back for the Christmas party. Now why would Denny Thomas be trying to pacify the Americans? Will Santa try and stuff a new moustache in a stocking for the Flight Commander? Keep an eye on your hockey socks. I've noticed the Nuts 'n' Puts aren't nearly as intimidated now that the moustache is gone. The CO was signing OPDP deferrals in Santa-like fashion. Did anyone slip one in for March or June? And yes, speaking of OPDPs, Maj Boivan did win the door prize at the all-ranks Christmas Party. A fine party. Thanks to all those involved in the organizing, preparing, cleaning up and to all those involved in just enjoying it all.

'Tis the season for parties: squadrons, messes, sections, crews, occupations, etc. Rumour has it that a young

Nav signed up for the AESO party. When questioned about it, it was found out that he didn't really want to attend, he only wanted to make a cash donation equal to the fee.

It is suspected that the Murrays are hoping that this Christmas morning the lawns and streets in the PMQs will be covered in three feet of snow. It will be their last chance for a white Christmas. If there is snow, feel free to phone Kevin at 339-7527 for free snow removal. For the rest of us we hope winter stays up on the mountain so you can drive to it when you want it. Ah, life in the Comox Valley!

Base Commander's Commendations were received by Crew Four and Crew Five for their respective SAR missions. Congratulations for a job well done. Also of note, WO Rob Gibson was recognized for his high degree of professionalism and received the award from Col Gibbon.

Nuff said except MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

ARMAMENT

Well once again folks it's time to hear some words of wisdom from 407 Armament. Where to start. Ah ha! I guess first a big hand of applause should go to Chris Stoyles, Don Wilson and Frank Bliss (Base Arm't) for organizing the

Armament Xmas Party which was held on Saturday (6th) at the JR's Club. Thanks guys, same time next year. Rumour has it that Chris will be paying for that party for awhile.

Next on our not so long list congrats should go to Cpl Jocelyn Chaput who was recently promoted to those lofty heights. When's the party Jocelyn?

Well, I'm running out of paper - also news. Oh yeah! We have a new addition to our happy family. Todd Giles and his wife JoAnne have joined us from Borden where they just completed their TQ3 training.

As "Stu" would say (being a good sailor) welcome aboard, hope you enjoy your stay. Last on the list we'd like to bid a fond "Adieu" to Mitch Kain who's presently learning to be a POET in sunny Kingston and

also Jason Froese who'll be joining him shortly after the New Year. Jason's going to keep everyone in Kingston entertained. Kingston will never be the same (I mean same).

For all of you late shoppers only 15 shopping days remaining until Christmas.

From all of us at 407 Armament, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have fun. See you next time.

CO'S
CHRISTMAS
MESSAGE

As we approach the festive season we may all take a great deal of pride in our accomplishments over the past year. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all Demons for their efforts in once more maintaining our unmatched standard of excellence.

407 Squadron is Comox's largest family and the next two weeks will see many of us spread across the country visiting loved ones for Christmas. No matter where you spend it, my wife Jill and I wish you a safe, happy Christmas with every sincere wish for good health and happiness in 1987.

LCol R.B. Sutherland
Commanding Officer
407 Squadron

BASE COMMANDER'S COMMENDATIONS



Maj Bouchard accepts for Crew 4



Capt Langevin accepts for Crew 5

SECTION NEWS

Supply
Signals

Hello and MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Base Supply personnel. As this is my first time writing our little report in this newspaper, and after painstakingly canvassing all our Outpost Supply sections, and eventually sorting out all responses (which took only a few minutes), these are the results.

Dec 6th was the night of the Supply Christmas Party, held at the Rod & Gun Club and an extremely good time was had by all. A much appreciated "Job Well Done" to our Party Fund Committee members from all who attended.

The party went off without a hitch and for all the women who plan to go to Christmas Parties and can't decide what to wear, it was very noticeable at ours that "Blue & Pregnant" is really in this year. We had all kinds of people at our party, Early Birds, fashionably late comers, late, late comers, Don Johnson dressalikes, cool and casuals.

The food was excellent, plentiful and enjoyed by everyone. Celery was popular, either by the handfuls (M.G.) or in Caesars to quench one's thirst.

One slight problem occurred when the D.J.'s microphone malfunctioned but never worry, Barry came to the rescue and in his calm, cool nature his bellowing voice was heard by everyone, "GROWLIES ON" in the correct order, except for table number 14 who stole the tag from number 6 and jumped in line! Right, C. Deruelle?

Moving on to other gossip and news-

Pte Luther, who moved to LPO section was very disappointed last issue when the other personnel involved in his

trade negotiations (two YTEPs and future considerations), were noted and his name didn't appear. So there you go Kevin.

Pte Borkent (Caroline) from General Stores is now affectionately known as 'BOB' (Baby of the Base) and soon will be turning in her YTEP status for Col's bars.

Liz Hardy has been seen lately with a huge smile, since she heard that HMCS Protector may be taking females to sea. (Go forth Sailorette)...

George Orbell just celebrated his 39th birthday with the grand opening of KEOKI's LAUNDRY at Gen Stores.

By press time we all hope that C. Olsson has rounded up all her trusty staff and corralled them back in the C.E. Bldg.

Who says computers don't have feelings. Our CSO/MUX seems to have problems in the morning. Hi Deanna.

Welcome is extended to Pte Shane Howser, who recently joined our Happy Family from CFSAL Borden.

Not to forget!! Welcome back to the fold, WO Doc Fleming who recently spent a glorious week in our Capital City. He must have had a good time since he was one day late coming back, or, he flew White Knuckle Airlines (CAF).

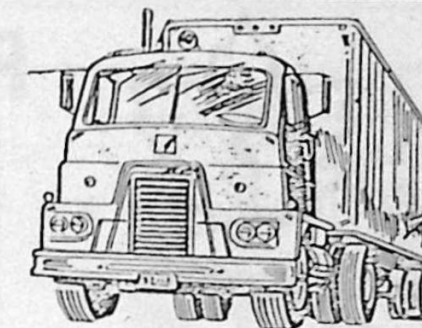
Also Keith Guildler, (Gen Stores Driver) has done it again. He took his 'Harem' to Campbell River bingo and won the jackpot. Too bad he had to split his share with them.

To end our entry to this edition Best Wishes during the Holiday Season and the New Year are extended to all who have read our column and please be extra careful during the Festive Season because we would love to see you all in 1987.

SCUBA CLUB?

Anyone interested in joining the Base Scuba Diving Club please contact Pte Green Loc 2272 (Pay Office). The club is in the process of being formed and we request your support.

Merry Christmas

TRUCKIN'
TALES

TRUCKIN' TALES

A few words only from the Base Transportation Section to honour the Christmas season...

The fairly hectic pace of the summer and fall activities has receded somewhat to be replaced by the anticipation of the Christmas season. Thoughts once again turn to home and loved ones near and far.

Also, since the end of the calendar year is fast approaching, one tends to look back and remember the accomplishments of the past twelve months. Since there are likely resolutions to be made (again) for the coming year, this is also a time for introspection, a time for adjustments and accommodation. For a few days around this time each year we rediscover the true spirit of, not only Christmas, but life itself. Loving, sharing, giving—all the traditional values learned in our youth and reinforced throughout our lives and, sadly, sometimes relegated to a secondary importance in our day to day activities.

Therefore, to all friends, acquaintances and associates

within and without the Base Transportation organization, a sincere offering of good wishes for a happy and memorable Christmas. May the New Year bring you health, wealth, and much success and hope for the future.

The following paragraphs have been contributed by our Base Maintenance Land correspondent.

Here we are in December already and Base Maintenance haven't even put away their Halloween costumes yet...at least that's what it looks like with all the grumpy faces around here...I guess the VISA card is taking another hit this holiday season eh? Bah, hum-bug!

New people on the vehicle maintenance floor are Pte Tim Edmonds, Pte Barry Ellacott and Pte Norman Rouette. All three came to us straight from their TQ 3 course in Borden and we welcome them to their first posting here in sunny downtown Lazo. Good things come in threes I've been told.

Our newest civilian member, Merv Ritchie, hails from good old Merville, B.C. and he even

wore his new three piece suit with his gum boots to the social gathering at the golf course last Saturday night. Both the Base Transport and BM(L) Christmas parties were a huge success. Congratulations go to Ann and Yvan Tremblay and Mike and Beth Hurley, both of whom became the proud parents of baby boys...we do other things in maintenance besides tune-ups you know!!

I was told the other day by some bearded fat man in a red suit that everyone in Base Maintenance was going to have a Happy Christmas season this year....I don't know where the Snap-On-Tools man got that information but let's hope that he is right. Base Maintenance personnel wish the same to a CFB Comox personnel. Pre to the beat...Arte et Marte...

This concludes the from the Base Transportation Section for this time. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AND ALWAYS KEEP IN MI THE DEFINITION LEGALLY IMPAIRE.

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WO Bob Buckley
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Outdoor Writers of Canada

Hard to believe it's time for another Christmas issue. Right off the bat I'll say Merry Christmas to all my readers and especially to the staffs of the newspapers that print *Pipe Smoke*, *The Cold Lake Courier*, the *Chilliwack Mountaineer*, and the *Comox Totem Times*. To all a very happy holiday and a prosperous 1987.

1986 has been a good year for me. No great problems, no sickness, no deaths, etc. I've gained weight and gotten a year older, though. 1987 will be a year of change as I leave the Canadian Forces and go to seek my fortune elsewhere. In the words of Rudyard Kipling "the same as your orf'cers do."

This will be my 35th Christmas as a member of the Canadian Forces. Well I remember the first one in 1952 and how lonely it was in a barracks in St. Jean's Quebec, far from family and friends. Young servicemen didn't have money to go home in those days, and there were no Christmas special flights. This year some of the children and grand children will be with us so I guess we have a lot to be thankful for.

Far too many of us forget the real meaning of Christmas, and I'd like to re-tell a story I have told before.

In 1939 a farm labourer, his wife and four small children were living on the west coast lower mainland. There was not one red cent of

Pipe Smoke

By Gerry Gerow

extra money to celebrate Christmas with. They had barely enough to eat. This was before the days of welfare and Santa Claus funds, etc. This was poverty on a level unknown in Canada, today, thank God. These parents decided to forget about Christmas. They lived outside of town and the children would never even notice, if they didn't say anything.

Christmas eve arrived and after dark there was a knock at the door. When they answered, there was nobody there. A car was driving away, and, there on the porch, were several boxes filled with everything for a complete Christmas.

There was a tree, decorations, a turkey and all the trimmings. Gifts for the whole family were included. Truly a miracle.

We do not know to this day, 47 years later, who it was that ensured the Gerow family had a Christmas that year. But, some people sat down to their Christmas dinner with a very warm feeling in their hearts.

This Christmas, why not do something kind for someone in a quiet anonymous way. I can guarantee you'll feel good about it in a very special fashion.

So, Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, and Frohe Weihnacht. Until next year, all the best. Merry Christmas to you, too, Frank.



SPORTS & RECREATION

Sports Shorts

CFB COMOX BASE BOWLING ROLL-OFFS

A Base bowling roll-off was held on 11-12 Dec 86 to select a team to represent CFB Comox at the Pac Region Bowling Championship to be hosted by Comox from 2 - 6 Feb 87. A total of twenty-one personnel battled it out, and in the end the following individuals were successful in making the team.

1. WO Lyle McManus	4786
2. WO Bill Hill	4542
3. Sgt Ab MacDonald	4484
4. MCpl Harry Weeds	4462
5. WO Neil Peters	4422
6. Sgt Doug Slaunwhite	4371

GYMNASIUM CLOSURE

The Base Gymnasium (gym floor only) will be closed on 20 and 27 Dec 86 from 1300 - 1600 hrs (PMQ Christmas Party). All activities scheduled during this time are cancelled.

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LOUNGE: 4:00 PM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT (TERRI WOOD)
CLUB WEST: 4:00 PM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT
GREENHOUSE REST.: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

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LOUNGE: 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM
CLUB WEST: 4:00 PM - 2:00 AM
GREENHOUSE REST.: 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM
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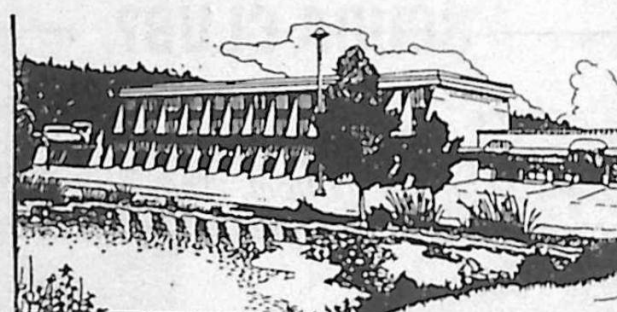
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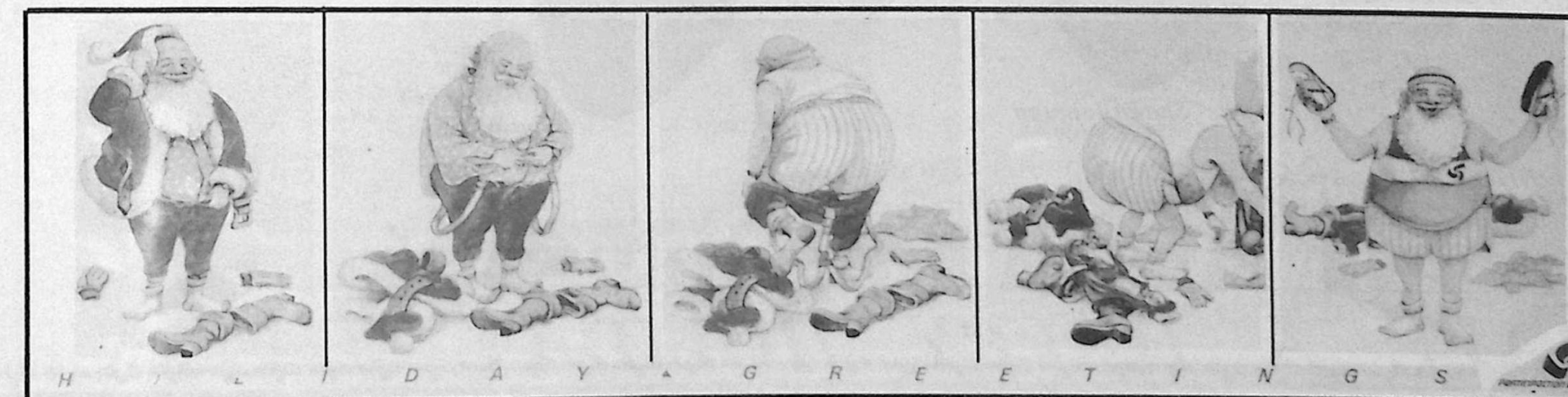
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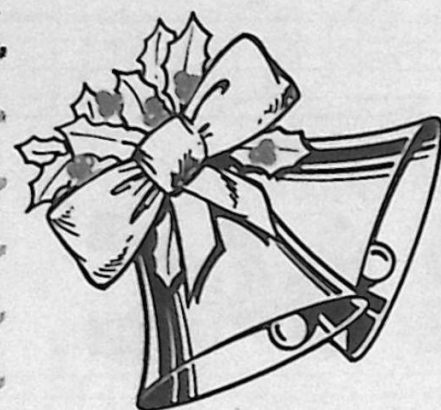
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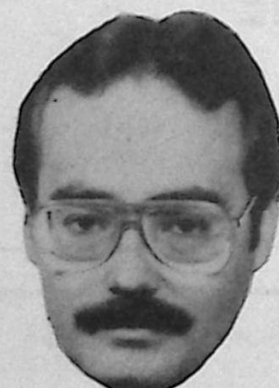


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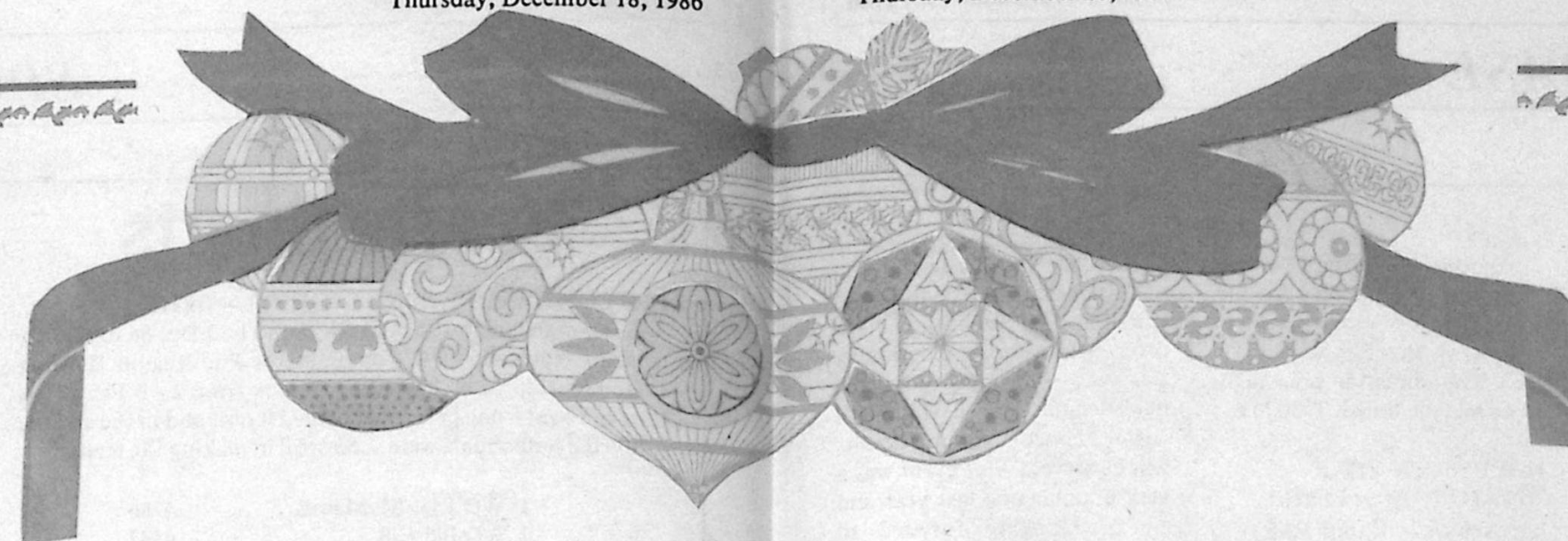
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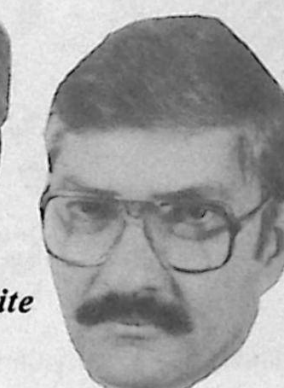
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AROUND THE BASE

Community Council News

Once again the festive season is upon us and the PMQ Council is actively involved in bringing the season closer to the community.

Our schedule includes again this year movies for the youngsters on the 20 and 27 Dec, and of course the ever popular visit of Santa, the evening of 20 Dec 86. Santa will be coming to see each and every girl and boy with his usual bag of goodies. The

movies scheduled for showing are subject to change, either the movie itself or its order. Please see below for further details.

20 DEC 86

At the Recreation Centre, free pop and popcorn for all the children, young and old alike. We expect to show the Disney movie, "Robin Hood" at 1330 hrs. Admittance to both movies is free however we

ask that you donate a tinned good that will be donated to the Comox Valley food bank to aid others during the holiday season.

20 DEC 86

Commencing at 1800 hrs, Santa and his helpers will be visiting us folks in Wallace Gardens, have all the youngsters ready to tell Santa just how good they've been.

27 DEC 86

Another Children's movie, this one "Ichabod & Mr. Toad." This movie will be shown at the Rec Centre as well. The admission price is the same and the time is 1330 hrs.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
03 JAN 87 - After Lunch

A vehicle will tour PMQs to pick up your Christmas trees, or bring your tree to the bonfire behind Gilwell Hall, by the back access road to MQs.

03 JAN 87 - 1900 hours

This evening will be the usual Christmas Tree burn. We promise to have enough donuts this year. The bonfire will be held behind Gilwell Hall. Hot coffee, chocolate, and donuts will be served. This event was a very popular one last year and we are looking forward to seeing you all there and hope it will start us all off on the right foot in the New Year with a big boost of community spirit.

Officers Mess

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THURSDAY JANUARY 1

NEW YEARS LEVEE Time 1100-1300 hours. Moose Milk and Bloody Marys. Light lunch consisting of cold cuts, hot ham, clam chowder and potato salad. Dress will be S3.

WEDNESDAYS JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28

OFFICERS COFFEE HOUR Coffee will be served in the lounge at 1000 hrs. Dress will be dress of the day. All officers are invited to attend.

FRIDAYS JANUARY 9, 16, 23

REGULAR TGIFs - Food as indicated 1700 - 1800 hrs. Free taxi. Ask at Bar.

WEDNESDAYS JANUARY 14, 28

OWC BRIDGE CLUB at 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21

"LADIES NIGHT OUT" 7:30 for 8:00

FRIDAY JANUARY 30

MIXED TGIF "OLD UNIFORM NIGHT" Dig the old uniform out of mothballs and dust it off for the grand reunion of Old Uniforms. There will be prizes for the best. Food will feature Prime Rib at 1930 hrs. This will be followed by dancing to DJ. Cost per couple: Members free. Limited Associates and guests \$10.00 (Please sign at door).

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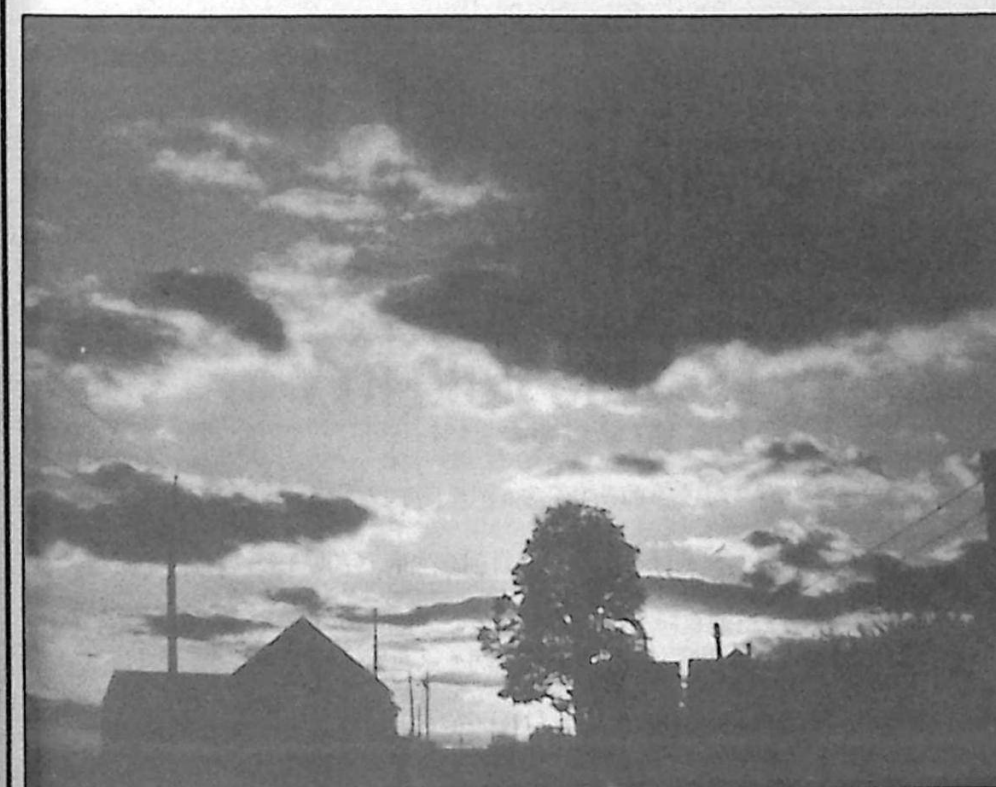
The Great Photo Contest



The shutter bugs.....Here we have the winners and various others who wish they were. Pictured left to right back row are MCpl Attilio Sartori, contest honcho and all round overseer: Pte Tokar, 1st in slides category: Maj Thain, 1st in people in action category: WO Brian Isfeld, 1st place in the open category: Cpl Lambillon, 3rd in people in action category: WO Al Brazeau, just likes to be in pic-

tures and wishes he could use a camera (actually Al's son Paul came 2nd in the slide category. Front row left to right are Cpl Jansen, 2nd in people in action category and Sgt Dyck, 3rd in the slide category and 3rd in the open category. Well done guys and thanks for the support in what we hope will become an annual event.

Congratulations to the Winners



1st...Open Category



WO Isfeld

1st....People in Action Category

Maj Thain

SECTION NEWS

As The Beacon Turns

The section would like to take this opportunity to wish Ptes Hicks and Shaver good luck on their upcoming TQ 3 course, and Cpl Tinker on his TQ 5 course, both courses are scheduled to commence on Jan 5/87.

Congratulations go out to Cpl Roy Field who recently qualified in Par and Pte Kevin Young who qualified in IFRCC Data. Roy is leaving us in mid January for his Data System Course. Under unit check out is Capt Pete Foley and Capt Ted Norrie, both down from the tower to join the mushroom club.

Joe Pacowski and Lorraine Comeau were kind enough to have an open house on Dec 6, everyone enjoyed themselves and it got them into the Christmas spirit. Many thanks from your co-workers.

The Base Ops Christmas

Party held on Dec 12 was enjoyed by one and all. It was interesting with Capt. Mcleod being invited to the head table and shortly thereafter asked to give up his seat to the BATCO who arrived a few minutes late. Well, he managed to keep all his dignity and resumed his original place. Immediately after that we were accused of delaying the dinner. "Impossible ATC has never delayed anything."

A little Scottish history...Did you know that clan Campbell led the English to the clan MacDonald camp site and joined in the subsequent massacre of the MacDonalds. Scotland then fell to the English. Moral: Watch out for them Campbell guys.

On a final note, Merry Christmas to everyone from Air Traffic Control.

Origins of the Species

John Bradley



No. 7 Squadron/No. 12 Squadron

During the middle to late 1930s, RCAF Headquarters had a number of units, both flying and non-flying under its direct control. One of these units was No. 7 General Purpose (GP) Squadron which was formed at RCAF Station Rockcliffe on 29 January 1939 under the command of S/L E.G. Fullerton. The squadron came about when four separate flights were brought together to form a single squadron. These four flights consisted of Test, General Purpose, and two Photographic Flights. The unit was equipped with Bellanca Pacemakers and Fairchild 71s, both single engine, high wing monoplanes.

A year later, on 1 February, the squadron divided up into two distinctly separate flights, Test Flight and General Purpose Flight. The former was created to test newly acquired aircraft and to test and develop new techniques and procedures for aerial photography. Also at Rockcliffe at that time was No. 8 (GP) Squadron which also split into two separate flights, giving up its General Purpose Flight to No. 7 Squadron and receiving in turn, that squadron's Photographic Flight. In spite of the fact that No. 8 Squadron now had the photographic unit, No. 7 retained the testing functions for aerial photography.

War broke out in early September 1939 and on 10 September, No. 7 (GP) Squadron was disbanded so the majority of its members could proceed to operational squadrons to help them come up to full war-time strength. During its short three and a half year life, No. 7 Squadron had five different

Commanding Officers. The needs of transporting senior

RCAF officers and government officials was readily apparent so the remnants of the unit were retained to form the Air Force Headquarters Communications Flight until August 1940 when the Flight was brought up to strength once again and redesignated as No. 12 Communications Squadron under the command of W/C J.L. Plant. Just prior to being reformed as a full fledged squadron, it had also been known as No. 12 Communications Flight. Duties, besides transporting the various officials, included testing and ferrying new aircraft, and providing aircraft and flying time to various personnel at AFHQ, who wished to remain current in their various areas, be it as pilots, navigators or as a wireless operator. The squadron was also involved in giving would-be RCAF aircrew coming up from the United States, suitability flights to see if they had "what it takes."

Within the task of ferrying aircraft, the squadron was involved in the construction and proving of the North West Staging Route through Northern Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. The North West Staging Route was used for the ferrying of the various Lend Lease aircraft that were flown through Western Canada, Alaska and Siberia to be delivered to the Soviet Air Force fighting the Germans and her numerous allies on the Eastern front. The squadron was also extremely active during the Quebec Conference in 1943 in transporting numerous VIPs between Quebec City, Ottawa and

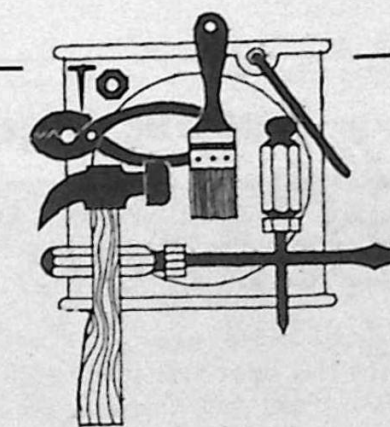
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Due to both its testing and transport functions, No. 12 (Comm) Squadron flew the largest inventory of aircraft of any squadron in the RCAF. Between 30 August 1940 and 1 April 1947 when the squadron was redesignated as No. 412 (Composite) Squadron, No. 12 flew thirty one different aircraft types. Some of these aircraft, such as the Barkley Grow T8P-1 and the Lockheed 212, were single types flown solely by them and no one else. During the war years this multitude of aircraft included such types as Northrop Deltas, North American Harvards and Yales, Boeing 247Ds, Douglas Dakotas, Noorduyn Norsemen, Hawker Hurricanes, Fleet Fawns, Beechcraft Expeditors, and a Consolidated PBV. No. 12 had been allocated the squadron code QE for use between 1940-1942 but this was rarely used.

As stated earlier in this article, No. 12 was redesignated No. 412 (K) Squadron (K is the proper RCAF abbreviation for Composite), in 1947, which, as of 1 April 1949 was redesignated as No. 412 Transport Squadron. No. 12 (Comm) Squadron's last CO was W/C W.H. Sweetman DSO, DFC until 31 March 1947. The next day 412 was formed and W/C Sweetman became its first Commanding Officer. No. 412 (K) and later 412 (T) Squadron were themselves descended from the wartime No. 412 (Fighter) Squadron which will be the subject of a forthcoming article in this series. As this series is dedicated to the RCAF prior to 22 June 1946, the story of No. 412 (K) and (T) Squadron will have to wait until a much later date.

SECTION NEWS

CE Happenings



Christmas greetings from CE Section. The Yule season is upon us again, and with it comes the many parties, everyone's Master Charge "hitting tilt" and the gift giving, after all, it is the season for giving.

Speaking of giving, the BCEO received a gift of a little green motorcycle from Santa (Cam Asher), and his office doors have been closed ever since. We assume he is in there playing with it.

We've torn up your roads this year, your kids can't sleep because the siding's being ripped off your PMQ, and now you've gone looking for the

Production Shops and they've disappeared! As a result of asbestos insulation being found in the back shops, things have pretty much dispersed to the four winds. The Carpenter Shop is now at the Wood Hobby Shop, Fridge Techs at the Arena, Paint and Electrical Shops at Building 19, 5 Supply Group is at MPO and the Production Office is in the CE coffee room, Cathy MacPhee commanding. Rumor has it this trauma is to be experienced till about the 17th of the month and then everyone will move back before Christmas leave overcomes us.

We are sad to see a few

people leaving us, from the WSPOL section we say farewell to Wayne "I'll be layin' on the beach" Mitchell, who is going on to bigger and better things outside the service. From the Fire Hall we say goodbye to Cpl Joyal, who is going to be boarding ships in Halifax for exotic destinations, and we also bid adieu to Wayne Cave, who is leaving the service for greener pastures.

This season the CE Hockey Team is making a strong showing due to the guidance of coach Derek Craig, with 4 wins, 4 ties, 4 losses record. When they all show up we have a great team. Our high scorer is

the Fire Hall's Greg "Puck Hog" Labonte, and our most goals in one game, by one person (against 407 Sqn) is Tom Mann, who racked up an impressive "five trick." Even Herb Nicholas got a goal, his first in Comox, against the Ops team.

Hockey is not all fun and games, as Herb found out. He got a sore back playing in goal against the Old Timers. Must have been all that twisting around to get the puck out of his own net.

We congratulate Sue Limoges on her expected new arrival. She is four months along and already modelling

the very latest in CF maternity wear. Of course design changes daily and can't be found in the CF Dress Manual. When I last spoke to her she had no names picked out yet which to me is a clear cut indication she needs help. So, if you have any suggestions, phone her at Local 2313. Before phoning in your suggestion remember "moon unit" is taken.

Again, all the best in the Christmas season to our readership, and please don't drink and drive. Any trouble calls over the Christmas season can be cheerfully responded to by calling the Fire Hall, and we'll see you in the New Year.

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New clerk...Pte Gibbon gets his unit checkout from some of the higher priced help. Base Commander, A/Col Caroline Borkent and the BWO, A/CWO Daniel Boulet help Pte Gibbon through those initial adjustments that come with being the new company clerk. One thing for sure, Pte Gibbon has impeccable taste in head gear. Borkent and Boulet enjoyed a brief stint in the world of make believe!



In Control...with things well in hand and running smoothly the team of Borkent and Boulet pause to reflect over some minor administrative adjustments that they were attempting to put in place during their abbreviated reign as Base Commander and Base Warrant Officer. Seems they were trying to ram through a routine of regular stand downs every Friday. Nice try gang!



PEACE ON EARTH



AROUND THE BASE

Here's De Judge



Judging the "Great Photo Contest" proved to be a trying experience. Pondering the entries is a local unknown judge who has actually fallen asleep. Was it Katie's black and whites that proved so difficult?

Youth Grants Program

Young people interested in getting something new going in their community, are urged to find out more about the Youth Grants Program of the Ministry of Continuing Education and Job Training. If you have an idea that would benefit a large number of young people and your community, you may be eligible for a grant to get that project underway.

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For more information, write Youth Grants Program, Ministry of Continuing Education and Job Training, or pick up an application from the Government Agent in your community.

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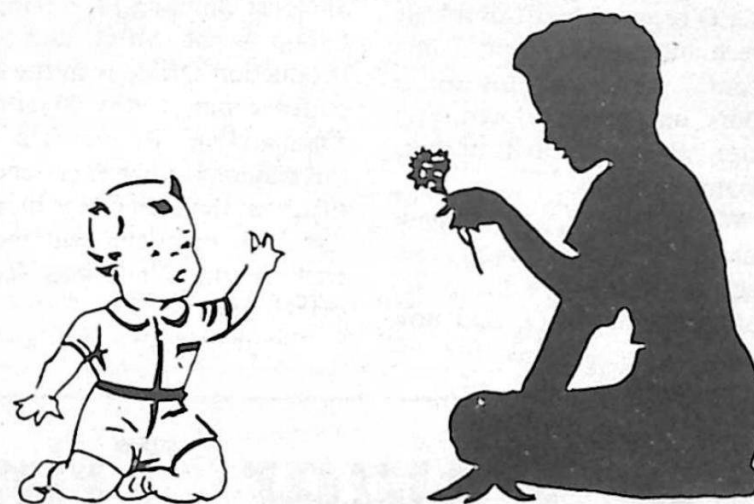
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Another year has passed by and once again we are celebrating Christmas and anticipating yet another New Year. The year seemed to go by only too quickly for the Jackaman family, perhaps because we spent five weeks out of Canada. Two of those weeks were spent in Ghana, West Africa, our home for three years prior to our posting to Comox. Our visit was at the invitation of the Ghana Government and we attended a number of diplomatic and military functions. It also gave us an opportunity to renew old friendships and spend time with our adopted Ghana extended families.

Visits to Africa always evoke mixed feelings. Life there is very different to that experienced in Canada. We tend to take for granted our high standard of living, political stability, excellent medical facilities and personal security. It is so very different for Africans who often lack their basic needs and do not have enough food and water for their daily requirements. It is too easy to look on such a society in a superior way and feel they have nothing to offer of value to us here in Canada. Not so, Canadians can learn a great deal from Africans. What they lack in worldly possessions they make up for in the warmth of their extended family relationships. It is this strong family life that enables them to cope with the day to day difficulties in obtaining the basic necessities of life.

Christmas is a time when we can review our own family situations. Perhaps we can cope better with the stresses and strains of our sophisticated society if we, too, can take time to build up a strong and happy family life. With that in mind I wish you all a very happy, joyful family Christmas and a New Year full of love and giving.

LCol J.E. Jackaman
Base Administration Officer

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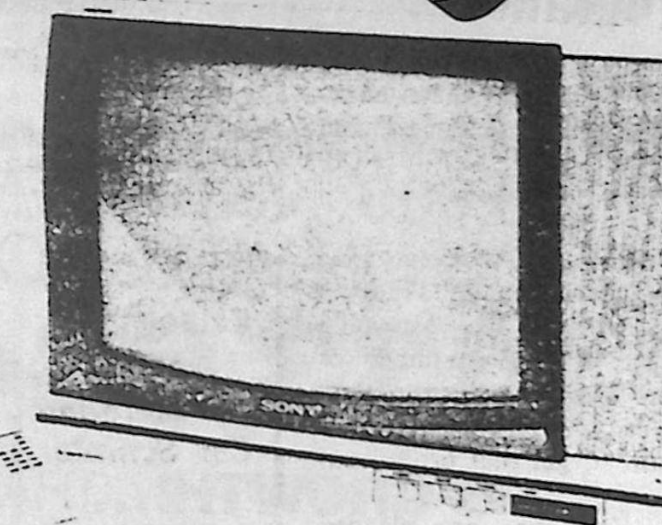
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On the third day of Christmas
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On the fourth day of Christmas
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On the fifth day of Christmas
the BWO gave to me,
Five charges pending
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On the sixth day of Christmas
the BITO gave to me,
Six french lessons
"mercy bon-ami."

On the seventh day of Christ-
mas
the BTNO gave to me,
Seven female drivers
all from MSE.

On the eighth day of Christmas
the MPs gave to me,
Eight points awarded
and a lecture about speed.

On the ninth day of Christmas
the BSUPO gave to me,
Nine bills of lading
incoming from CMTT.

On the tenth day of Christmas
the PMC gave to me,
Ten mess dinners
which were not exactly free.

On the eleventh day of Christ-
mas
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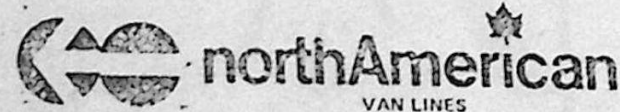
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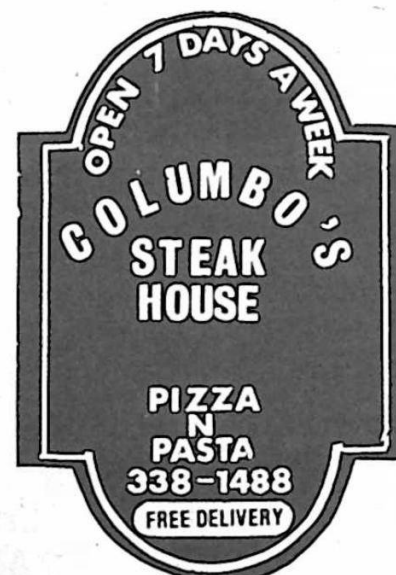
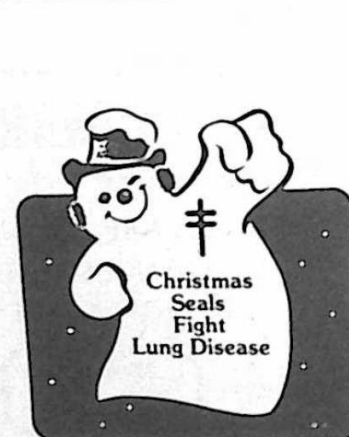
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 ANNÉE

CHECKIN' OUT NELLIE



Dateline Davis-Montham A.F.B. Arizona... Our Base Commander, Col Ted Gibbon "zapped" Nellie with the Maple Leaf Roundel on a recent venture south. It was a symbolic gesture to reserve the old P2V7 "Neptune" aircraft for the CFB Comox air park. VP International has been working for some time to procure the addition for the air park. Davis-Montham A.F.B. is the aircraft boneyard for old and not so old relics. Surprisingly the Neptune is in almost flyable condition and with a little luck and a little cash we might soon see Nellie behind the fence on Little River Rd. (Ed Note: the Neptune is close to my heart so go for it guys!)



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AROUND THE BASE

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Once again another year has passed and the holiday season is upon us. It is important to remind ourselves that we have so much to be thankful for and we are indeed fortunate to be Canadian. This past year has provided many happy memories which will mark 1986 as one of the best for many people. From all the members of Base Operations, best wishes to you and your family for a very merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year.

LCol T.B. Rogers
 Base Operations Officer

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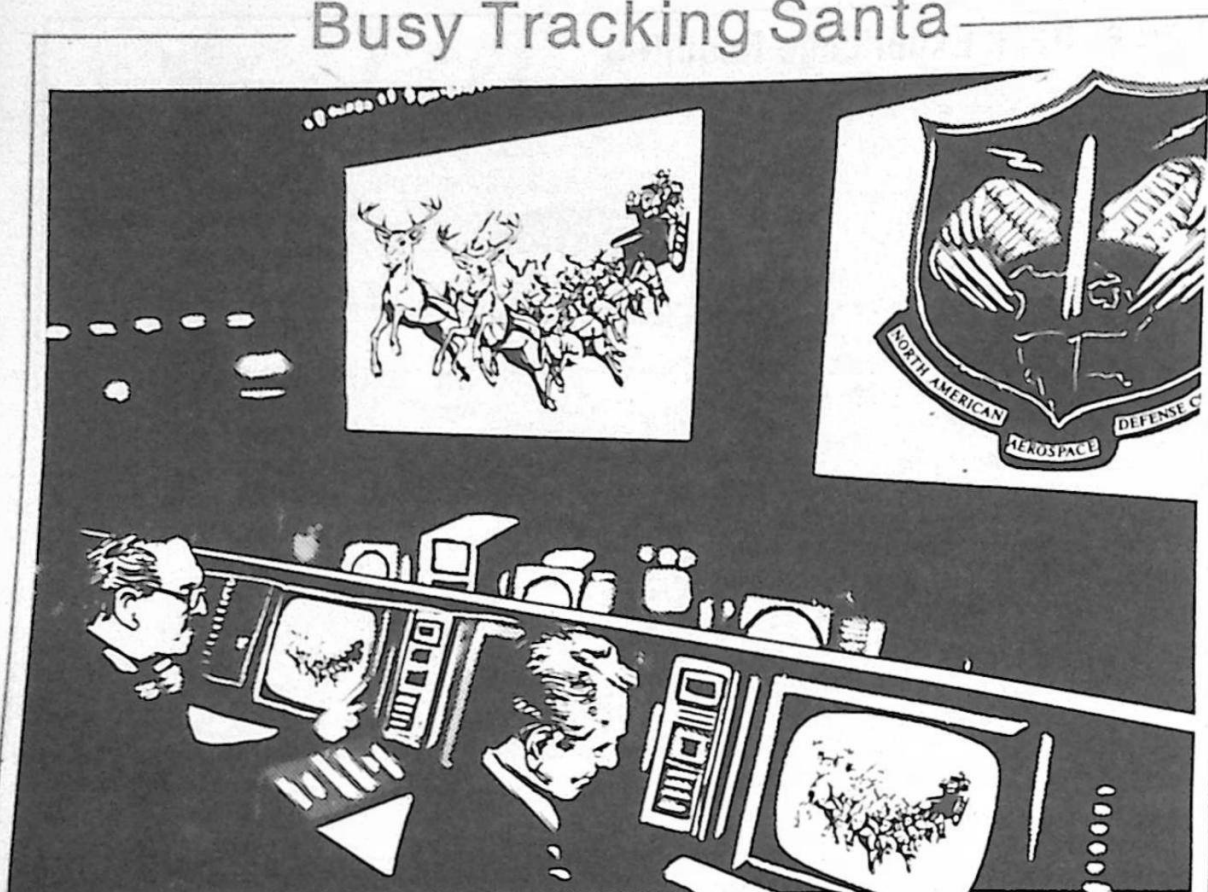
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AROUND THE BASE

Busy Tracking Santa



SANTA ON THE SCOPE— Inside NORAD's underground Cheyenne Mountain Complex, combat crews in the Command Post monitor Santa Claus' progress during a special Christmas Eve tracking operation.

NORAD TRACKS SANTA

Colorado Springs, Colo.— This Christmas Eve will mark the 31st year whereby the men and women of the North American Aerospace Defense Command will watch for a friendly launch from the North Pole. To ensure a once-again safe journey, Santa Claus will be followed closely by NORAD's ground-based radar and satellite tracking station as he makes his yearly trek.

For 365 days a year, the men and women of NORAD scan their scopes watching for worldwide launches and reporting them to their commander in chief, General Robert T. Herres, for his assessment.

Santa Claus, known for not filing flight plans, must be visually identified by Canadian and U.S. fighter interceptors and will be followed intently by NORAD's crews. This tradition of monitoring abrupt take-offs and landings of a flying sleigh, began with "the nicest wrong number" encountered by a certain youngster.

In 1955, the accidental phone call to the then-Continental Air Defense Command here began the Santa Watch tradition.

A misprint in a local store's advertisement giving a telephone number for Santa Claus resulted in a call to now-retired Col. Harry Shoup, Director of Combat Operations. When the

Colonel answered the Commander-in-Chief's "hot line," small voice asked, "Is this one of Santa's helpers?"

After realizing that the youngster was not playing a joke, Col. Shoup said, "This is Santa Claus." As other calls flooded the supposedly unlisted number, Col. Shoup designated an officer to handle the "Santa Line." That Christmas season, many youngsters shared their Christmas lists with a "special Santa helper."

Feeling the Christmas spirit after answering several calls, one of the Command Post's crew members drew Santa and his sleigh on the display of the North American continent. During a surprise visit to the Command Post about a week before Christmas Eve, Col. Shoup found the "Santa Tracking" and that's how NORAD began its special Christmas Eve watch.

The tracking begins with a launch indication from the North Pole by Air Force Space Command's Satellite Early Warning System, which is in orbit more than 22,000 miles above the earth. Detecting the heat from Rudolph's red nose, the satellites, along with ground-based air defense radars, ballistic missile early warning systems and space surveillance sensors, plot the flight

of Santa and his nine tiny reindeer across North America.

Each movement of the toy-laden sleigh is funneled in real-time simultaneously to the Missile Warning Center, Space Surveillance Center, Air Defense Operations Center and the Command Post inside Cheyenne Mountain where the Command Director monitors the special operation.

A visual identification of the "unknown object" is accomplished by fighter interceptors from remote bases in Canada and the United States. These aircraft are on constant alert, ready to scramble to verify unknown airborne objects approaching North America's sovereign airspace.

NORAD relays this special tracking information to worldwide radio stations and several television networks to let youngsters everywhere know that Santa's on his way!

Thus, an accidental call 31 years ago began a Christmas Eve tradition now enjoyed by kids from one to ninety-two!

NOTE TO EDITORS: Those wishing to film/photograph at the Cheyenne Mountain Complex and/or conduct interviews in advance of Christmas Eve are requested to contact NORAD/PA Major Walt Chipchase at the earliest possible date at (303) 554-3714.

TELEPHONE TALK



BASE SYSTEM UNDERGOES MAJOR CHANGES

The DID feature in essence will permit outside users to contact base locals directly without going through the Base Switchboard operator. The DID system has been designed by the telephone company to allow a simple transformation from the old system to the new one. To call base local 2xxx after 10 January you simply dial 339-8xxx where xxx is the last three digits of the present local.

This feature has great advantages for both Base and outside users. Outside access to Base locals will be much quicker, and base operators will have more time to devote to outgoing long distance calls.

OTHER CHANGES

The introduction of DID will cause a few other changes to the Base telephone system. Starting 10 January the first digit of all Base locals changes from a two to an eight. This means that to contact local 2xxx from your base local you will have to dial 8xxx. In most cases there will be no change in the last three digits, so everyone will still know each other's locals.

Also in 10 January the CFB Comox switchboard number will change from 339-2211 to 339-8100. Base users who deal frequently with off base personnel are encouraged to inform them as soon as possible that they need no longer call the switchboard, but may call

direct to the user's local by dialling 339-8xxx. The old base local 339-2211 is no longer valid, but a recording will inform callers of the new number. The new switchboard number can still be used to contact the operator if the caller requires operator assistance.

Another change brought about by DID is the requirement to dial 78 instead of 8 to access the GP CSN system, and 77 instead of 7 to access the NTAS system. The number that other bases use to contact CFB Comox on these two systems also will change. Our GP number changes from 237-8011 to 252-8011, and our NTAS number changes from 334-0011 to 334-8011.

Everyone will be happy to hear that all these changes will be reflected in a completely revised telephone directory to be distributed the week prior to January 12th. All the new members will be included as well as lots of other good information on how to get more from your telephone system. If you have any questions regarding these changes, don't hesitate to call our Base operators or our telephone admission staff at local 2499 or 2393.

The following quick reference list is included here to summarize the main changes effective on January 10th. (we wouldn't think of suggesting that you cut it out):

ITEM	NOW	AFTER 10 JAN
CFB Comox switchboard	339-2211	339-8100
Calling a Base local from downtown	dial 339-2211 and ask for local 2xxx	dial 339-8xxx
Calling another local from on Base	dial 2xxx	dial 8xxx
Access GP CSN	8 plus number	78 plus number
Access NTAS	7 plus number	77 plus number
Comox GP number	237-8011	252-8011
Comox NTAS number	334-0011	334-8011

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