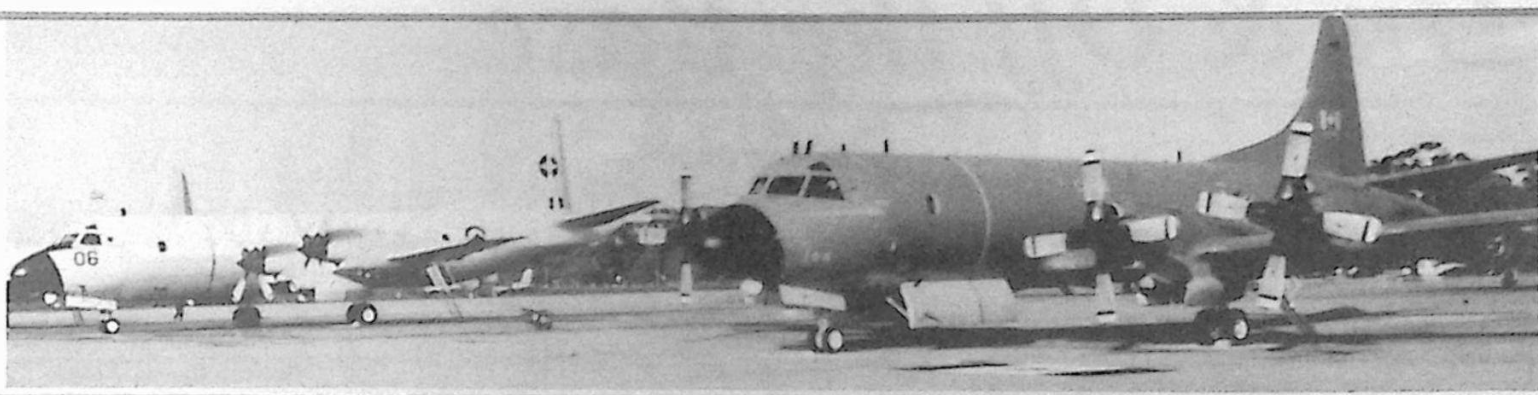


407
in
Australia

.... page 6



TOTEM TIMES

Canadian Forces Base Comox B.C.



VOL 33 NO 22 NOVEMBER 21 1991

NEXT DEADLINE 02 DECEMBER 1991

COST: PRICELESS

"We Will Remember Them"



The Last Post sounds at the Cenotaph in Comox, to begin two minutes of silence in remembrance of the fallen. More Remembrance Day pictures on page 24.

New Light Trucks for CF

OTTAWA -- The Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Supply and Services, announced today that Western Star Trucks Inc. (WSTI) of Kelowna, BC has been selected as the winner of the competition to produce approximately 2,750 light trucks for the Canadian Forces.

The Light Support Vehicle project will replace the Canadian Forces' aging fleet of light trucks which date back to 1976. The older vehicles are beyond their design life and are extremely costly to maintain and operate.

In addition to the vehicles, the

project will provide for such things as spare parts, engineering services and project management.

This project underlines some of the key elements in the Government's new defence policy, particularly equipment modernization for both the Regular and Reserve Forces. These vehicles will ensure the efficiency and mobility of soldiers in the field, giving them an improved capability to carry out land operations and training. The acquisition of these vehicles will provide benefits to industry

throughout Canada.

The new light trucks will be used by the Canadian Forces in missions ranging from territorial defence to civilian emergencies and peacekeeping duties. The trucks will be used to transport troops and cargo, and as a platform for specific functions such as the operation of field command posts, communication cells, maintenance facilities and ambulances.

The project requirements called for a rugged all-wheel

continued on Page 10



**United Way
over
by \$7000**

Thanks to those who made donations and to the outstanding work of all the Base's canvassers, CFB Comox has set an all time record for contributions to the United Way. The generous contributions totalled \$35,000. This exceeded the goal set for the Base by \$7,000. All contributing employees of the Base can take pride in the fact that we were able to provide nearly 25% of the tar-

geted goal for the Comox Valley. The fact that the Base represents a population considerably smaller than 25% of the Valley, exemplifies the support to which we contribute to the Community. It has been a financially strapping year for DND employees, as they have seen no raises, strikes, increases in medical and UI costs, and the ever present GST. Yet

continued on page 2

Remembrance Day Observed -- at Courtenay, Comox and Cumberland.

Advancing the Colours



At Cumberland, the Base Commander, Cumberland Legion President and Comox Base Chief Warrant Officer took the salute on November 11.

In Tribute



Base Commander Col J.E. McGee laid the wreath on behalf of CFB Comox at the cenotaph in Cumberland.

"RCAF March-Past" presentations

CF Unit Awards

CF Unit Commendations
The CDS has approved the Award of CF Unit Commendations to the following units:

For outstanding support to Canadian formations which were deployed for operations in the Arabian (or Persian) Gulf:

- 2 Air Movements Unit
- Canadian Forces Ship Repair Unit (Atlantic)
- Naval Engineering Unit (Atlantic)

For outstanding service during operations in the Arabian (or Persian) Gulf War:

- 416 Tactical Fighter Squadron
- 423 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron
- 439 Tactical Fighter Squadron

For outstanding dedication and professionalism in meeting urgent world wide operational requirements in the recent past:

- Canadian Forces Crypto Maintenance Unit

For outstanding dedication and professionalism during the clearing of explosives and other combat engineering tasks while supporting the United Nations Iraq Kuwait Observation Mission after the Gulf War:

- Combat Engineer Regiment
- Engraved medallions and accompanying citation scrolls and commendation flags will be forwarded to honoured units in due course.



The Base Commander, Col J.E. McGee, presented the bandleaders of the Comox Valley Pipe Band Society (above), and Courtenay Legion Pipe Band (below), with plaques inscribed with the lyrics of the RCAF March Past, at the Base Remembrance Day reception on November 11.

Tenor Drummer



Young member of Courtenay Junior Pipe Band lays into his drum, at the Base Remembrance Day Reception.

THIS IS ONE TEST YOU WON'T WANT TO BLOW



A roadside screening device could be in the hands of any police officer, any time, anywhere in the province.

Comox Air Force Museum

1 OCT THRU APR 10-4 p.m.
SAT SUN & HOLIDAYS

Featuring Gulf War
and 409 Sqn displays

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS
AVIATION

MEMORABILIA

BOOKS, FLAGS, MODELS, POSTERS,
HATS, SWEATERS, SHIRTS, PINS, PATCHES
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

PHONE (604) 339-8635

At the gate of CFB Comox

arts alliance

FRI • NOV • 15

TO
TUES • DEC • 31

CHRISTMAS

CRAFT

MARKET

367 FOURTH ST. • COURTENAY, B.C. • 338-6211