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## Boeing's last visit to Comox?

The ramp and skies over CFB Comox have once again been graced with the familiar outline of the Boeing 707. This faithful workhorse of Air Transport Group has been all but phased out of operation and

replaced by the Airbus A-310 in the transport role, but still fulfills a vital role as an aerial tanker for the F-18 fleet.

This may be the last hurrah for the Boeing tanker, officially called a KCC137,

and rumour has it that this will be its last visit to 19 Wing, although this could not be confirmed by press time. The familiar roar of its four J-57 turbojet engines meant welcome transport to many a Comox traveller over the years and the aircraft performed many vital missions all over the world.

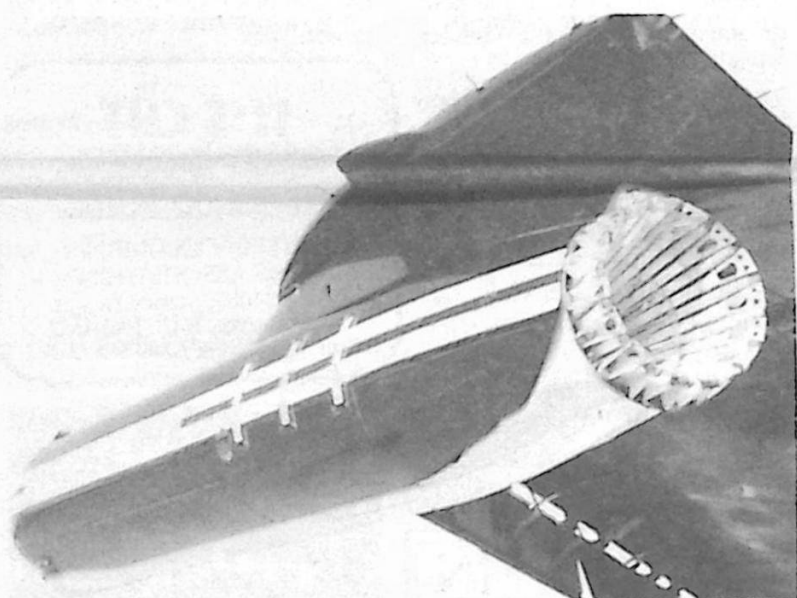
It can be safely said that no other fleet of Boeings saw more take-offs and landings than our small fleet of 707s.

A Canadian NORAD Region directed field training exercise, designed to test the Aerospace Defence System, was held recently and it involved units of 19 Wing as well as those of several other bases across North America.

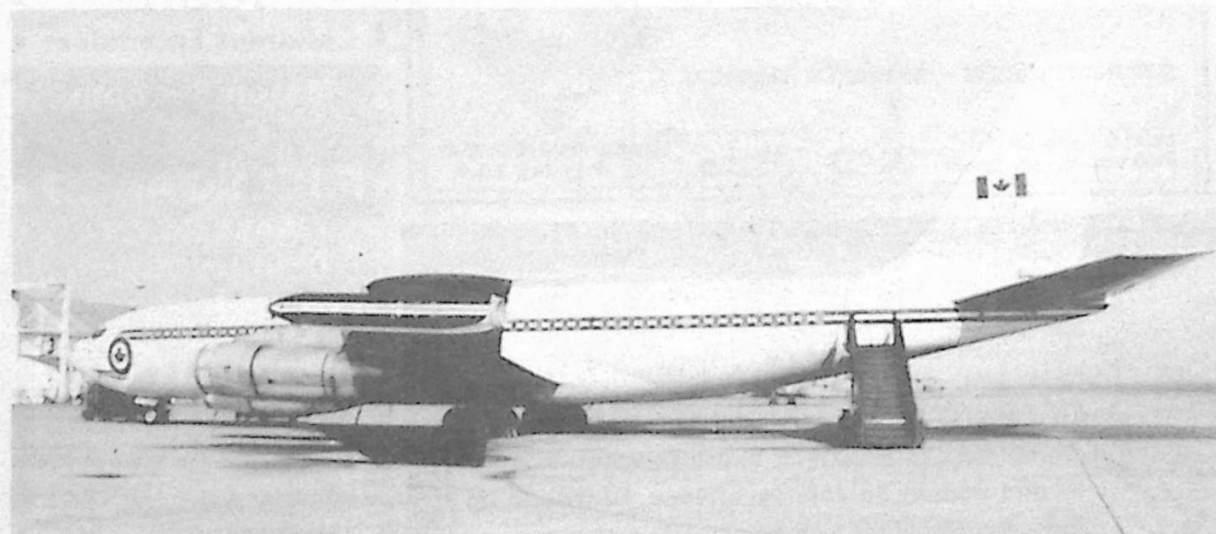
Aircraft from 416 Sqn,



The Boeing 707, still sporting the same paint scheme as it did throughout the 70s and 80s when it came to Comox regularly as a passenger plane.



This mechanism, installed on the end of the Boeing 707's wings, extends and retracts the basket used for air-to-air refuelling.



The Boeing 707, configured for air-to-air refuelling, sits on the tarmac during its last exercise here at CFB Comox. (Photos by Edith Cuerrier.)

407 Sqn and the KCC137 from 437 Sqn formed the elements of the Blue force which were tasked with the defence of North America. Assisting them on the naval side was one of the new city class frigates, HMCS Calgary.

The bad guys, or Red force, consisted of elements from 414 Sqn, 417 Sqn, 434 Sqn and two B-52 bombers from the 5th Bomber Wing U.S.A. The exercise took place over the past week and hopefully the Blue force won.

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DANCE.....every Friday night, 8:00 pm

28 February - Country Cousins  
07 March - Eldorado  
14 March - Alley Cats  
21 March - Tony Pollon  
28 March - Vested Interest

FUN EUCHE.....every Monday night 7:00 pm  
FUN CRIB.....every Wednesday night 8:00 pm  
SUNDAY CRIB.....1:00 pm  
FUN DARTS.....every Thursday night 7:30 pm  
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### ENTERTAINMENT:

Sat Feb 28 - VESTED INTEREST  
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Fri Mar 14 - ALLEYCATS (St. Patrick's Dance)  
Fri Mar 21 - ELDORADO  
Fri Mar 28 - HIGHWAY 19

### REGULAR EVENTS:

SUNDAYS.....Lounge Hours 12:00 Noon to 7:00 pm  
MONDAYS.....LA Drop-In Bingo, Upper Hall, 7:00 pm  
Monday night Men's Dart League 7:30 pm in Lounge  
TUESDAYS.....Mixed Dart League 7:30 pm in Upper Hall  
Ladies Crib League 7:30 pm in Lounge  
WEDNESDAYS.....Navy League Drop-In Bingo, 7:00 pm  
Upper Island Men's Crib League 8:00 pm in Lounge  
THURSDAYS.....\*1st Br.160 Exec. Mtg. Upper Hall, 7:30 pm  
1st L.A. Executive Meeting (as required) 7:30 pm  
\*2nd L.A. General Meeting, Upper Hall, 8:00 pm  
\*3rd Branch 160 General Meeting, Upper Hall, 8:00 pm  
FRIDAYS.....TGIF, Meat Draws in Lounge, 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
Dance, Lounge (unless advised)  
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## Time for a Lifeskills Course

(A joint project between 19 Wing Comox and the Comox Military Family Resource Centre.)

### 24-27 March Protestant Chapel Annex (next to Arena)

The course runs for 3-1/2 days and covers a wide range of topics using presentations, discussion and interactive exercises. Topics covered include: boundaries, risk taking, values, stress, goals, anger, communication, self-esteem. A main component of this Lifeskills program is that it is solution focused.

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Military personnel and spouses, and DND employees and spouses.  
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27 février: Atelier sur les coulours, 19h à 22h.  
10 au 14 mars: Semaine de la Francophonie - une exposition de photographies historiques, un film francophone, les mini franco-fun, une soirée de conversation française, une soirée culturelle, une Télé-Dictée, une Foire du Livre, une exposition de reproductions d'œuvres du fameux peintre français, Georges Césari (à la cafétéria de l'hôpital St-Joseph). Ces activités seront offertes durant toute la Semaine de la Francophonie à différents lieux de rencontre dans la Vallée de Comox.  
22 mars: Cabane à Sucre, 12h à 14h, Courtenay Fish & Game Club.  
24 mars: Cours "Faire de la germination chez soi," 19h à 21h.  
7 avril au 12 mai: Cours "Mangez à votre santé," 19h à 21h.  
Tous les lundis soirs: Conversation française, de 19h à 20h.  
Tous les mardis soirs: Chorale d'adultes, de 19h à 21h à la salle de musique de l'école Glacier View.  
Tous les mercredis soirs: Chorale d'enfants (6 à 13 ans) de 18h à 19h.  
Les mercredis 5, 12 et 19 mars: Mini Franco-Fun.  
Le mercredi 12 mars: Soirée culturelle, à 19h30, au Café Bar None (\$4.00) inclus un café ou thé et goûter.  
Le jeudi 13 mars: Ciné-famille, à 18h30. Titre: Le Big Green.  
Pour plus d'information téléphoner Johanne au 334-8884.

## Comox Valley adds to Christmas Seal total

Comox Valley residents contributed \$27,277 to a provincial grant total of \$1,517,049 raised by the 1996 Christmas Seal Campaign.

"We are grateful for everyone's support in what are difficult economic times for many people," says Dorothy Andraitis, Comox Valley director for the association. Last year, area residents donated \$27,731 to the 1995 Christmas Seal Campaign. "This is our largest single fundraiser, and I'm confident that the Comox Valley did as much as possible to support our important work for respiratory health in B.C.," says Andraitis.

The only agency of its kind in the province, the Lung Association receives less than 1% of its operating budget in direct government funding and relies on support from individual donors for most of its support.

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March 7 -- 7pm  
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March 8 -- 8pm  
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From the Wing Commander

## Flight Plan for Life funding priorities set

The aspect of Quality of Life in the Canadian Forces has come up on many occasions, through our daily lives and within media stories. It is an issue that most personnel deal with on a daily basis and we at 19 Wing Comox are very fortunate to have had this issue addressed by the Commander of AIRCOM.

As I recently advised you in my last article, AIRCOM has allocated a total of \$365,566 to address Quality of Life issues. The funds were allocated on a per capita basis determined by the number of Regular Force, Reserve Force and civilian personnel at 19 Wing. In a recent meeting of the Branch Heads and Commanding Officers, I asked that a Wing team be formed to discuss the ideas submitted by each unit in order to make recommendations for the expenditure of these funds. This team consisted of the following personnel: Maj Donaldson, WComp; CWO Dupuis, WCWO; CWO Paulekat, 407 Sqn; MWO Cote, W Log; Sue Powers, WEME; Sgt Schlegel, 442 Sqn; MCpl Ring, 414 Sqn; and Cpl Wade, 19 AMS.

Although some may agree that it would be very easy to spend the allocated funds very frivolously and not make smart choices that will benefit all Wing personnel, the mandate of the team was to prioritize items and/or projects that would benefit a large segment of the Wing's personnel, both military and civilian. These items must not only have the requirement of improving the Quality of

Life issues for those who are posted to the Wing today, but also those who will have the opportunity of being posted to Lotus Land in the years to come.

The team looked at a number of issues and debated on the value of each for the Wing and its personnel. The recommendations were focussed on specific areas and are as follows in order of priority:

### Gymnasium

- Refit change rooms, locker areas, renovate washrooms, a removable gym floor cover, and renovate and enlarge the weight room.

### Social Centre

- Build a social centre on the Wing.

### Jr. Ranks Dining Room

- Renovate existing Dining Room.

### Playground Equipment

- Upgrade playground equipment in Wallace Gardens.

### Arena

- Install heaters and new PA system

### Sports Fields & Track

- Upgrade existing facilities.

You can rest assured that we will tackle these items, in the priority shown, to the best of our ability. I would also like to thank the team members for the fresh perspective and effort in resolving this issue.

## "Challenges facing CF," VCDS

What's black and white and read all over? Well, today in the world of public affairs this most definitely is the speech given by Vice-Admiral Larry Murray, Acting Chief of Defence Staff as he addressed the Standing Committee on Defence and Veterans Affairs in Ottawa on 20 February. During his speech, Vice-Admiral Murray addressed many issues playing havoc with the military. Issues such as the intense tempo of operations and the stress it places on personnel and their families, the downsizing and restructuring of the Forces, the fundamental changes over the years to conditions of service for personnel and their families and, of course, the freeze on pay and pay increments for personnel. The following is for your reading pleasure.

I would first like to extend sincere personal thanks to this committee from all members of the Canadian Forces for agreeing to take on the extremely important task of studying the socio-economic conditions and challenges facing the Forces today.

As this committee is aware, the mission of the Canadian Forces is to protect Canadians and to promote their interests around the world. For the men and women of the Canadian Forces, this is more than just a job. It's a calling that requires unique individuals who believe in Canada and who subscribe to the highest standards. It requires people who are willing to put their lives on the line for their country.

We have those people, people who are dedicated to their duty and their country. There is no denying that we do have some problems. However, in the more than 32 years that I have been in the Forces I do not believe we have

ever been blessed with better men and women at all levels. They are our most important resource, they are what make things happen, they are the bedrock upon which we build. As our country enters the 21st century, we must ensure that we look after the membership of the Canadian Forces in a fair and equitable manner that matches the reasonable expectations of all Canadians. That is why I think that the task you have agreed to undertake is so important.

Our soldiers, sailors and air personnel make a fundamental commitment to Canada. The central question is "What is Canada's commitment to them?" I would suggest that the answer to this question should perhaps form the backdrop for any of the issues that you may choose to review.

Before I make specific remarks about socio-economic issues, I would like to provide some context in relation to the challenges that the Forces are facing today. First, the Forces have experienced an intense tempo of operations in recent years. All services have been feeling the stress, not just the army. Second, we are beginning the third of a five-year downsizing and restructuring program that is probably the largest of any organization in Canada.

Our budget has been cut from over \$12 billion in 1994 to \$9.2 billion in 1999, a 23% reduction. In 1999, we will have a regular force strength of about 60,000 members. That's a reduction of 28,800 since 1989. We will also have a Reserve force of about 30,000.

When you combine the intense operational tempo with the massive re-engineering and restructuring that has been under way,

the impact in human terms is not surprising. We have had more operational rotations, which have resulted in extended period away from home for many personnel. As a result of re-engineering we have also developed new ways of carrying out even the most basic tasks. In some cases during this transition period there has been more work for fewer people, although we are trying to overcome that challenge as soon as possible.

There have been other fundamental changes since the last comprehensive review of conditions of service. At that time, most single military personnel lived in quarters on base or in apartments close to base. Married personnel lived on base in married quarters and were, for the most part, single-income families. Every base had a school, gym, theatre, church and store, all of which provided the social infrastructure required to support military personnel and their families.

As Canadian society has changed over the past generation so too has the social fabric of the Canadian Forces. We now have more female members, many more spouses with careers outside the home, more dual-career families with children in day care, more single parents and more of our personnel either own or rent their own home. In short, I believe that they are representative of contemporary Canadian society.

We are moving away from a system of support mechanisms necessarily provided on base to integration with services provided by neighbouring communities. What we need to know for today's Forces is what framework of support systems is required to

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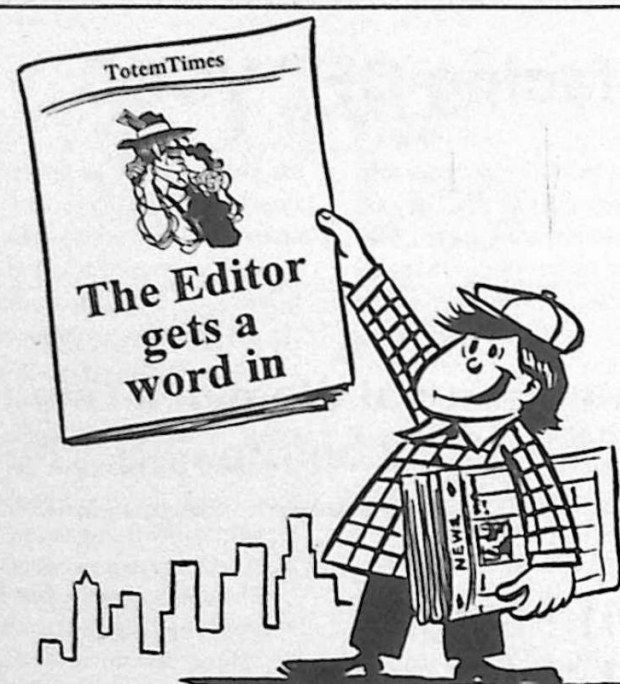
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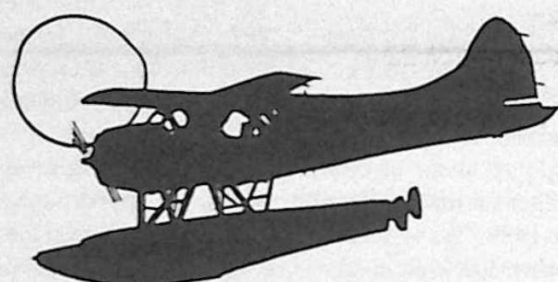




Aaah, it's good to be King. You know there's a lot to be said for the military way of implementing plans, especially when it comes to something like recycling. Not too long ago the base was being charged an extra fee at the local refuse disposal site because many of the containers were contaminated with recyclable materials. In an effort to get all of the valley customers to comply with a universal recycling programme, a fee schedule was implemented that penalizes those who continued to throw out all and sundry. The base, along with most of the other users in the valley, soon found that the cost of waste disposal had skyrocketed. But six months later, guess who the real star is when it comes to having cleaned up their act (sorry). Why it's the military base of course, and it's because we have aggressively sought out those who are not recycling properly and "fixed" them. We do this because we can. Gotta love it.

By the way, I have an idea that will make a millionaire of somebody if he/she can pull it off. Design and build a staple that's recyclable. Then we wouldn't spend an hour of every day pulling metal things out of paper things, breaking fingernails in the process. And I only want a small royalty for coming up with the idea. Remember, you saw it here first.

Joel Clarkston



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Canadians help orphanage

From January 27-31, a Labrador and crew from 442 Sqn was deployed to Obregon, Mexico to transport and distribute an aircraft full of food and clothing for an orphanage located there. It was the second such trip for the squadron and, because of the positive experience the first time around, the aircraft commander, Capt Reid Johnson, requested that media be authorized to join the mission and report on the trip. A CBC camera crew travelled with 442 and the resulting footage will be included in a special documentary on the journey, to be aired early in March.

LCol Al Paul, CO of 442 Sqn, has received the following letter from the orphanage:

Dear Colonel Paul:

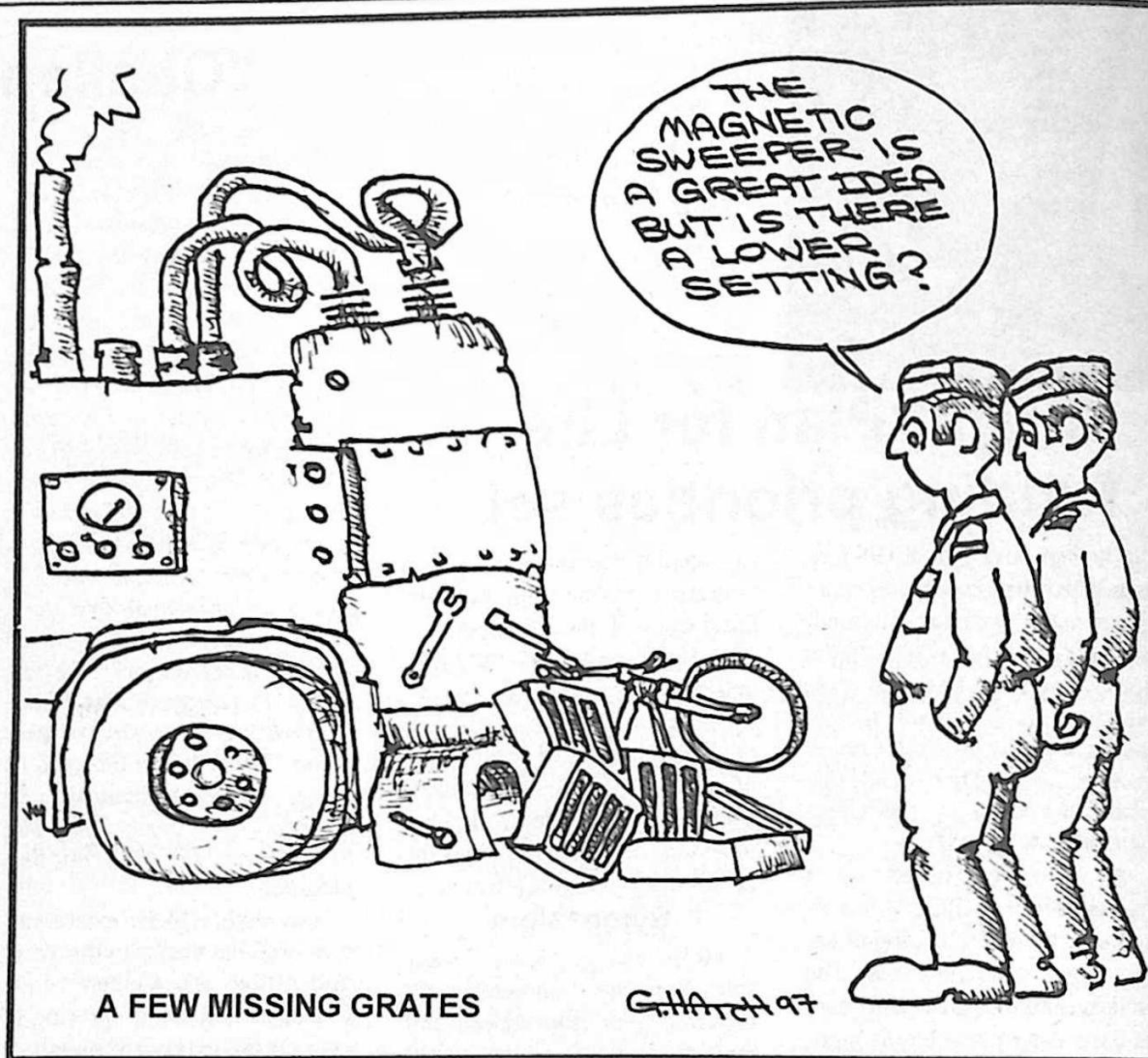
By the time you receive this, you will have heard from the crew of the Buffalo from 442 Squadron which came down to Obregon earlier this week, and which should arrive back in Comox today. You will have heard from Captain Johnson, and perhaps from Airman Nielsen, that they spent a full day at the orphanage, and saw for themselves how Canadian assistance has been instrumental in the development and maintenance of the programme

here. I am hopeful that, when CBC News has its programme finalized, you will be advised and will watch the mini-documentary and be able to see for yourself something of our work here.

We can only say "Thank you" for the tremendous support given to our programme by the personnel of 442 Squadron, and especially the members of the crew which came down this week. None of their help would have been possible without your full support, and we do want to thank you sincerely for that.

We rely almost entirely on Canadians for the ongoing maintenance of our orphanage work and most of our buildings and services were paid for, and constructed, by Canadian high school and university students. As well as our permanent staff, we rely on volunteers to work along with us, and most of these volunteers are fellow Canadians. At the time of your squadron's recent visit, we had four other Canadians working with us, as volunteers, and for varying periods of time. Thus, the support we receive from your squadron is most encouraging to us all.

With best personal regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
Bob Mason, Director



A FEW MISSING GRATES

## Rescue job well done

The following letter was sent to Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters by Supreme Alaska Seafoods.

Dear Sir:

I want to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to your ship the HMCS Vancouver, the Canadian Rescue Coordination Centre and all the men and women who searched for the crew of our fishing vessel *Pacific Alliance* which was lost off Vancouver Island on 16 January. The magnitude of your response and the intensity of your search effort in the face of extreme weather conditions, leaves us humble and grateful in spite of our grief over the loss of our four friends and fellow fishermen.

As you know, the vessel was lost in hurricane force winds and high seas nearly 100 miles off Cape Scott, during the height of a quick and deadly storm. Your vessel commanded the search by aircraft and the Coast Guard cutter *Gordon Reid*, which were dispatched to the scene. They, along with the fishing vessel *Papado II*, searched continuously for three days. You all have the gratitude of the families and friends for being there and staying there well beyond any possible hope of finding survivors.

I want to especially praise the flight crews of the Labrador helicopter and Buffalo aircraft of the 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron, the CP140 Aurora of 407 Squadron and the Sea King helicopter from your ship HMCS Vancouver which searched round the clock for four days.

Starting in the pre-dawn hours, these aircraft were dispatched into the peak of the storm to locate the vessel in an attempt to rescue its crew. Those who do not know the sea cannot imagine the fury of 90 knot winds and 70 foot seas reported to have been in the area that night. Those who do, cannot imagine what courage it must take to master the fearful task of flying into that fury, in the wind and rain and darkness, close enough to the sea to rescue yet still survive. Had anyone been rescued that night, your crews would have been recognized by everyone as heroes. The fact that no survivor was found does not make their attempt any less heroic.

All mariners are comforted by this example of your rescue forces and the people of Canada should feel justly proud. You all have our greatest admiration and thanks.

Sincerely,  
James W. Salisbury, President

### Please, pick up your pet's mess!

To whom it may concern:  
I am a resident of the PMQs. I am also a dog owner and exercise my dog twice a day.

I am so disgusted when I go with my dog for a walk as nobody seems fit to take a "poopie bag" with them. You people who take your dogs for walks, please pick up the

"mess" from your dogs. It only takes one or two to spoil it for everybody and, quite frankly, I am sick of being blamed with everybody else.

Please PMQ residents, let's have some pride in our community.  
Mrs. Norma Naugler



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## COMOX MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

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### Something for Everyone! International Women's Day Conference

The Comox Military Family Resource Centre (CMFRC) will be hosting the 4th Annual International Women's Day Conference on Saturday, March 8th 1997 at the Washington Inn.

Proceeds raised will be put towards the CMFRC's "Deployment Support Respite Child Care" Program. This program is made available to military families who's spouses are deployed outside of Canada on UN duties, or on extended temporary duty.

The theme of this year's conference is "Women and their Stories". Various workshops, ranging from Chinese brush painting to journal writing, will incorporate this theme.

There is definitely something for everyone at this conference! As per last year's format, twelve, 1 1/2 hour workshops will be offered throughout the day. Conference participants select the three workshops they wish to attend when they register. A Fashion Show, an Art Show, Silent Auctions and Raffles will be held throughout the day.

The day will start at 8:00 am when registration packages will be picked up. Coffee and an early viewing of the Art Show will start the days events. This year's keynote speaker is Hazel Lennox, a local story teller. At 10:30 am she will speak on the power and importance of story telling and share one of her stories with us.

The day will wrap up with interactive entertainment - *World Dance*, led by Roberta Meilleur. Closing remarks, several door prizes, the Silent Auction winners, and raffle draw winner will be announced, ending the conference at approximately 4:30.

The twelve workshops offered at this year's International Women's Day Conference are as follows:

- Session I 8:45 - 10:15**
- ♦ Change - A Blessing in Disguise
  - ♦ Creative Memories (Preserving Your Family Stories for Future Generations)
  - ♦ Reclaiming Your Voice
  - ♦ Self Defence & Personal Safety

- Session II 11:00 - 12:30**
- ♦ Meditation, Let the Journey Begin
  - ♦ Take Charge of the Future
  - ♦ You are the Story: Journal Writing
  - ♦ Aromatherapy: Evoking the Feminine Power

- Session III 2:00 - 3:30**
- ♦ Astrology: Telling Our Stories Through Myths
  - ♦ Chinese Brush Painting: A Relaxing and Symbolic Art Form
  - ♦ Finding Your Creative Self
  - ♦ Telling Our Story: Reclaiming Feminine Spirituality

**For registration, contact the CMFRC at 339-8290.** Cost is \$20.00 and includes three workshops, lunch, coffee & muffin break, art show, fashion show and entertainment.

Registration and your selection of workshops will be based on the first-come-first-served principle. Register early as spaces are limited!!

## Adult Programs

### Deployment Luncheon

The CMFRC in conjunction with the Protestant Ladies Guild will be hosting a luncheon for all spouses and partners of military members who are deployed or on extended TD. Child minding will be available for the luncheon. If you haven't received an invitation or heard from us yet please call Zan at 339-8290.

Date: Sunday, Feb. 23rd  
Time: 12:30pm  
Location: Protestant Chapel Annex

### English Conversation Group

Come and practice your English conversation skills in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the CMFRC Program Building #120 Kinnikinnik. We meet Thursdays mornings 9:30-11:00 Call Mara at 339-8290 for more information.

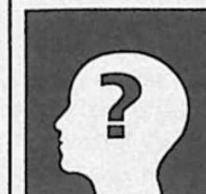
### Volunteer Training

This workshop provides a general orientation to the CMFRC and an introduction to assertive communication skills, problem solving and active listening for all new

volunteers.  
Date: March 19 & 20  
Time: 6:30- 9:00 pm  
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik, CMFRC Program Building  
Information: call Suzanne at 339-8290

### Upcoming March & April Workshops

- ♦ Easter Cross Stitch Craft Night
- ♦ April 24th & 25th, 6:30-8:30 pm
- ♦ Stress Survival March 2, 9, 16 & 30 6:30-8:30 pm
- ♦ Candle Making



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## Youth Activities

### Teens' Gym Nights

Gym Nights have been an exciting weekly activity for the teens. Fifty different teens have dropped in to play basketball, floor hockey, dodge ball and badminton.

Dates: Wednesday evening 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Base Gym.

Recreation passes are not necessary during this time.

### Youth Circle

Teens interested in organizing a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for April will get together. Also, those teens interested in planning relays etc. for the Saturday Gym Night on March 22nd please attend this meeting. Parents support welcome.

Date: Wednesday 1:00 - 3:30pm, March 19th.

Location: Protestant Church Annex

Cost: \$2 for pizza and pop as an afternoon snack

### Teen Dances

Dances this winter have been a popular event with the teens with an average of 30 teens attending each dance.

Dates: 3rd Saturday of the month

Time: 7:30-10:30 pm

Location: Wallace Garden's Community Centre

Cost: \$1.00 per person.

### Saturday Night Gym Night

Come out and join in relays or play some sports on the gym floor. This time is booked for teens only, so take this opportunity to have the gym all to yourselves.

Date: Saturday March 22

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Base Gym

Cost: \$2.00 per person





by Capt "Tweety" Hanson

In the middle of a wet Comox October, 414 (CS) Sqn dispatched two of its finest to fight the good fight over Northern Alaska. We were based out of a forward operating location (FOL) in a town called Galena, which is located just below the 65th parallel. Here we played the role of Russian Bear bomber which, at a glance, looks much like a T-33 on some sort of performance enhancing drug. The aim of the exercise was to test the response of the North-western Air Defence Sector and its associated fighter units. Our mission (as Bear bombers) was to

look for a sunken Russian nuclear submarine located on the American side of the Bering Straits. Only Tom Clancy could have come up with a better exercise scenario.

A typical flight was to head off in a formation approximately 300 miles west of Galena, taking us as close to the Russian border as we dared go. We would then turn around and proceed back into US airspace unannounced, unafraid. At this time, in some warm radar site in Anchorage, an Air Weapons Controller is watching us. Once this controller realizes that we are not a flight planned flight coming across the border, he or she launches the fighters which happen to be standing by at the FOL in Galena. One of our pilots reminisces:

"We were over the Bering Sea looking for our fallen comrades below (the guys in the mythical submarine). We were taking in the scenery of the beautiful Alaska coastline. The sun was rising to the southeast. From out of nowhere a US F-15 Eagle Fighter is spotted conning (leaving a trail of vapour behind) the horizon. 'Damn Yan'!

hear over the radio. He approaches closer than we like, we roll towards him. Fangs out, we merge - both aircraft go into the vertical, roll left, speed brakes out, a little flap, roll into his six and send his wife a sympathy card. Gutsiest move I ever saw.

I shudder as I come back to reality and find myself wings level, an F-15 sticking to me like peanut butter to the roof of my mouth. The F-15 is looking me over long and hard. I can imagine their cockpit conversation... "I saw one of those at the Smithsonian when I was a kid," or "My dad got his wings on one of those," or something like that. We wave, take photos of each other and he's gone to tap my wingman or one of the other "hostile" aircraft in the exercise."

The exercise lasted four days and was a great success. It was a good example of one of the T-33's many roles here at 414 (CS) Sqn and the other combat support squadrons across Canada. Our hosts were extremely happy with the service we provided and have invited us back for more exercises of this nature. Maybe next time we'll get to be fighters!

### Another lucky ARAF winner!



Maj Lewis, ARAF Flight Commander, assisted by Sgt Bea Miller, ARAF Chief Clerk, picks the winning ticket for the second ARAF raffle. Winner of the beautiful stained glass work of art, seen in background, is Capt John Leross of Wing Ops Centre. "Valentine Hearts" is one of three pieces kindly donated by Stellar Images to help defray costs of the annual ARAF Mess Dinner, to be held 14 Mar. The final drawing for a larger work named "Butterfly Scene" will be made at the Mess Dinner. You don't have to be a member of ARAF to win but you can't win if you don't have a ticket. Either dig up one of your ARAF cohorts and browbeat him or her into selling you some tickets or drop by the ARAF office in Bldg 11. Hurry! They're going quickly.

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## Comox VPI Wing

### From the President:

The Comox VPI Wing held a meeting on 19 February at the Airforce Association 888 Wing. It was a lively affair with some 31 members present. One of the main topics of discussion centred around a request from the International HQ to look at the subject of lowering the hours required for

MPA aviators to be eligible for membership in VPI. In the past, it was common for members to get 2000 hours or more in their first tour of duty. With the reduction of flight time across the board in most member countries this is becoming increasingly rare.

A committee was set up in

Greenwood, made up of exchange officers from the UK, USA, Australia and the Netherlands, plus past VPI HQ presidents Lou Ferris and Lloyd Graham. They looked at all the pros and cons of the issue and recommended lowering the hours to 1500. A vote was taken and it was passed unanimously by the members present. The positive side of this, as I see it, is that it will involve first tour aviators sooner and that will strengthen the association.

The other topic was about the quest by the Wing to get some space on base for a VPI facility. The search is narrowing down to BB 80, as it is being used sparingly and there is room available there. More study is going on with Base CE and Accommodations to make sure modifications can be done and what is actually feasible for mods. A lot of self help will be needed if we get approval for the venture. I will continue with the research and get any new information to the next meeting.

The issue of access to the base for retired VPI members was revisited. I intend to meet with the WSecurO in order to arrange some mechanism to simplify the procedure. A memo with an attached members list at least will be at the Commissioners' shack for quicker identification and clearance. On the entertainment side, a firm date for a VPI social has been set for Saturday 12 April at the Officers' Mess. \$20 will get a couple a steak BBQ dinner with all the fixings. If you are intending to come out, please reserve through Mike Gibbs at Loc 8227 or myself (Jim Loring) at Loc 8797.

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## Cops Corner

by Cpl K.E. LeBlanc

Welcome back to Cops Corner. In this issue, I would like to take the opportunity to discuss bicycles. Not the use of helmets and lights, but the safe operation of bicycles on roadways everywhere. As one walks throughout the Wing, the PMQs, or the Comox Valley for that matter, one can't help but notice the increasing numbers of bicycles on the roadways. It is also not hard to notice just where and how those bikes are being operated: on sidewalks, cruising through crosswalks that are to be used by pedestrians, blowing "Stop" signs, and disregarding other traffic signs.

When a person rides his bicycle, he is afforded the rights and privileges of other vehicles on the road (cars, trucks, etc). The rider must also understand that he or she, when riding the bicycle, assumes the same responsibilities of anyone who drives a car or truck on the roadways. These responsibilities include obeying traffic regulations and laws (i.e. stopping at stop signs, yielding the right of way to pedestrians, and travelling with the flow of traffic, not against it). Bike riders can no longer claim the privileges that are afforded a pedestrian under the BC Motor Vehicle Act (BCMVA).

It is illegal for cyclists to ride on sidewalks (BCMVA Section 185(2)(a)), as it is to ride a bicycle through a crosswalk in use (BCMVA Section 185(a.1)). Further responsibilities of a cyclist in reference to obeying stop signs and yielding the right of way to pedestrians are set out in BCMVA Section 185(1).

In my walk through the PMQs and observing all of the cyclists zipping here and there, I made note of another fact - the majority of the traffic violations were being committed by adult and teen cyclists, who are old enough to operate a motor vehicle. The vast majority of the children were obeying the rules of the road.

The purpose of this article is not to throw any scare tactics at people, or warn of an upcoming blitz, but to have readers ask themselves "Am I living up to my responsibilities when riding my bike?"

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One last look at the '97 No-Sno-Fest activities held on the base earlier this month. Clockwise from top left: 19 AMS All Star Football team at the tabloid events in the gym; planning strategy for the arena tricycle race; WTNO (overall Sno-Fest Champions) performing their skit at Friday mess events; No, these two are not spectators, they are in a skit! Really, who needs snow to go snowshoeing?

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## Don't overlook these tax deductions

by J. Kevin Dobbeltsteyn, P.Eng., MBA,  
Financial Advisor with Investors Group

With the deadline for filing your income tax return just a few weeks away, chances are you'll be looking for ways to lessen Revenue Canada's bite. In your quest to minimize your taxes, don't overlook the obvious. There are plenty of "routine" credits and deductions that will substantially pare down your tax bill - but only if you make use of them.

To help, we've compiled a list of some of the most common - and most commonly ignored - tax breaks.

### Deductions

Tax deductions reduce your taxable income, which in turn cuts down on your taxes.

**Alimony and maintenance payments:** In general, these are tax deductible for those who pay. In addition to spousal and child support payments, payments to third parties, such as medical practitioners or educational institutions, may be eligible.

**Child care:** Babysitting, nursery and other child care expenses may be deductible within limits set under the Income Tax Act. These usually must be claimed by the lower-income spouse and must be incurred to allow you or your spouse to work or take an occupational training course.

**Investment costs:** Expenses paid to earn income on your investments may be deductible, such as interest paid on a loan to buy stocks. Don't forget safety deposit box fees and RRSP trus-

tee fees paid outside a plan. **Legal fees:** Some legal fees are tax deductible, including those paid to earn income from a business, to collect unpaid wages or severance pay, or to enforce alimony and maintenance agreements.

**Moving expenses:** Moving to a new residence that is 40 kilometres closer to a new workplace or business can produce a deduction. Eligible expenses include the cost of a mover, travel and lodging costs and selling costs - such as real estate commissions - associated with your old home.

### Credits

Unlike deductions, credits directly reduce the amount of tax you pay.

**Age credit:** If you are 65 or older at the end of the year, you are eligible for this credit.

**Disability credit:** Available to those suffering from severe, prolonged physical or mental impairment.

**Charitable donations:** Money you donate to charity can reduce your taxes.

**"Equivalent-to-married" credit:** If you support another family member in your home and you are unmarried, divorced, separated or widowed, you may be allowed to claim them as a dependent.

**Dividend tax credit:** Taxable dividends received from Canadian corporations are eligible for a dividend tax credit.

**Medical expenses:** Medical expenses which exceed the lesser of \$1,614 or 3% of your net income are eligible for a tax credit. Don't overlook payments for dependents and items such as medical insurance, eyeglasses, prescription drugs and dental care. You can claim medical expenses for any 12 month period ending in the year if they were not claimed previously.

**Tuition fees:** Fees paid for your own post-secondary education and certain approved skills-training courses qualify for tax credits. Students who do not need to claim all of their tuition fees may be able to transfer the unused part to a spouse, parent or grandparent.

**Pension income credit:** A credit of up to \$1,000 of pension income is allowed in certain circumstances.

**Canada Pension Plan contributions:** You're entitled to a credit for a portion of your payments to the CPP, Quebec Pension Plan, or Unemployment Insurance plan.

**Political contributions:** Contributions to federal political parties and most provincial political parties are eligible for a tax credit.

The above are just a few of the most common tax breaks. If you're unsure of how to best use these credits and deductions, have your income tax return prepared by a professional.

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## The Eager Beavers

Hello again from the Airfield Engineers. Since the last time you heard from us, a lot of things have happened.

From 1-8 December we were kept busy with, of all things, Army lectures. Topics such as Search and Arrest Procedures, Sentry Duties, Field Safety, Weapons Training and Rules of Engagement were discussed and dissected. The following week the Airfield Engineers had a major exercise in Holberg where we put our training to the test. We set up a Fuel Farm and built a mock helicopter and F18. Our thanks to the MP's and WASF for providing an enemy force.

Next on the agenda was a well-deserved rest called Christmas break. As the Airfield Engineers scattered to the four corners of the continent, a skeleton crew kept the AEF functioning smoothly.

Since coming back in January, some of the projects we are working on are: renovating the WTel Conference Room, constructing a Liquid Oxygen (LOX) Bldg and constructing a Smoke Shelter near Headquarters (B45).

Congratulations to Cpl Hayes and Cpl Turcott on the completion of their Junior Leaders Course which ran from 27 Oct - 15 Dec. On 24 Jan, the D Cos Sup, BrigGen Gartenburg, visited and presented both Cpl Hayes and Cpl Turcott with their JLC certificates. He also presented Sapper Villeneuve with a certificate of Completed Service. Sapper Villeneuve has retired after seven years of service. He will be

missed, and we wish him the best of luck in the future.

Some of the upcoming events for the Airfield Engineers are the Annual Beaver Cup Hockey Tournament, 12-14 March. We will have Construction Engineer teams from Chilliwack and Esquimalt taking part. In April, the AEF will be deployed to Detroit for an exercise with the Air National Guard for three weeks.

So, until next time. CHIMO



Cpl Hays receives JLC Certificate.



Cpl Turcott receives JLC Certificate.



BrigGen Gartenburg, DCosSup, presents Sapper Villeneuve his Certificate of Service. Villeneuve is retiring after seven years in the CF.



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## 407 Sqn



### Demon Doin's

It has been at least two months since we've brought you news of the almighty maintenance organization. A lot has happened since then.

The Christmas season brought with it the usual series of Christmas parties. Personnel from our happy family joyfully attended the 407 Sqn party, the Maint/Engine Bay party and the Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner, which was undoubtedly the most memorable of them all. During that momentous event, it was decided by one of our fine male representatives that the CF skirt is after all much more comfortable than the slacks normally issued to men. His cohorts unfortunately didn't see things his way and before long he was walking around in his underwear looking to borrow a pair of pants from somebody - what a pretty picture!

The Maint/Engine Bay hot tub party was also a success. There was lots of food, wine and beer for all to enjoy. The setup of the party was almost as entertaining as the party itself. The long-awaited g-string bathing suit showing didn't happen though, to the great disappointment of some. Maybe next time...Yeah, right! Our sincere thanks to our bus driver Tim for his good services and to Steve and his wife for the use of their place. Their ducks will never be the same again...

After the excitement of the holiday season subsided, we all cheerfully went back to work, looking forward to a new year of challenges and rewards...and then we all sobered up. January saw the implementation of our new shift. While there are a lot of mixed feelings about the 10-hour day, everyone agrees that having every Friday off is great. Work is progressing as usual and some cross training is taking place. Apparently, there should be a section for facial expression on the OJT package. It seems to be an important aspect of the changing of a landing gear. Must be an airframe thing...

Many of us attended the squadron ski day at the end of January. It was a magnificent day and we all had a great time. It was Monty's and Marc Audet's first attempt at snow boarding. Monty's motto, as he was falling face first was: "Don't talk to meeeee!" They both became proficient enough during the day to venture on the quad. After all was said and done, Monty turned out to be more terrified of the drive back down the mountain than of snow boarding (just couldn't handle a French female driver). There is a ski day coming up but it appears that RADMON and BDF training might actually interfere with it. What's this military coming to?

Training is going strong, as always. Shortly after coming to Maint from Servicing, Martin Sylvestre was off to Greenwood for one of the many courses the AVS guys just love to go on. Jerry Jomphe and his good friend Johnny were there, as was Marc Gibeault. Marc just came back, looking a little frail. He said he killed himself studying and working out while resisting Jerry's evil influence. It is hard to believe that's all he did while there since Greenwood has so much to offer for excitement. It is a wonder it is

never mentioned in any of Nova Scotia's tourism brochures!

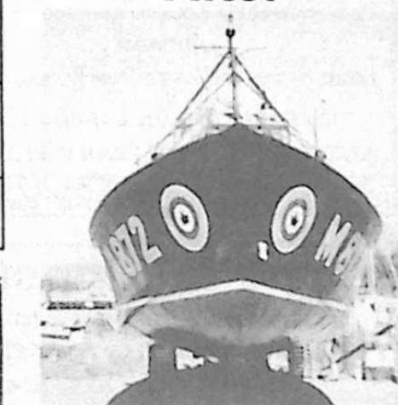
There was one welcome bit of news this month: Marc Audet finally got accepted for remuster. Everyone is very happy for him. Good news is few and far between these days in the military so it is always nice to see something good happen. Marc and Linda are off to St. Hubert already and he will be starting course early in March. Congratulations and good luck from all of us. No postings have been announced yet. Most of us were already told that we are staying here for another century or so, but some are still hopeful. The season is still young so anything is possible. Cpl Blake Rodgers came to us from servicing and Sgt Guerin came to Engine Bay from the ETO's office. We are not sure who he is replacing yet as there are now three Sgts in Engine Bay to supervise two MCpls. We are still trying to figure that one out. At 407 we give new meaning to the expression "Top Heavy!"

This has been a slow period for new babies but Martin Sylvestre and his wife Tina just became the proud parents of a baby girl, Amanda. Congratulations!

Anyway, that just about covers it for Maint/Engine Bay. Planes come and go in as good a shape as possible and life goes on in spite of supply problems (where is my \$600 light bulb?). The new longer working hours, cross training, and cross dressing. Let's not forget: we are the backbone of 407...



Before  
and  
After



So whatever happened to the Black Duck? You remember I'm sure, that stalwart Navy craft that used to ply the waters of Georgia Strait and Baynes Sound doing double duty as training and rescue craft. It's pictured here in its new (old) paint scheme, all fixed up in its former colours as an RCAF rescue boat. It's currently located over at the Vancouver Maritime Museum and has been completely refurbished and repainted in original colours. And it's still working too, continuing on the fine tradition of helping out with maritime training missions.

## Demon Doin's

A squadron is a funny place  
Where it sits upon a base  
The airplanes standing in a row  
The crew now briefed, it's time to go

Do the people passing by  
Wonder what it's like to fly?  
They see the planes, they hear the roar  
Then they think of us no more.

For off we go into the blue  
Doing what we always do  
ASW is our job  
Either from here or abroad.

To Yellowknife Crew One did go  
A NORPAT, then to Sour Dough  
Despite the cold and bitter air  
Good times they'll have while they are there.

While others fly away to train  
Crew Two stays home in the rain  
It's worse than that, they soon will know  
In March, to Greenwood, they will go.

The Demon Dawgs have just come home  
To San Diego they did roam  
Rodeo Wolfhunts was a challenge indeed  
On to Fleetex they did proceed.

Meanwhile "Down Under" the Icemen land  
Summer skies to be at hand  
Exercises and airshows they will attend  
Hoping their trip will never end.

O'Brien crew had been announced  
Crew Five Vikings most pronounced  
The squadron wishes all the best  
To those found worthy of the test.

While others arrive home with tales  
All Crew Six does is fly over whales  
For them a trip to a far away place  
Would certainly be a nice change of pace.

Crew Seven Moosemen are on their way  
At Scotland's JMC they will play  
With NATO crews in the air  
The submarines must be aware.

The Demon Techs work day and night  
To ensure our safety on a flight  
Though most jobs are done in a crunch  
"Here's to all" and thanks a bunch!

So crews come home and children cheer  
Now they have their father near  
To romp and play with for awhile  
'Tis so good to see them smile.

The stay is short, the time is here  
To leave again those held so dear  
For we must go upon our quest  
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## Glacier Greens Winter Golf

by Barb Carter

February 23 dawned bright, clear and sunny but with the sun came the frost. After an hour and fifteen minutes, 61 antsy golfers hit the tees with the following results:

**1st Low Gross:** Lloyd Billings, Wayne Ogilvie, Ralph Kuhnoff, Ann Blake.

**1st Low Net:** Duane Miles, Reg Warne, Glen Caslake, W. Arivasen.

**2nd Low Gross:** Bob Marshall, Ray Cossette, Doug Cull, Helen Williams.

**2nd Net:** Fred Williams, G. Pearl, Doug Mann, Judy Fellbaum.

**3rd Low Gross:** Jim Trask, Norm Fellbaum, Bud Bryany, Joyce Merrill.

**3rd Low Net:** Frank Martin, Mick Blake, Irene Marshall, Teri Martin.

KPs on #12 went to Ron Carter's team with Ron making the shot, and that was the closest he's come to a Hole-in-one, but still didn't catch me. Ha!

On #15 it was Lloyd Billings' team with Lloyd making the shot.

Only two more weeks to go with the final day on March 9 so come on out and meet some new friends. Remember to come early and partake of Steve's great breakfast menu.

The Canadian Association of Optometrists' Web site, with the latest news and information about optometry, can be found at: [www.opto.ca](http://www.opto.ca)

## Good response to English and computer classes

by Pat Allan, CFCCN Co-ordinator

We have had a very strong response to the possibility of offering on-base courses in English writing and introductory computers. Most people have said that they could attend a once weekly evening class and, if we can get enough people to register, that is just what we'll do.

The English course would be a first-year college credit course. In addition to the valuable skills you would develop, a similar course is often a requirement of many college programs, wherever you study. Getting this one under your belt will put you in a good position to succeed in other courses as well. Think of how well-written your assignments will be!

The computer course will be equivalent to a full college term, which means you would develop a significant level of skill and understanding. We could offer this course as either credit or non-credit, depending on the desires of the students. I will be in touch with each of you who has indicated an interest so far to clarify.

Spouses who are having difficulty getting into the job market because of a lack of computer skills - please consider this course. It's an opportunity to learn important skills that could be a real benefit. You don't have to feel that the world is passing

you by because you don't have the advantage of learning about computers on the job.

These courses would be open to serving and retired military members, civilian and NPF employees and dependants. If you would like to add your name to our interest list for either course, please give me a call at local 8889.

The next Management Development Program course will be Labour Relations, on March 14-16. It will be taught by Bill Riddell, the National Director of CFCCN. With decades of teaching experience and his share of hands-on dealings in the Labour Relations field, Bill offers a rich source of information. This course will provide you with valuable information that can be painful to acquire only by experience!

The Management Development Program is a six-subject certificate program from Seneca College. The courses are offered on base, from a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. If you would like to join us for just one course or to complete the whole program, you are welcome to begin any time.

To talk about English, computers, Labour Relations, or any other college matters, call me at local 8889.

## "Toques" win Hoser Olympics

Brian (Shack) and Jill Shackleton hosted the 16th Annual Hoser Party on 15 February at their Crestview Drive home. The weather was "marvie" for the first time since 93. Injuries, flu bugs and a few other excuses kept several Hosers from attending, but over 20 "Rookie Hosers" saved the day making the overall attendance 47.

The Team Beer's green flag flew from the tallest podium, signifying that they were the 1996 Hoser Olympic Games Champions. Judges, organizers and team captains were all briefed before the one o'clock start. The official beer of the 97 Games was Labatt Wildcat.

Hoser Day events included: Donut Eating, Down Under, Donut Relay, Team Beer Race, Hoser Golf, Shot Glass Relay, Strainer Relay, Beer Pole Relay, Hoser Sock Hop Relay and Hoser Triathlon (Ironman Event).

### Final team standings

1st Toques (white/orange) 61 pts.  
2nd Beer (green) 52 pts.  
3rd Backbacon (yellow) 47 pts.  
4th Donuts (purple) 35 pts.  
5th Earmuffs (blue) 32 pts.  
6th Buns (pink) 28 pts.

After five events, the defending champs (Beer Team) only had 12 pts while the Toques had 37. The Beer Team closed out strong with 40 pts to take second place overall. Great effort! Congratulations go to Toque Team for their second overall championship (first was in 1989). Members of the 1997 Hoser Olympic Champi-

onship Team were: Capt Charley Lamontagne, John Hanson, Bruce Prysunka and Patrick Penley. Way to go team!

All judges and the top three place team members present at the closing ceremonies received hats courtesy of Hi Tec Screen Printing. The party was officially ended around 5:30 pm and the Hosers and Hosettes either walked, utilized designated drivers or took taxi cabs home to ensure everyone's safety.

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their donations, discounts or extra efforts: Hi Tec Screen Printing (art work, hats, participation ribbons, T-shirts and sweatshirts); Labatt Brewing Company rep John Hanson (Wildcat beer, posters and his actual participation in the Hoser Olympic Games); H & L Meat Processing (delicious backbacon); Buns Master Bakery (fresh and tasty buns and donuts); Dairyland (cheddar cheese); Marge & Mike Gariepy (Ironman Cup); The Trophy Den (engraving); Laidlaw Portable Services (Hoser and Hosette facilities); Bar staff Comox Legion (saving of beer caps for Hoser medals); Totem Times (advertising); Judges Rick Skrzyzala, Warn Wilden, Wayne Robertson, Judy Sparkes, Chris MacNeil, Jim Beresford, Mike Castonguay and especially Dan Martin who was not only Head Judge but was medal maker and next day cleaner; Jill Shackleton, Carol Nickson and Sharon MacNeil (backbone chefs).

Most of all, thanks to the Hoser Olympic Games participants for all their efforts and donations to the Hoser cause. Take care and we hope to see as many of you as possible at the 17th Annual Hoser Party (wherever it may be), eh!



## Wallace Gardens

### Family Bingo

by Linda Durst, Family Bingo coordinator

On February 2, we had a Valentine's theme bingo for the children and were surprised to have over 45 children attend. Ten games were played with over 13 winners. We would like to thank the parents and volunteers who stayed to give us a hand.

Our next bingo will be on 2 March - see you then.

### Sock Hop Dance

Over 41 children attended our monthly sock hop on 15 February. There were spot dances and several draws for door prizes. Our thanks to all parents who helped chaperone and a special thank you to all the WGCC members for an excellent job, well done.

The next Sock Hop will be held on March 7 from 6-8 p.m.

## VCDS address to SCDVA

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ensure that the military personnel we deploy nationally or internationally can focus on their mission without worrying unduly about their families and loved ones.

The important task that this committee has agreed to tackle will help us determine what is needed. And you will be sending an important message to the members of the Canadian Forces.

Namely, that the people you represent from all regions of the country care about their well-being. That in itself is good for morale. For the next few minutes, I'd like to raise some issues and clarify others that you may wish to consider during your study.

First and foremost, what are the Government's responsibilities with respect to the economic and social support provided to the members of the Forces in recognition of the distinct characteristics of their profession?

These include the risk of injury or death, short-fuse deployments overseas, frequent moves, long separations from family and restrictions on personal freedoms. Other professions share some of these characteristics but I do not believe that any other shares them all. With this in mind, your input could be invaluable in defining or redefining the Government's "implied social and economic contract" with the members of the Forces as we enter the 21st century.

Certainly, one key element of that contract, and one which has a significant impact on morale, is pay. In recent years, the pay for non-commissioned members was frozen for four years, officers' pay has been frozen for five years, and there was a two-year freeze on pay increments.

Members of the Forces are

well aware that the legislation on their pay freeze ends on 1 April 1997. I believe they also know that the senior military leadership is trying hard to come to grips with this issue. However, I believe their confidence in our ability to do so is not high.

At the time of the pay freeze, Canadian Forces' pay had fallen behind that of the Public Service. Currently, shortfalls are 4.5% for non-commissioned members and 14.7% for general service officers. A key question is whether the pay for the Canadian Forces should continue to be based on comparability with the federal public service? If so, what mechanisms can be put in place to ensure that comparability can be maintained.

I believe that should comparability with the Public Service remain the benchmark methodology, then it is essential that some form of mechanism be established to ensure that raises in the Forces coincide automatically with those in the Public Service, with the actual amount being established through some sort of agreed formula.

If that is not possible, then some other mechanism involving a third party or the establishment of some form of Canadian Forces association may be required - an approach I do not favour but one which may be necessary if existing mechanisms cannot be improved.

Our members serve in a variety of geographic locations across Canada and around the world. I believe that no individual in uniform or military family should be financially or socially disadvantaged when they move from one location to another to meet the needs of the service.

As we consolidate our defence installations across the country, we are striving to, and in my view should be able to, reduce the frequency of moves and reduce the family turbulence that goes with them. But to maintain operational effectiveness we will still have to move people in the future. We have relocation allowances that cover some aspect of our members' costs of moving, but, as the members of the committee know as well as anyone, moving is a family affair, and many of the sacrifices required of family members are not currently factored into this equation.

In today's society we talk of

## Adult Craft Club

We are getting ready for another craft night. We meet every third Sunday of the month.

Place: Community Centre  
Time: 7-9 p.m.

Date: Sunday, 16 March

The group has decided to make a Rabbit Planter! What is it? Well, it is a rabbit made from a garden glove that you put in your plant for decoration. An example of this craft can be seen in the Community Office in the Canex. If you are interested give us a call

- Jane Bekus 339-2354 or Kathy Bertin 339-7522.

Supplies required: One cream coloured cotton garden glove, small scraps of material to make at least two bows, one dowel or wire (coat hanger). We will supply other minor items needed.

Everyone is welcome to join us! Membership in the WGCA is only \$3.21 a month per family. You can take out membership when you come to our craft night or stop in and see Linda Jeffrey at the WGCA office.

We make a great cup of coffee (or tea). Hope to see you on 16 March.

served is the matter of public support for child care. Without some sort of mechanism in place to support child care, our ability to deploy single parents, parents with working spouses and service couples will continue to decline.

And what about our Reservists? Last year, 550 of them served on peacekeeping missions, demonstrating the importance of the Reserve Force to the Canadian Forces and Canada. The Total Force concept recognizes the contribution of both the regular and reserve components of the Forces. By extension, shouldn't social and economic benefits apply to both components?

We have moved the yardsticks by implementing the Reserve Force Compensation Policy which, among other things, will establish Reserve pay rates at 85% of Regular pay scales and introduce new benefits such as the Reserve Force Retirement Allowance.

Considerable effort is under way to address virtually all the Reserve conditions of service, improvements that were recommended by this committee and the Special Commission on the Restructuring of the Reserves. However, you will likely want to further investigate whether certain benefits are relevant to both regular and reserve components or if additional changes are warranted to cater to the dual employee status of Reservists.

### Conclusion

Madam Chair, members of the committee, the Canadian Forces have been a valuable national institution for 130 years. We will continue that legacy by being there whenever and wherever Canada needs us. To do that we have to ensure that we attract and retain high quality, motivated people. In this regard we are in open competition with other employers in the market place. There is a well-documented relationship between attraction of applicants, retention of personnel, and fair and equitable compensation and benefits.

I applaud the Minister of National Defence and this committee for taking the interest of our people to heart and I know the Forces will provide any support you need in this important endeavour. Certainly, you can count on my personal support to provide whatever you need to help you complete this vital task.

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## Teen Centre News

by Carmie 339-7696

Upcoming events are listed below. If you are interested in any activity or have suggestions for new events, please feel free to join us or give me a call at home.

Dances will be held 8 March, 19 April and 24 May.

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## CFB Comox Rec Centre Job Vacancies

**Fitness Coordinator:** short term employment for 1-2 months.  
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For further information contact Mr. Larry Francis, loc 8066. Applications in writing c/w résumé to be submitted by 1530 hours on 28 February.

## CF Personnel Support Programs Employment Opportunities

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• **Fitness Instructors and Sports Coordinators** at various locations.  
Job descriptions and further information regarding the above vacancies can be obtained by contacting the NPF HR Coordinator, Mr. Larry Francis, at local 8066.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Badminton Club

Recreational and competitive badminton can be played every Sunday evening from 1830-2100 hours at the Wing Gym. One court will be available at all times for instructional purposes. Vic Arsenault, a 7-time CF National Team member, will be our chief instructor.  
Drop-in fees: \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family. Everyone is welcome!! For more info contact Cpl Forget, loc 8834 or MCpl Blair, loc 8538.

## Are you ComputerEYESd?

The jury may still be out on whether or not computers have simplified or complicated office life, but one thing is certain: working in front of one for prolonged periods of time can be hard on your eyes! To help reduce the strain, keep these tips in mind:  
-Take a short vision break by looking away from the screen frequently.  
-Place the screen just below your line of sight.  
-Keep your screen clean and free of glare.  
-Blink often and use artificial tears if necessary.

## Annual World Day of Prayer Friday, 7 March at 1:00 p.m.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada invite you to join them in an ecumenical service hosted by the Protestant Chapel, CFB Comox. Babysitting available. Refreshments and fellowship after service.

## Red Cross Swim Lessons date changes

Classes on 22 March (March break) and 29 March (Easter weekend) will be rescheduled for 5 and 12 April.  
Next session to begin 19 April with registration at Canex Mall, Tuesday 15 April at 1800 hours.

## Internet Archaeology

Visit an electronic, multi-media journal, based at England's York University, and offering a wealth of archaeological information: <http://intarch.ac.uk/>

## Komoux Valley Paddlers

The Komoux Valley Paddlers Canoe and Kayak Club will be holding a meeting on 6 March at 7:00 pm. Call Betty at 339-6475 for location.

## February is Vision Awareness Month

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## Club Info

WOs & Sgts Mess Ladies Social Club meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.



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## 415 Sqn 40 year Reunion

This year, 415 (Maritime Patrol) Sqn will commemorate and celebrate 40 years of service to Canada. The reunion will be held at 14 Wing Greenwood, N.S. on 6-8 June. All squadron members from years past are invited to attend. Anyone requiring more information or wishing to register should contact the committee by:  
Phone: (902) 765-1494, loc 5875

Fax: (902) 765-1483  
E-mail: [jlafleur@atcon.com](mailto:jlafleur@atcon.com)  
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## Bombing

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bring the population to its knees. The massive nightly bombing of London only stiffened the morale of the English and brought England's war effort to a higher pitch.

The RAF began intensive daylight bombing of Germany in retaliation. But, because of British bombers' inability to find and hit its targets, its unescorted bomber fleet suffered serious losses from German fighters and anti aircraft fire. The RAF changed its air strategy to the indiscriminate night bombing of German cities and war plants. This too was generally ineffectual.

The struggle for British air power began in 1939 with a handful of primitive Whitleys, Hampdens and Wellingtons groping blindly through the darkness over Europe. These bombers proved tragically inadequate for the missions proposed against a background of 20 years of theory and propaganda about the invincibility of strategic bombing. It ended six years later with 1,600 Lancasters, Halifaxes and Mosquitoes equipped with the ultimate devices of Britain's wartime high technology, razing whole cities in a single night.

By 1942, the strategic air power of the United States entered the fray alongside the RAF's Bomber Command, to provide a more serious and complete test. At the Casablanca Conference in 1943, Gen Ira Eaker, the Eighth Air Force Commander, promised Winston Churchill that his multi-gunned B-17 Flying Fortresses and the still-secret Norden bombsight (allegedly capable of placing its bombs into a 50-foot diameter circle from an altitude of 25,000 feet), could dismember Germany's industrial power in daylight without the need for fighter escort. The RAF and RCAF would mount attacks by night and the USAAC would bomb by day.

The US Eighth Air Force philosophy was the belief that high level daylight precision bombing could destroy the key elements in the German war economy. The Americans were not deterred by the fact that earlier in the war Bomber Command and the Luftwaffe had employed these tactics and had failed. The US Air Force strategic air theory was tested to the limit as B-18s and B-24 Liberators, flying in mass formations, sustained heavy losses at the hands of the German fighters. In 1943 average losses were run-

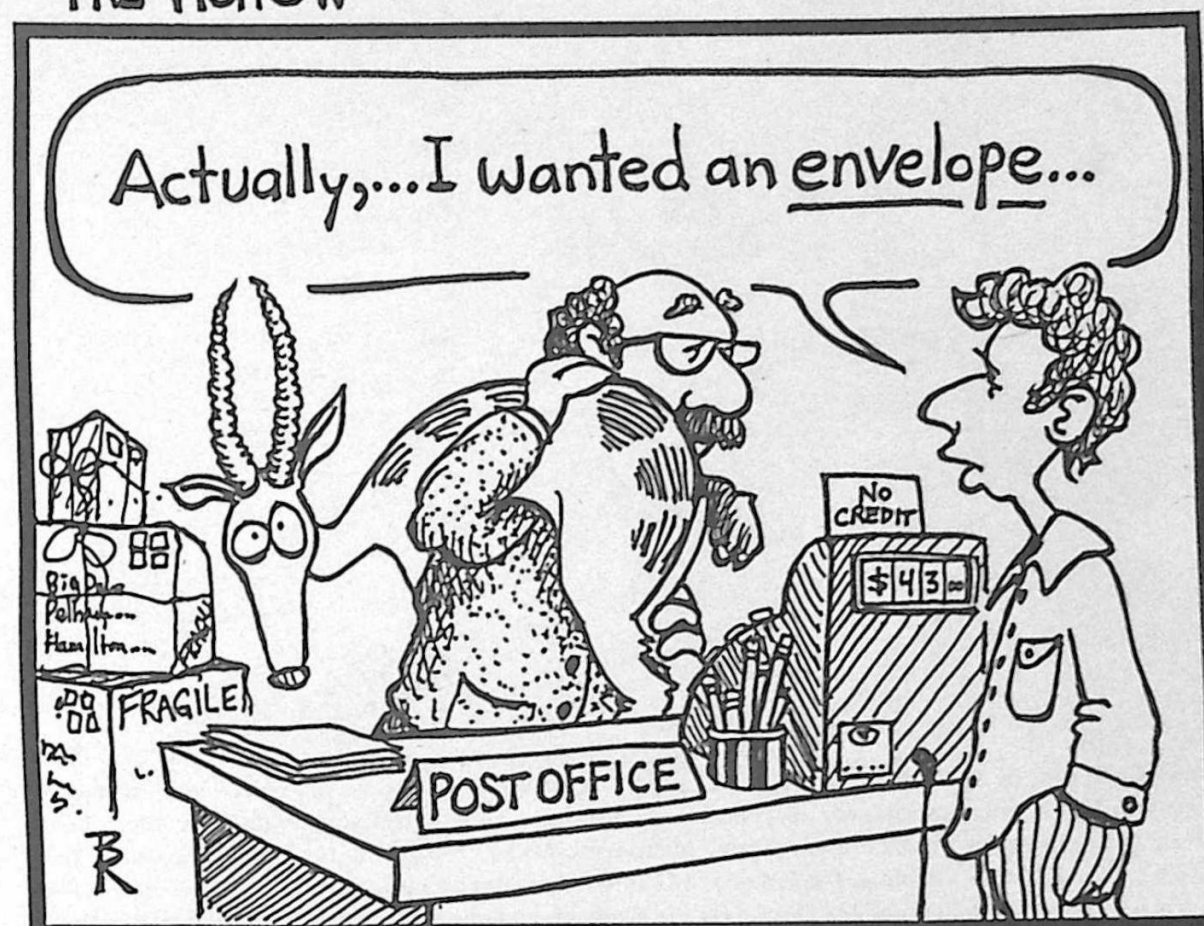
ning at 10% per mission, a rate that could not be sustained, and morale fell. The introduction of P-51 Mustang escort fighters greatly helped.

Precision bombing of European targets did not achieve the desired results due to Allied bombers lacking sufficient accuracy and poor weather conditions over many targets. To the dismay of the Americans, the abominable weather over the continent meant that precision daylight bombing was almost impossible for weeks at a time. The Allies underestimated German production capacity and overestimated damage to targets. In addition, the heavy bombers could not survive without proper fighter escort. German targets and their priorities were often ill-defined. In addition, the Eighth Air Force was forced to rely on the technical equipment that had been developed for blind bombing.

Precision bombing was, in fact, difficult even on a clear day with no fighter opposition. Bombs were dropped from a formation of large aircraft often flying wing tip to wing tip. This method of flying in a heavily laden bomber in turbulent air did not often result in accurate bombings. All formation aircraft dropped their bombs when the leader dropped his, creating a swath of bombing on the ground 1,800 feet wide, each one subject to the vagaries of wind at various altitudes. Even with the Norden bombsight, the precise moment of the drop depended upon the skill of the bombardier-pilot combination. With the bomber formation covering approximately 300 feet per second, a decision to drop that was even four seconds off would mean that the bombs would be dropped 1,200 feet short of the intended aiming point, or 1,200 feet over. The most well-intended bombing meant a shower of bombs from a moving mass that could not be less than 1,800 feet wide, and could easily be 1,200 to 5,600 feet or more off target. Precision bombing in the sense of hitting the exact target was nearly impossible.

In 1942, the British using photographs taken during two months of night time bombing operations, encompassing a hundred raids on 28 targets, revealed that on average only one in three

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aircraft of those attacking dropped bombs within five miles of the target. Over France it was often three in four, while over the Ruhr, only one in ten bombers made it to within five miles of the target. Precision bombing was severely affected by both ambient light and weather. On a moonlit night the overall average was two in five reaching the target, on a moonless night the average was degraded to one in fifteen. These numbers applied only to bombers successfully attacking, if the entire number of sorties was included in the figures they were diminished further by one third.

Precision bombing was inhibited from accurate bombing due to the size of the bomber formation, the nature of the bombing problem, the weather, German fighters, anti-aircraft fire, decoy fires, electronic counter-warfare, smoke screens, and other devices to combat bombing attacks. So, instead of precision bombing, the Allies bombed as they could and this meant area bombing. The British and RCAF in late 1944 often preferred area bombing over precision bombing.

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31 Brother's child  
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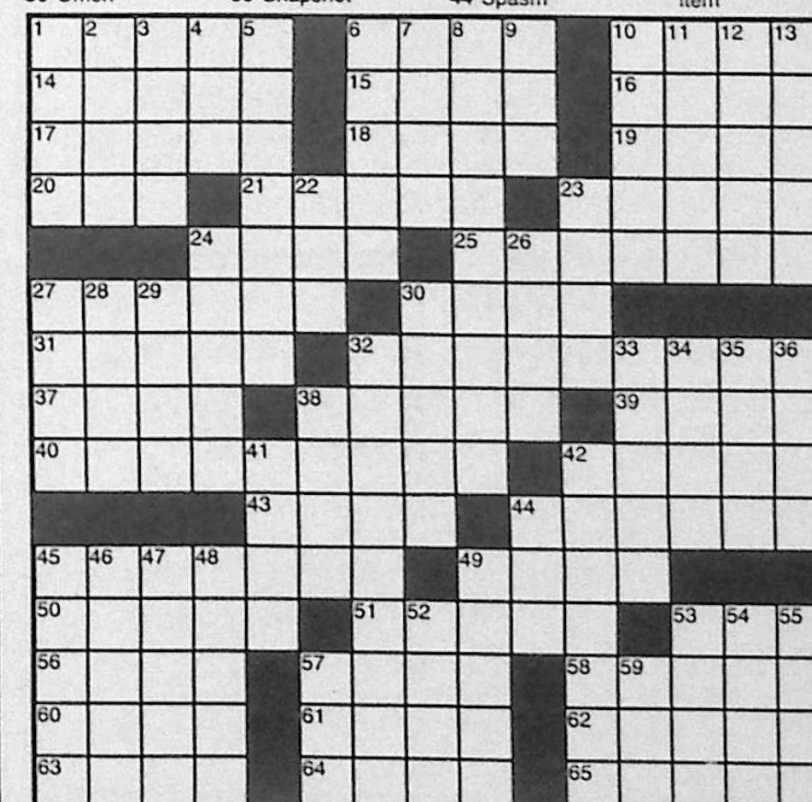
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## Surrender in the Air



From the depths of the Rowe Library, courtesy of The Illustrated London News circa 1917, comes this photograph of an aircrew member surrendering in the air. "This remarkable photograph was taken in the air during an encounter between a French and a German aeroplane on the Western Front. Part of the French machine is visible in the foreground. In the German aeroplane the observer is seen holding up his hands in token surrender. Doubtless the German airmen had realised that their machine was bound to come down in the French lines, and the observer thus surrendered in the air to enable them to descend safely."

## Precision Bombing

by LS W.O. Arthur

The Allied offensive against Germany in the Second World War was one of the most remarkable passages of arms in history. Precision bombing by the Allied Air Forces was also the most controversial. It began when Prime Minister Winston Churchill could see no other road to victory in 1940 as each army was stalemated and the channel proved to be a difficult barrier for both sides. The bombing of European war targets was undertaken, especially German targets, by senior airmen who were determined to prove that precision bombing could make a unique and decisive contribution to the war. Precision bombing is the precise surgical

strike that attempts to place all the bombs only on hard military targets - this was the goal of the US Eighth Air Force and of Bomber Command. But it was a goal usually impossible to attain. The question that faced Allied air leaders was not "do we bomb precisely, but do we bomb at all?" The controversy raged over the whole field of air offensive which embraced questions of strategic desirability, operational possibility, economic, industrial and moral vulnerability, including moral responsibility.

World War I saw the beginnings of precision bombing, with the Germans bombing London. The radical operation inspired many to rethink the airplane as a weapon of war. The man most

identified with precision bombing was Italy's General Douhet. In 1921, Gen Douhet wrote the first treatise on strategic air power, titled *Command of the Air*. He saw bomber aircraft unrestricted by mountains, trenches, defences, or by distance. Battles would now affect civilians as well as combatants. He also believed that air forces would dominate surface forces on land and at sea, and that an enemy's ability to sustain a war could be eliminated by destroying the enemy's industry and cities, ending its will to resist. He preached the destruction of enemy air power in the air and on the ground. Enemy aircraft production factories and heavy industrial plants, and important military targets were prime strategic targets. The general believed that bomber attacks were inevitable, and that defences against them were useless. He believed that attacking populations with relatively small amounts of explosives, incendiary and gas weapons would make populations force their leaders to sue for peace. Gen Douhet firmly believed that precision bombing would deter potential enemies from attacking.

Gen Douhet's logic was sound, but his theories had not yet seen a proper experiment. The

Italian air campaign against Ethiopia was not a true indicator of precision bombing. A more stringent test of his theories was soon to come.

In 1939, Germany had created the world's most powerful air force. German bombers in the Spanish civil war were used to attack Spanish cities, but not on the scale that occurred during the Second World War. German air planners strongly supported General Douhet's strategic air theory and felt precision bombing could accomplish their military goals. In the invasion of 1940, the Germans were successful in small precision bombing attacks against well defined targets, but these bombing attacks were few in number. The German Air Force tailored much of their bomber force to support their fluid, armour operations on the ground. England, which had suffered badly during the first World War, developed a bomber command to deter a resurgent Ger-

many without the need to place another vulnerable expeditionary force on the continent.

By 1940, Germany occupied most of Europe. Germany then turned to the invasion of England, the first test of Douhet's theories. The Battle of Britain was engaged to gain air superiority for Operation Sea Lion. Britain's Bomber Command had failed to deter attacks on England, but Germany's bomber fleet also failed to bring England to her knees. The German Luftwaffe failed to gain air superiority over England and defeat the Royal Air Force on the ground and in the air. German precision bombing attacks were very successful in the beginning against coastal radar stations and RAF airfields but these attacks were discontinued before the final results could become effective. After the Battle of Britain was won by England, Germany used its bombers on English cities, to

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## Nature's Way

Navigation is a science,  
Navigation is an art;  
Navigation's an alliance  
With the intellect and heart  
GPS electrons quiver  
To position every flight,  
Yet the salmon finds his river  
Though he cannot read or write.

Navigation needs equations  
Calculations neatly made,  
Integrations and summations  
Mark the GPS's trade.  
On each ship and aircraft, roaming  
Seas and skies, such work is done -  
Yet the pigeon finds his homing  
When he cannot count past one.

Navigation needs equipment  
Compasses and radios,  
Telling aircraft, with their shipment,  
Just which way the aircraft goes.  
Yet the geese will find their nesting  
In the Northern summer time  
Though you'll find no goose investing  
In equipment worth a dime.

Yes, the bee will find his honey,  
And the birds will find their nests,  
Never spending any money,  
Saying Nature's way is best.  
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Nature's work on land and sea,  
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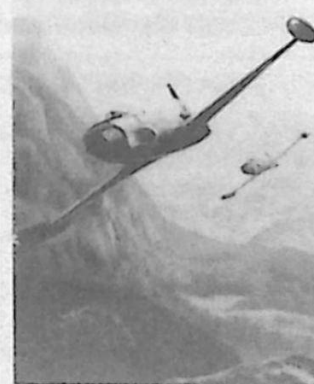
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