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Air Demo to highlight Harbour Days

The waves of excitement are rolling into Comox. Harbour Day is all set for Sunday, June 15. The fifth annual celebration to officially open boating season is bigger and better than ever. Organizers have an interesting, fun filled day scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with exciting family fun for all ages. Over 75 organizations are working together to provide the ultimate Harbour Day '97.

"This year, in addition to our usual outstanding marine, retail, and community service participants, we have four new exciting highlights," says managing director Vincent Dupuis. "First, we have the grace and power of the Comox Indian Band's canoe the *I'Hos*. The 30 foot hand carved canoe has the honour of leading the boat parade. Harbour Days will be doubly blessed as native

spiritual leader David Somerville joins Father John Paetkau with the Blessing of the Fleet," said Dupuis.

The traditional boat blessing offers seafarers a safe voyage, calm seas, good catches and the return of all to port.

"We encourage the public to take a step back in time and honour visiting classic boats: *M.V. Saga and Onaway*. Both vessels, built in the early 30's, are fine examples of time-tested workmanship. Quality construction and careful restoration earn these boats the distinction of members of the Vintage Vessel Registry.

"The ever exciting Courtenay Motorsport will entertain the public with the first ever Harbour Day Seadoo Challenge Races. Last year's demonstration provided viewers with amazement and awe. This year will be even bet-

ter. Over 20 racers will have their PWC's (personal water craft) all revved up to entertain one and all.

"What we consider the highlight of all highlights," says Dupuis, "is a one hour Air/Sea demonstration and show by 19 Wing CFB Comox. It is sure to be unmatched by all previous demonstrations."

"It will be a first-time-ever public exercise," says Capt David Krayden, Wing Public Affairs Officer. "Although 442 Transport and Rescue Sqn has lent its support every year in the form of a static display, this year the search and rescue unit will contribute a SAR Tech (search and rescue technician) parachute jump from the 442 Buffalo aircraft, into the water, where they will be rescued by the 442 Labrador helicopter. It will be a change for the valley residents to see the specialists

demonstrate how they save lives and contribute to the safety of the entire province," said Krayden.

"It will be like a mini air-show," Dupuis said excitedly, "all three squadrons from the base will be participating. Along with SAR aircraft, both the Aurora and the T-33 will also grace the local sky in celebration of Harbour Day."

"The CP-104 Aurora," Krayden pointed out, "has just returned from Greenwood N.S. where they won the coveted O'Brien anti-submarine warfare competition. The 407 crew is anxious to display the aircraft that protects the Canadian coastline."

Harbour Day was founded in 1993 by Bob Stevenson of Desolation Sound Yacht Charters. Stevenson, assisted by the Seafood Enhancement Association (SEA) and many marine workers

and related community organizations, has created a day for the people of the valley to commemorate oceanside life.

Stevenson is still at the helm as president and has passed managing directorship over to the multi-talented Vincent Dupuis. Dupuis has 35 years of business in both private and non-profit companies that range from computers, performing arts and commercial fishing. "Be proud of your harbour," said Dupuis, "come and celebrate with us on Sunday, June 15. Plan the day, come early, stay late. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Find yourself a troller, ask how the gurdies work. That's what it's all about."

Comox Harbour Day is sponsored by the Comox Valley Record.

Big Bike event



On Friday 6 June, 29 enthusiastic member of 19 Wing Comox, including Col MacLean and CWO Dupuis, participated in the "Big Bike" ride - an exciting, team-spirited fundraising tour for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Our "Wings" team collected

pledges and pedalled the colossal bike down Comox Avenue, encouraged by cheers from onlookers.

Kudos go out to the "Wings" team who raised over \$2,100 for the foundation.



The CP140 Aurora will be one of the aircraft featured at Harbour Days on June 15 in Comox.

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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 recessed to Sept 97
TUESDAYS.....Mixed Dart League recessed to Sept 97
Ladies Crib League 7:30 pm in Lounge recessed to Sept 97
WEDNESDAYS.....Navy League Drop-In Bingo, 7:00 pm
Upper Island Men's Crib League recessed to Sept 97
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)
SATURDAYS.....Meat Draws in Lounge, 3:00 - 6:00 pm
SPECIAL EVENT: Fathers' Day, 15 June - Beer & Cheese
hosted by the L.A. from 2:00-4:00 pm.
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13 June.....Vested Interest
20 June.....Andrew Schmidt
27 June.....Eldorado

FUN EUCHE.....every Monday night 7:00 pm
FUN CRIB.....every Wednesday night 8:00 pm
FUN DARTS.....every second Thursday night 7:30 pm
BARGAIN DAY.....every Tuesday, all day
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GENERAL MEETING.....Tues 24 June, 7:30 pm

Special Events

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Legion to host Bingo for July 1st celebrations

Courtenay's branch of the Canadian Legion has been a terrific supporter of the July 1st Committee for many years. The cost involved in giving the people of the Comox Valley a great party every year to celebrate Canada's birthday is helped a great deal by the support of bingo. It is usually held all afternoon on July 1st.

This year, the format is slightly changed, as the bingo will be held in the Legion Hall on Cliffe Avenue on June 30 at 7:30 p.m. It is hoped that having the bingo the night before will encourage more people to join in the fun and still have energy for all the great things that will be going on in the park on July 1st.

Mark June 30 on your calendar and plan to come and hear your numbers called!



CF Photo Contest

The annual CF Photo Contest will be held in Ottawa 30-31 October 97. It is open to Regular, Reserve and Civilian employees and their dependants. Cadets and retired CF military members are also eligible. Colour or black and white prints can be entered in the following categories: Military Life, Portraits, Special Effects, Sports, Technical and Open, up to a maximum of six entries per person.

The 19 Wing Photo Section is the unit contest coordinator. All entries are to be submitted to the section by 17 October for forwarding to Ottawa with all the proper entry forms.

For more information on contest rules and details, watch for the Routine Orders or contact your friendly Photo Section at local 8324.



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Francophone Association

Feu de la St-Jean

Le 20 juin, l'Association Francophone célébrera la Fête de la St-Jean avec un party à la plage de la Base Militaire de Comox. Le party débutera à 18h00 et le feu sera allumé à 21h30. Il y aura des hot dogs et des hamburgers en vente, ainsi que de la bière. Tous les francophones et francophiles de la région sont invités ainsi que leur famille.

Fete of St. Jean

On June 20, the Francophone Association will celebrate the "Fete de la St. Jean" with a party at Air Force Beach, CFB Comox. Starting time is 6:00 p.m. The fire will start at 9:30 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beer will be on sale. All Comox Valley francophones and francophiles are invited, along with their families.

Vente de Garage

L'Association Francophone planifie une vente de garage le 28 juin. A cet effet, nous demandons le support de la population. Si vous avez des articles dont vous ne vous servez plus, s.v.p. communiquer avec notre bureau au 334-8884 en laissant votre nom et numéro de téléphone et la liste de vos articles. Quelqu'un s'occupera d'aller les ramasser. Merci à l'avance pour vos dons.

Garage Sale

The Francophone Association is planning a garage sale for June 28. To this effect, we are asking for your support. If you have any unwanted items, please phone 334-8884 and leave your name and telephone number with a list of items and someone will get in touch with you. We thank you in advance for your donation.



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Remembering Izzy - with a doll

by Capt David Krayden,
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After almost three years, the pain of the loss is as chronically close as ever. The tears are still hard to quell. In her hand is one of the knitted dolls she has brought with her to send to Bosnia. Carol Isfeld, mother of slain peacekeeper MCpl Mark "Izzy" Isfeld, can remember that day - June 21, 1994 - when news of her son's death due to a landmine in Kakma, Croatia reached her. But she can remember the last time she saw Mark with even more clarity.

"He was different when he left for the last tour in April (1994). It was his second time over there and he had been in the Gulf," Carol explains. "He had changed. These experiences change a person, you know. I remember when his car pulled out of the driveway for the last time. I knew then that this was the last time," says Isfeld. "Men and women deal with pain and remember the pain very differently. I was his mother; I can still feel him inside me."

Mark Isfeld was serving with 1 Combat Engineering Regiment (CER) in Croatia when a mine which he was trying to remove

exploded and killed the Canadian Army master corporal, who was based at CFB Chilliwack at the time but whose parents were living in Courtenay, as they do today.

"You know it was tough for those men to go back to that minefield the next day - just one day after Mark was killed - and continue working. The job wasn't finished so they had to go in and finish it," Carol Isfeld says.

Since that tragedy, Carol and her husband Brian have worked tirelessly on behalf of former and serving peacekeepers. Brian has been made an associate member of the Landmine Survivors Network; they offer information relating to the Canadian Forces and peacekeeping on a self-produced web page; and there are the dolls.

Carol lovingly makes the "Izzy dolls" to give to members of her son's regiment - 1 CER - to distribute to children. The two-inch high crocheted dolls are all singular creations: some with peacekeeper headgear, some without, some boys, some girls. A small attached tag bears the address of the makers, a black and white picture of Mark Isfeld and the date of his death.

The couple has brought an-



In memory...

Brian and Carol Isfeld show the acting Wing Commander of 19 Wing Comox, LCol Terry Burt, the "Izzy" dolls which Carol makes in memory of their son MCpl Mark Isfeld, who was killed by a landmine in Croatia three years ago. The base at Comox is acting as a liaison between the Courtenay, B.C. couple and CFB Edmonton's 1 Combat Engineering Regiment (1 CER). The dolls will be going to Bosnia when 1 CER leaves for another six month deployment. The unit is Mark's old regiment and it has agreed to distribute the Izzy dolls to children in the war-torn Balkan country, something that Mark Isfeld did while he was alive and serving his country overseas. (Photo by Cpl Colin Kelley)

other 31 dolls to 19 Wing Comox on this day for shipment to CFB Edmonton where 1 CER, poised to leave again for the former Yugoslavia this month, will take the

dolls over with them and distribute them to children in the war-torn country.

Carol started making the dolls between Mark's first UN tour in 1993 and his second a year later.

She explains why she has decided to remember Mark in this way.

"It all started with a photograph," she says. "Mark was a great photographer and he was always taking pictures while he was away peacekeeping. One day he took a picture of a doll on top of a burned-out house in Bosnia. The sadness of that picture always stayed with me."

The photograph went on to win first prize at a photo contest in Washington state.

Brian Isfeld agrees that photography played an important role in his son's life.

"He was always taking pictures and finding himself in the middle of photographs," Brian points out that Mark can be found in many of the pictures displayed at a UN peacekeeping exhibit and the National War Museum. It is a fitting tribute.

The photos and video that Mark took during his overseas tours were also extensively used by the National Film Board to produce a documentary, *The Price of Duty*, which was aired last Spring.

Today, in addition to keeping Mark's memory alive, the Isfelds campaign for the abolition of anti-personnel landmines, an initiative that the couple both feel is well overdue and one that would have surely saved their son's life, given that landmines are about as common in the former Yugoslavia as flowers once were. Brian has written letters on the subject, including one to Lloyd Axworthy, who, as Minister of External Affairs, has placed Canada in the forefront of the abolition campaign.

The Isfelds are also disturbed that negative stories about Canadian peacekeeping sometimes overwhelm the reality of positive efforts.

"There's enough bad stuff out there," says Carol. "The rotten apples don't contaminate the whole barrel. There's got to be some good things to talk about: and we should be talking about those things."

Two pay days in December

It has long been the practice of the CF to provide our members their full December pay in their mid-month payment. This procedure was necessary when the pay system and the banks/financial institution processes were either manual or semi-automated. It was recognized that many of our members on extended periods of leave away from their home base location had difficulty in accessing their pay through the banking facilities available at that time.

The current policy regarding the conditions of pay issue and the availability of funds through today's modern banking facilities have been extensively reviewed. In light of the ability of our members to access cash from various and sundry locations throughout the banking systems, both local

and world wide, the advance of the full month of December pay to members as a standard practice is no longer justifiable.

Experience has shown the advantages of a regular cash payment cycle to our members as this assists considerably in their personal budgeting and serves to break the feast to famine cycle between the mid December and mid January pay. Indeed, this long period with no pay issue often resulted in excessive demands on casual payment and other administrative action prior to mid January.

Commencing December 97, there shall be two pays for all members in December, consistent with the other 11 months of the year.

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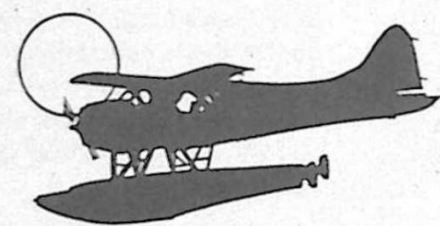
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Each time I complain that there is just not enough time in the day to accomplish the required tasks, or when I mention that time is passing very quickly (i.e. I'm ageing far too quickly), I am reminded by persons older than myself that time will pass even quicker as I get older. This is an interesting phenomenon that I will now attempt to explain. As we age, the body and mind require more "nap" time in order to rejuvenate. The older we become, the more naps are required. The more naps taken, the more time spent sleeping. The more time spent sleeping, the less time one spends aware of one's surroundings. This, of course, explains why time passes so quickly for people as they age; it is because they spend most of the time "napping." The need for naps increases exponentially as we age and ultimately leads to a state of continuous napping. At this point one passes to the great beyond, a state that has been correctly termed: "the big sleep."

Due to this ageing concern, I find that I have less "non-nap" time that I can devote to the Totem Times. In fact, I have been reduced to writing editorials, paying the bills and laying out the Heritage page. The former Assistant Editor, Edith Cuenier, has recently been appointed by the Wing Commander to the position of Managing Editor. This is a formalization of an activity that she has essentially been performing for the last six months and is recognition of her talent, creativity and interest in the Totem Times. Edith can be relied upon to continue the fine tradition of excellence that has so marred the editors of the Fishwrapper. Congratulations Edith. Now for one well deserved cat-nap.

Joel Clarkston



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From one editor to another...

Dear Sir,
Congratulations!
The appointment of Edith Cuenier as Editor of the Totem Times is a milestone in the history of this newspaper in that Edith's is the first appointment of a woman editor in the long, illustrious history of the Fishwrapper. I had the privilege of working with Edith on the Fishwrapper in my last year as editor, and was

impressed with her abilities then. In her post as Assistant Editor, the base newspaper has continued to provide the kind of service and quality that continues to win awards from the CCNA. Well done, Edith. The Fishwrapper is in good hands. Sincerely,
Norm Blondel
(a former editor)

Bravo Zulu to flood fighters

(The following letter has been received from VADM L. Murray A/CDS.)

Re: OP Assistance - CF support to Manitoba floods
As OP Assistance closes out, I wish to take this opportunity to personally commend all CF and DND personnel involved in this effort, whether on site or in a supporting role.

At its peak, the CF commitment included over 8,600 regular and reserve personnel, 150 watercraft, 1,000 vehicles and 34 aircraft. It was the largest CF operation since the Korean War and the largest domestic operation in Canadian history.

It is evident from my own visits during the operation, the correspondence that I have received, and the often spontaneous outpouring of gratitude from Manitobans, that the CF acquitted itself very well and helped many thousands of folks in difficult circumstances in a highly professional and extremely compassionate manner.

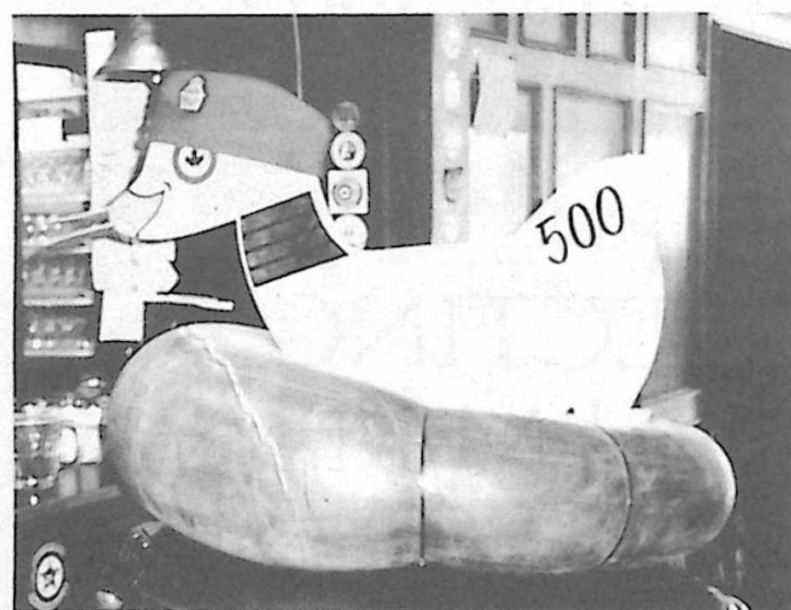
I would like to personally thank and convey a well-deserved "Bravo Zulu" to all who contributed to CF participation in OP Assistance for your dedication, initiative, selflessness, and determination. You should all be proud of your efforts.



A picture is worth....

Will you be submitting an article on an upcoming event? Would a photograph make your article more appealing and eye-catching? We now have a photographer on staff who will try to be there and capture the moment on film for you. At least one week prior to the event call 338-1956 and ask for Bob, or leave a message. We will do our best to get the photo you desire.

WComd duck found!



Just in time for the July 1st Ducky 500 Race at Lewis Park, aides to the WComd have located "BB Gun," Col MacLean's annual entry in the Rotary duck race, pitting the base's duck against those of Comox, Courtenay and Cumberland. After his third straight loss, BB left the Canada Day celebrations early last year profoundly depressed and remained unseen until late last week, when the duck appeared at TGIF celebrations at the Officers' Mess. After an eleven month bender, the unflappable BB Gun vows to win the race this year. But sources close to the WComd are concerned that the hard-living duck may require extensive training over the next three weeks to get into shape for the big race. "The duck hasn't been able to win yet and there's no certainty that he can do it this year without a lot of work," says one aide. "I wouldn't be betting my leave cashout on this one."

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Successful Safety Week

19 Wing flew safely through another Canada Occupational Safety and Health (COSH) Week from 1-7 June, which also marked the first ever North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, with Canada competing against its NAFTA partners, the U.S. and Mexico, for best safety program in the workplace. Wing General Safety Officer, Mr. Ken Ilitski built upon two consecutive years of success in the COSH Week competition - when 19 Wing placed first in the federal category in 1995 and first overall in 1996 - to further enhance the scope, message and effect of the annual safety education week at the base.

This year, Ilitski provided special workshops on safety in the workplace, concentrating on the science of ergonomics - creating a workspace that is user-friendly. A safety trade show, held in the base arena, attracted both base personnel and the public. A surprise training exercise on Friday

morning tested the emergency response capabilities of 19 Wing firefighters, military police and other support personnel.

The week culminated on Friday afternoon with a barbecue behind the Wing Fire Hall, where awards of recognition were given to key COSH Week participants and general safety commendations were given to deserving recipients. A Human Resources Development Canada representative from Surrey, B.C., Mr. Darren Buckler, attended COSH Week at 19 Wing and was awestruck by the degree of activity and personnel support for safety education in general and the aims of COSH Week in particular. "I wish the civilian world reflected the same measure of enthusiasm that I have seen here."

Said Ilitski of the week, "I'm overwhelmed at the support that safety receives at this Wing, from the Wing Commander to the personnel who benefit from improved awareness of safety."



Signing of COHS and NAOSH Week Proclamation in Wing HQ Conference Room, 2 June. Front row (L-R): Mrs. Linda Jeffrey, Acting Mayor for Wallace Gardens Community Council; Col B.B. MacLean, Wing Commander; Mr. Dennis Kennelly, President Local 1007 UNDE. Looking on are the COHS Week Steering Committee and guests (L-R): K.J. Ilitski, WGSO; CWO D.R. Dupuis, WCWO; Mrs. E. White; WO P.E.E. Doucet; Capt D. Krayden, WPaffO; Lt B. Gauthier, A/WGSO; Sgt J.B.R. Bellavance; Sgt A.J. Schuster and MCpl D. McMahon.

COHS Week Exercise: Chlorine leak (man down) Wing pool



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Be a part of Courtenay's parade

In the Comox Valley, one of the best ways to start a great summer is by being part of the July 1st celebrations that the July 1st Committee for the City of Courtenay plan each year.

Skip Blain, who has been the Parade Marshal for the July 1st Parade for over 20 years, is trying to encourage bands and other musical groups to put in an entry and take part in the parade. The theme this year is "Celebrate Our Music" and any group who has not already got their name registered to take part in the parade should get their entries into one of the following places: Coast

Country Realty, Chamber of Commerce, or Jennifer at Courtenay's City Hall.

It is unfortunate that we never can hear the school bands from the Comox Valley playing proudly in our parade because the school year ends but many of our youth will be taking part in the parade.

Having a float in the parade is an excellent way for the business community to contribute to the fun a parade generates and also it is an effective advertising tool that should not be missed. With a great money prize and trophy for

the Best Float Overall it is hoped that local business, community groups and associations will make this year's parade the best ever.

Parade applications are not just for marching bands and floats! Entries for prizes are taken for Antique Cars and Special Vehicles, as well as for individual people who dress up as Comic Characters!

Deadline to get your applications in is June 15. For further information call City Hall at 334-2228 and speak to Jennifer, or leave a message for Skip Blain.

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407 Sqn brings the O'Brien Trophy home

In case you haven't heard, Crew 5 managed to pull a fast one and win the O'Brien competition. This hasn't happened since 1991 and I would go so far as to say that there are a lot of people on the squadron who just don't know what the trophy looks like. Well, it's here and it is on display in Crew 5's lounge for all to admire and give kudos to those involved.

I may be a bit bold in saying this, but we were good and we won because of a little bit of luck and a lot of talent. Some of you may have heard that 415 Sqn was close at our heels (2.5 points out of a possible 200 points close). But they were, and excuse my boldness, only close out of sheer luck. I'm talking about the Golden Horseshoe (Clydesdale size) kind of luck. I can't give all the particulars of what transpired on their event against the sub (it's all that secret tactics stuff, besides it'll bore you silly), but, essentially, they found the proverbial needle in the haystack by jumping in rear first and having it prick them where it matters most.

Not to be too hard on them, since I do have some friends on that crew, they are the best at their squadron and they did give us a run for our money - so to speak. 415 Crew 5 had us worried on several occasions and it seemed that at times they wanted the win more than we did.



While on the competition, there was a lot of misinformation passed around and a lot of deception as to how well each event went. But you could always tell if someone got contact and managed to place an attack if they came back early. 415 did this on the last event and when we found out about it we weren't so sure about ourselves. As I mentioned before, it was always a close race between us and their early arrival had us biting our nails until we found out two days later who had won.

405 Sqn were a little quieter in their approach. Although I did find out that they, too, got contact on the sub I don't know how well they did. They did, however, win the Casex Trophy which, in my eyes, makes a great consolation prize.

Now that that chapter in our lives is done, Fincastle is fast approaching over the horizon. This promises to be even more interesting since we'll have even more competitive crews involved. There will be the Kiwis with their Gucci acoustical system, the Brits with their Nimrods, and our great nemesis, the Aussies with their brand new P-3s. Not to physc us out but the playing field won't be as even this time around and believe-you-me they will try very hard to make sure Canada doesn't get a hat trick.

Keeping this in mind, Crew 5 continues to perfect their tactics and procedures, making sure that we're as swept up as possible. Luckily with the ensuing APS, the crew has remained essentially

intact with only the loss of Reggie Laplante. Reggie will be going to Wing Ops this August and he will be sorely missed. In his place I'd like to welcome Neville Schultz as well as Travis Commandeur as our new third pilot. Knowing both of these characters, I'm sure that they want to win this as much as the rest of the crew and it'll be a pleasure having them on board.

Amongst other preparations, the Fincastle committee is in the process of selecting a back-up crew should any of us fall over. This crew will also be involved in a variety of social events which are just as important as the competition itself. Amongst the Fincastle trophies there will be a Fellowship trophy, awarded to the crew that displays the greatest camaraderie and friendship. This is

where the so-called "stunt doubles" come in. So, if you are inclined to help us out at a shot at both trophies, give Maj Cutland or Maj Loring a call at 8573 or 8797 respectively. Selections will be made soon.

In other preparatory events for the Fincastle, the committee is looking at having an aircraft painted in the same manner that 405 did last year. If you have any good ideas of how to redecorate the tail or brighten up the nose, preferably in some Canadiana fashion, then draw them out and feel free to submit them to the Fincastle committee.

Before leaving for Greenwood, the Fat Boys and I had a bit of a bash at our house. Now I didn't count for myself, because I was busy with other things, but a reliable report says we had in the order of about 120 people attend. We had an absolute blast and we would like to thank everyone who came and showed us a good time. For those who didn't make it, there will always be next year. At the rate this annual bash is growing, I'm sure we'll have even more fun next year and, yes, you are all invited.

Amongst other news: congratulations go out to Johnny Miller and his better half Kathy on the birth of their new son, Jedidiah Andrew. Mother and child are doing well.



by Eric Travis, ArmPAVO

It is once again time to bid farewell to personnel posted out and welcome those who eagerly take their place. This year 19 AMS will be losing a great many members to the posting demon and, to make some sense out of it, I will be organizing it in sections.

I will start with the AMCRIO section. Fortunately for the squadron, Capt Rossell was only required to make one presentation and therefore only took half an hour. MCpl Lafontaine has been employed in the Tool Control section and will be leaving us this summer to go to 407 Sqn.

Without further delay, we will move on to the SWO's section. The SOR will be taking a significant hit this year with both Sgt Ricard and Cpl Barnes posted out. I'm not sure who we will miss more - Sgt Ricard for his skin crawling cry "WHAT WAS THAT?" or Cpl Barnes for his ever ambitious statement: "You want ME to do that?" I honestly believe Sgt Ricard will be missed by the AVS canteen where he has single handedly increased sales by 75% and continues to lose at cards.

The ArmPAVO section will be taking quite a hit this year with

both WO Vokey (AVSWO) and WO Cook (ARMWO) leaving. WO Vokey is obviously depressed about having to leave his best section ever in his wake (assuming his boat ever achieves serviceable status), not to mention letting them ski Mt. Washington without his keen supervision and first aid skills. WO Cook is leaving for Cold Lake where the deer and antelope play. For this reason he was given a weapon with which he can't hurt himself. Hopefully, the next ARMWO will take Jim's place on the section ball team - we could use a pitcher. Also from the Armst section, MCpl Staples will be leaving us to join the Navy (Pat Bay will do). Kurt has already been working on the limp wrist and was having difficulties holding his certificate up for the picture (keep on kayaking). Cpl Champagne will be leaving this summer after spending a short six years in the Comox Valley. His time in Comox is evident through his obvious enjoyment of the rain (see picture). There is no question that his expertise and character will be missed throughout the Wing. Good luck in Greenwood. Cpl Fairbairn will be leaving the military this summer to pursue long hair, a beard, and a chainsaw in the Okanagan Valley. (Warning: bears run faster than you do Rick!) Cpl Tsagatakis is posted this summer due to the fact that none of us is capable of pronouncing his name. Manny has been active in 19 AMS S&E committee since arriving from 407 Sqn and his cheery attitude will be greatly missed.

The MSO world is losing four techs to this APS: from the new ACS section (the old workshops) long-timer MCpl Tony Arcand has been posted back to his old stomping grounds - Cold Lake.

Well, if I have missed anyone it is an honest mistake and the paper would not let me write much more without giving me my own edition anyway. Best wishes to all from the squadron that sits at the top of the totem pole, or at least 7 Hr.



As the Beacon turns

by MCpl John Healey

APS is fast approaching and, as with every year, ATC will experience a big turnover. We have nine people leaving this year to return to colder parts of Canada.

Capt "Rollie" Lapointe, who recently completed AEC conversion training, is posted to CFB North Bay. Capt Barry Scott is posted to Cornwall, Ontario, where he will be an instructor in the school. Cpl Jamie Marshall just returned from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California after completing the basic SATCOM Data System Supervisor course. Jamie and his family are posted to 2 SPCS Buckley, Colorado this summer. Capt Dave Mashyk, who is presently on a tour in Egypt, is posted to 17 Wing Winnipeg. Capt Doug McMullin will be moving to 9 Wing Moose Jaw. Capt Dimmer, who has been Chief Controller for the past three years, is posted to 4 Wing Cold Lake. MCpl Pat Leonard, who recently returned from helping with flood relief in Winnipeg, will also be moving to North Bay this

summer. Also leaving this summer is Cpl Tara Langley who will be taking a leave of absence for two years.

All these people will be replaced with new faces and that means more training in the unit. 2Lt Angela Reid, who was in Comox for OJT last year, has successfully completed her basic AEC course and will be joining her husband Lorne in 8 Wing Trenton. Angela was posted here from May 95 - May 97.

I would like to welcome ODCs Jenny Doucet and James McKillop to Comox ATC. Jenny and James are both Military College students who will be future AECs. Jenny is from Charlo, New Brunswick and is studying Politics and Economics. She will start her second year of college in September. James is from Manitoulin Island, Ontario and will start his fourth year of studies in Computer Engineering in September. We hope they both enjoy their summer here in the valley. Congratulations to Cpl James

Ray on a speedy qualification in the Terminal Data position. James has been working in the control tower since the summer of 95 and has been away from the radar world for two years.

On the lighter side - the WOPs inter-section ball team is off to a fair start with a record of 2-3. Attendance at the games has been good so far, however, we would like to encourage all section members to come and play or just cheer on the team.

The section Farewell Party is scheduled for 20 June at the Glacier Greens Golf Course. Fare for the event will be steak and prawns with dinner scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and dancing at 8:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and say farewell to the folks who will be leaving us this summer.

Congratulations go out to Capt Kristen Gagnon on her recent marriage to Capt Russ Ackland from 442 Sqn. The couple tied the knot on 6 June at a small private ceremony in Courtenay. Until next time...



Milo the Clown entertains young and old at the 19 AMS Family BBQ.



Cpl Luc Champagne was one amongst several 19 AMS personnel who were presented a certificate of service at the BBQ. Luc is posted to Greenwood.

407 Medals and Awards



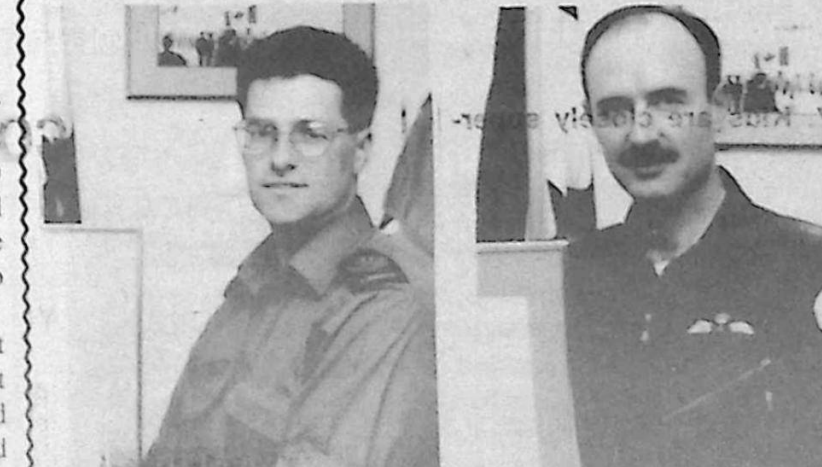
Cpl Holmes, CD.

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MCpl Konrath, Aerobic Excellence Award



Sgt. Fontaine, Suggestion Award

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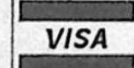
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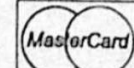
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SAR cairn dedicated

"That Others May Live" is the motto of the Canadian Military's Search and Rescue Technicians (SAR Techs), brave and dedicated men and women who daily risk their lives to rescue people in distress in the air, on the water, or on land. This is also the inscription on a monument that was unveiled on 31 May 97 at the RCAF Museum at CFB Trenton, Ontario. About 200 people from across Canada gathered for the ceremony, which was hosted by

the Para Rescue Association of Canada. Padre "Hopper" Hopkins of 8 Wing Trenton led the dedication prayer and the poet laureate was Cpl John Elmes of 424 SAR Sqn, Trenton.

The cairn is located under the nose of the Dakota (DC-3) aircraft in the Museum's Air Park and is dedicated to all Para Rescue personnel - past, present and future. It will stand as a testimony to the bravery, honour and professionalism of the men and

women of Search and Rescue.

This is an auspicious year for the dedication of the monument since 1997 officially marks the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Air Force being tasked with primary responsibility for Search and Rescue in Canada. The SAR Techs and all the retired Para Rescue men of Canada are proud of their heritage, conscious of their role, and dedicated to the cause of helping people in distress. They are second to none.

Air combat takes flight in B.C.

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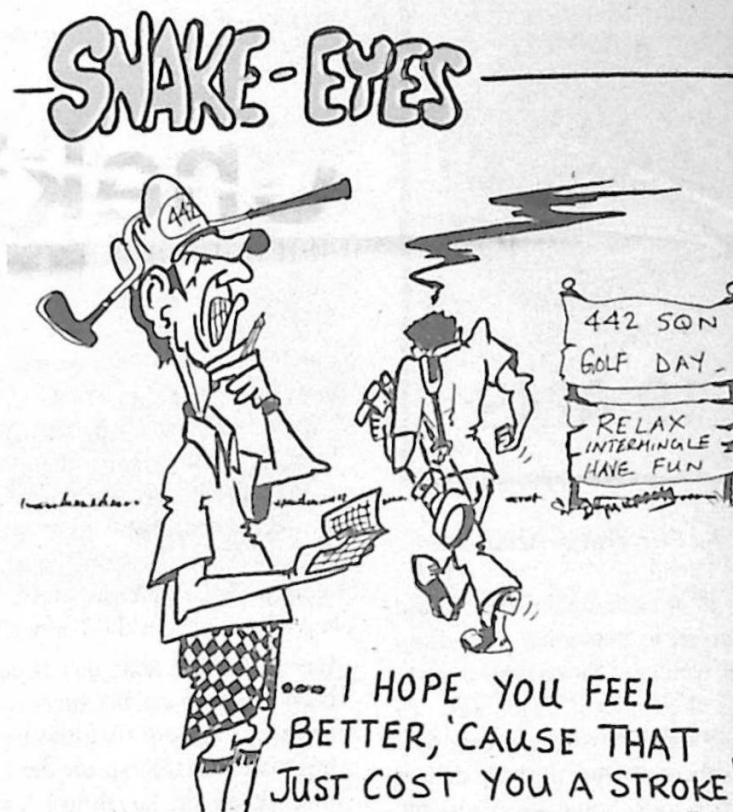
"It is extremely satisfying to see the thrill of a customer flying an original WWII Harvard," said David Sproule, Instructor, ACE. "We offer various flights ranging from basic sightseeing to advanced aerial combat manoeuvres, all depending on the customer's comfort level.

To become a "fighter pilot" for the day, you are briefed on Safety Procedures, the Rules of Engagement, and Air Combat Manoeuvres. Customers are then placed in the cockpit and further briefed on their aircraft. After "take-off," the customer, with controls in hand, is directed to the "combat zone" along with their "bogie," where they will engage in multi-

ple dogfights.

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Newly located at Boundary Bay Airport in Delta (30 min. from downtown Vancouver), Air Combat Experience has just opened its new operation here in B.C.



442 Sqn rescues four Americans

Aircraft and personnel from CFB Comox's 442 Search & Rescue Squadron have rescued four Americans from a 100 foot fishing supply vessel. The group was spotted in a life raft last Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. about 70 miles off the northwest coast of Vancouver Island by a Buffalo aircraft. The aircrew dropped supplies to the group while a Labrador helicopter from the air base

was also dispatched to the scene.

According to Sgt Tony Isaacs, one of the SAR Techs who rescued the Americans, the four were hoisted into the helicopter and flown to the Port Hardy hospital. The ship's captain, Jim Fulton, was suffering from hypothermia but the rest - crew members Greg Stolberg, Gene Davies and Danny Brown - were in stable condition.

Guide for a Safe Boating Season:

Cold Water Can Kill

Cold water is an experience that we share with several other avid boating countries. Interestingly enough Finland, Norway and Sweden all have similarly high fatality rates for pleasure boaters. In Canada, hypothermia, or the fatal cooling of the body, contributes to many boat drowning deaths. In some types of small vessel activities, particularly fishing from a canoe, almost 40% of deaths are attributed to hypothermia. For other types of boating the data is less clear due to a lack of statistical information. Key times of the year for hypothermia are the early spring and late fall when air and water temperatures combine to produce killing conditions for wet boaters. Important points to remember:

- Water temperatures below 10 Degrees C (50 Degrees F) are considered very cold.
- Survival times in very cold water can be less than one hour.
- Wear a PFD, especially one designed to delay the onset of hypothermia. These PFDs can look like a coat or a set of coveralls. They trap water and reduce your cooling rate.
- Get back in or on the boat.
- Keep your clothes on. They will provide some protection.
- Don't swim for it. All you will do is get colder faster.
- If you can't get out of the water tuck yourself into a ball, keep your arms at your sides and your legs together.
- Huddle with other survivors by placing your arms around their backs.
- Never give alcohol to a hypothermia victim.
- Never massage or move a victim unnecessarily.
- Give victims hot, high energy drinks.
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Gord and Michaela discuss the Fly-in's numerous static displays put up by various organizations, including the RCMP's "Eye in the Sky," and along with the Base Museum's mint WWII ambulance which is in perfect running condition.



Capt George Clarke of Victoria "cheks in" with Gord and Michaela upon arrival at 442 Sqn in his WWII vintage naval T28 airplane.



Gord shows his strong arm and gentle persuasive manner as he prepares to write a "parking ticket" for pilots Roger Damico and Ken Armstrong of Victoria.



Michaela was given the grand tour by Capt Clarke. She was heard to exclaim "Where can I get one of these?"

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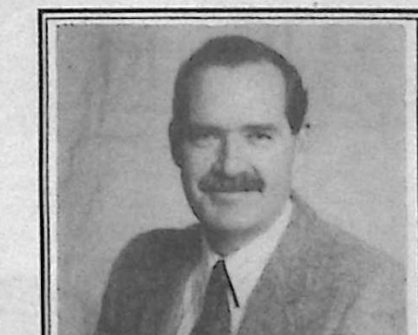
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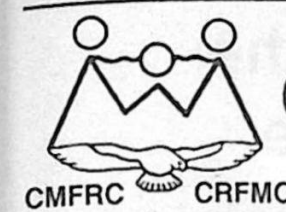
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To all the volunteers who

will be leaving us, you've done an excellent job and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours!

To those of you who are just joining us or who plan to stay on, we look forward to a great new year ahead! Thank-you again to all volunteers for your greatly appreciated help and support!

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Stories, Poems and Fun!

The Preteen Story Workshop ended with a great party! Thanks to the parents for bringing the goodies. Everyone really enjoyed listening to the many stories written throughout the workshop. The following are samples of Limerick poems written by Cailean, Chelsie, and Bronwyn:

*There once was a boy named Cailean
Who loved to go out sailing
He had a new boat
That was tied in a moat
and he liked to go out when it was hailing*

*There once was a girl named Chelsie
Who went to sail the sea
She saw Cailean's craft
Which was tied to a raft
so she decided to climb a tree*

*There once was a girl named Bronwyn
Who rode on the back of a dolphin
She saw Chelsie up at tree
And Cailean going crazy
And the dolphin and Bronwyn grinned*

See this page for the upcoming Preteen Story Workshop. Look forward to another fun and creative time!

Youth Activities

For registration in Youth Activities call Jill at 339-8211 local 8656

Preteen Story Workshop III

Ages: 8-12 year olds
Dates: Wed., July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Times: 1:00- 2:30 pm
Location: Protestant Chapel Annex (next to Glacier Gardens Ice Arena)
Cost: \$5.00 (for snacks)

Preteen Outdoor Beach Volleyball

Ages: 8-12 year olds
Dates: Tues., Jul. 8, 15, 22, 29
Times: 1:00- 2:30 pm
Location: Air Force Beach
Cost: \$5.00 (for snacks)

Teen Outdoor Beach Volleyball/ Barbeque

Ages: 13-18 years
Dates: Jul. 8, 23, Aug. 6, 20
Times: 6:00- 10:30 pm
Location: Air Force Beach
Cost: \$5.00 per evening for food

Registration: Phone Jill at 339-8211 local 8656 or Carmie at 339-7696
Joint effort by the CMFRC and Wallace Gardens Community Council

Teen Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque/ Beach Evening

All teens who have helped out during the past year are invited to a Beach Barbeque Evening. You're welcome to bring a friend. Burgers, hot dogs, chips and pop will be provided. See you there!
Ages: 13-18 years
Dates: Thursday, June 19th
Times: 6:00- 10:30 pm
Location: Air Force Beach

If you are planning on coming phone Jill at 339-8211 (local 8656), or Carmie at 339-7696
Joint effort put on by the CMFRC and Wallace Gardens Community Council.

Volunteer News

Volunteers Needed this Summer and Fall

We need volunteers to assist in providing pre-teen and teen sports activities as well as a number of social events; to assist the child care staff at the KCCC; to welcome

new military families to the Valley; to help facilitate quality of life workshops; to give a hand at the toy lending library. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated and valued! FMI call Michelle 339-8211 (Loc. 8655).

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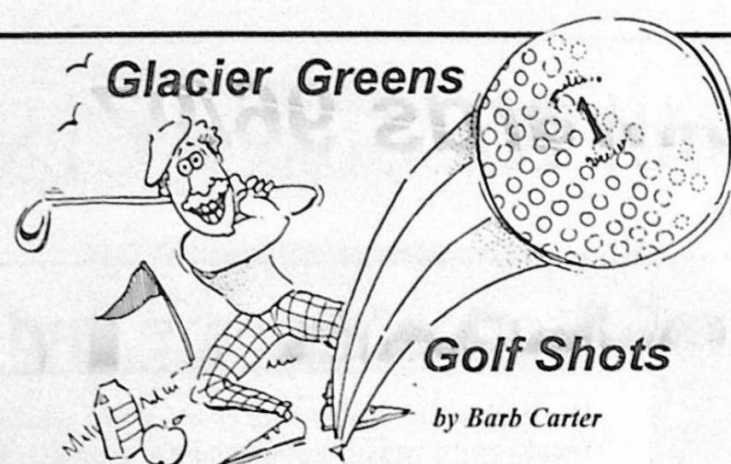


Workers imitate nature by re-creating fish-rearing and spawning areas.



Placement of logs in river tributaries simulates natural tree cover needed by fish.

Forest Renewal BC is a partnership of forest companies, workers, environmental groups, First Nations, communities and government. Explore our web site: <http://www.forestrenewalbc.ca/forestrenewal>



LADIES GOLF

May 27 was not the most wonderful, with slight showers and wind, however 43 gals turned up to play. The magic number was two, so anyone having a gross ending in two was a big winner: Duane Miles shot 82, Dolly Pearson 102, Arlene Bishop 112, and Jean Maxwell 122. Sonja Famulak was the big putter of the day with only 28 putts. Hidden holes were won by Ellie Nicholas and Judy Felbaum, and I'm not saying if they were high or low.

Shirley Wallis broke 100, shooting a 95, and was presented with her pin. Good for you, Shir. Big news on the day - another hole-in-one. This time the honours go to Muriel Krier using her #7 iron on 15. What a great shot! When last seen, Muriel was still floating about two feet off the ground.

Steve Bailey and his hard working crew are doing a great job getting the course ready for the Men's and Ladies' Opens. We all appreciate your efforts guys.

Our Amateur Open is on June 15. Get your entries in fast.



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G.G.
FIELD DAY

Drat, drat, drat! And that's all I can say about the miserable weather that hit us on June 2 for our first Field Day. Four or five wimped out and only did nine holes, yours truly included, but 90 plus hung in to complete the 18 hole event.

Big winners from Storey Creek were: Low Gross - Debbie Hutchinson and Wendy Brereton; Low Nets - Sandy Anderson and Olive Parks; Putts - Judy Spiers. From Sunnyside it was Low Gross Frankie McCaffrey and Ann Gardom; Low Nets were Irene Pearson and Ev Andres. Putts were tied with Fran Henderson and Maggie Miller getting the honours. From Myrtle Point: Low Gross went to Gail Fennel and Gail Casparie; Low Nets to Alice Lowcay and, tied for 2nd Net, Mary Henry and Inga Thompson. Putts was also tied with Lou Bekkema and Ruth Carmichael getting the nod. From Dequoia Springs: 1st and 2nd

Gross went to Lou Berthume and Trish Roberts, while 1st and 2nd Nets went to Joan Eccles and Grace Schmidt. From Gold River: 1st and 2nd Gross went to Eloise Lloyd and Jacquie Anderson; Nets went to Cathy Watson and Randi Rye; Putts were tied by Trudy Annand and Kristine Rye. Low Gross from Glacier Greens went to Duane Miles and Fran Hume; Nets to Sonja Famulak and Liz VanBoeschoten; Putts it was Irene Marshall.

KPs on #4 Carmel Horoch; on #12 June Dyson, Storey Creek; on #15 Olive Park, Storey Creek; and #17 Lou Berthume, Sequoia Springs. Closest to the line on #3 was Marlene Gerrie from Sunnyside. Longest Drive went to Eloise Lloyd from Gold River.

After a really rotten day, it was a pleasure to partake of a delicious lunch of lasagna, caesar salad and garlic bread, along with a tasty dessert, from Steve Dodd and staff. Thanks people.

News from the
Rec Centre

PACIFIC REGION SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP		
HOST UNITS & DATES		
SPORT	DATES	UNIT
Softball	17-20 Jul 97	CFB Esquimalt
Soccer	14-17 Aug 97	CFB Esquimalt
Running	4-5 Sep 97	19 Wing Comox
Golf	14-17 Sep 97	19 Wing Comox
Tennis	TBA	CFB Esquimalt
Ball Hockey	TBA	19 Wing Comox

Morning Fitness Classes

Classes consist of various, circuit training, hydra-gym, weight room, relay races, and lots of fun. New ideas are always welcome.

Come and join us for a morning workout at the Rec Centre. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 0730-0830.

Members on remedial are encouraged to attend.

1997 SUMMER SWIMMING PROGRAM

First Session - 7 to 18 Jul 97

Registration: 2 to 3 Jul 97
Time: 0830 - 1130 hrs
1800 - 1900 hrs

Second Session - 21 Jul to 1 Aug 97

Registration: 18 Jul 97
Time: 0830 - 1130 hrs
1800 - 1900 hrs

Third Session - 5 to 15 Aug 97

Registration: 1 Aug 97
Time: 0830 - 1130 hrs
1800 - 1900 hrs

Fourth Session - 18 to 29 Aug 97

Registration: 15 Aug 97
Time: 0800 - 1130 hrs
1800 - 1900 hrs

Cost: Level 1 to 6 \$24.00
Level 7 to 9 \$30.00
Level 10 to 12 \$40.00

Lesson: All lessons will be held between 0830 to 1130 hrs, from Monday to Friday at the Base Rec Centre Swimming Pool.

Registration: All registrations will take place at the Base Recreation Centre.

* For more info, contact J.C. Fromont at 339-8211 Local 8315

GOLF IN THE COMOX VALLEY

Comox Golf Course

PRO - Gordon Brighton 9 holes - \$15.00 339-4444
1718 Balmoral Ave, Comox 18 holes - \$24.00

Crown Isle

Full 18 Holes 18 holes - \$37.00 (wk-day) Mon-Thu 338-6811
18 holes - \$43.00 (wk-end) TWI After 3 p.m. - \$28.00/\$30.00

Glacier Greens Golf Course

PRO - Scott Fraser 9 holes - \$13.00 339-6515
Knight Road, Comox 18 holes - \$20.00

**** Golf clubs avail thru Rec Centre (require PLCC Card)
**** Golf passes avail thru Rec Centre - cost \$10.00 (Military only)

Longlands Par "3"

1239 Anderson Rd, Comox 9 holes - \$8.00 339-6363
18 holes - \$16.00

Mulligan's Executive Par "3"

PRO - Wayne Powell 9 holes - \$10.00 338-2440
4985 Cotton Rd, Courtenay 18 holes - \$17.00
Twilight (after 3 p.m.) - \$10.00
Twilight (after 5 p.m.) - \$8.00

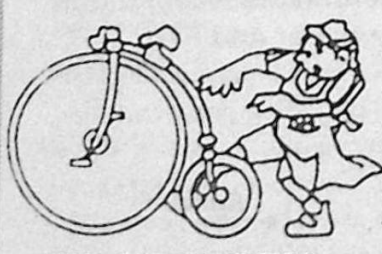
Sunnyside Golf Course

PRO - Wayne Smily 9 holes - \$17.00 334-3232
3 miles north of Courtenay on the Island Highway 18 holes - \$27.00
Twilight (after 3 p.m.) - \$17.00
Twilight (after 6 p.m.) - \$12.00

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19 Wing Sports Awards 96/97

Female
Athlete of the Year

WO Kathy Knight-Adams

WO Knight-Adams was the chief organizer for Ladies Broomball at Comox for several years. Kathy organized the trip for Wing females to attend the World Broomball Championship in Victoria. WO Knight-Adams was selected to play with Kamloops in the World Broomball Championship. She played with Kamloops at the civilian Nationals, and augmented CFB Esquimalt at the CF Nationals in Borden.

Male
Athlete of the Year

MCpl Jim Morrisey

MCpl Morrisey has been the backbone of the Wing Basketball program for several years, coaching, playing, and as team captain. Jim has ensured that there has been a team in the Comox Valley Basketball League every year that he has been here. MCpl Morrisey augmented CFB Esquimalt at the CF Nationals in Borden, where Esquimalt won the National Championship. Jim has been selected numerous times to the CISM Basketball team.

Team of the Year - Men's Broomball



The team played in the World Broomball Championship in Victoria, they won gold at the B.C. Provincials for the second year in a row and, on very short notice, the team had to replace a deployed Pacific Fleet team at the National Championship in Borden. For the team it was their fourth National in six years. The second gold medal win at the Provincials gives the team a "bye" to the Canadian Nationals being held in Regina in 1998.

Volunteer of the Year



Capt Dave Thurston

For the third year in a row, Capt Thurston has volunteered to be President of the Intersection Slo-Pitch League. Capt Thurston has taken on this task with vigour and professionalism, scheduling and being the rules mediator for all the teams. Dave enjoys his role and duties as president, and is constantly available to ensure the league runs smoothly, effectively, and is enjoyable for all.

Coach of the Year



MCpl Bill Johnson

MCpl Johnson coached the Men's Wing Hockey team in four tournaments, the Valley Commercial Hockey League, and the Pacific Region Championship. Recovering from a broken back, MCpl Johnson gave back to hockey his free time and energy throughout the winter to coach and manage the Wing Hockey team. His dedication and loyalty were very much appreciated by the hockey team and the Rec Centre staff alike.

Official of the Year



WO Baxter McKee

WO McKee is the B.C. Referees Association Committee member and the North Island rep (Nanaimo North and Powell River), responsible for 418 referees. Baxter refereed inter-section, commercial league, Commander's Cup, Pacific Regional and the CF National Hockey Championship.

(Photo by Base Photo)

Volunteers honoured



The 19 Wing Fitness Sports and Recreation Director, Ms Bobbi Howard, thanked six volunteers who gave up their weekend to help the FS&R staff host the Pac Region Bowling, Badminton and Squash Championship. The three-sport regional was held here at 19 Wing from 18-20 April. All six volunteers worked very hard throughout the entire weekend. In recognition of their tireless efforts, they were presented with 19 Wing sports shirts.

Back row (L-R): Pat Andrews, Pat King, MCpl Annette Savage, Lee King. Front row (L-R): CWO Wayne Johnson and Vic Arsenault.

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1060 Willemar Ave.
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PINES APARTMENT
1055 - 10th Street
1&2 B.R. Avail. Immed. Basic cable, heat, hot water, parking, drapes & carpets inc. Coin-operated laundry. 2 ref. req'd. No pets. 334-4483

BLUE JAY APARTMENTS
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ARGO COURT
1846 England Avenue
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Miscellaneous for Sale

Viking Dishwasher used one year only - certified by Salter & Newell - \$250 (new \$500). 338-9489 or loc 8274 <2/2>

12,000 BTU Fedders Air Conditioner, used one season only - \$400 (new \$800). 338-9489 or loc. 8274.

Hot tub (Coast Mountain Designs Ltd.), 7 months old, 13 jets, 1.5 HP, 5-6 adults, 79x80x35. 10 year warranty. Paid \$4,000, asking \$3,000. Call 338-6880 or loc 8399. Ask for Marie. <2/2>

For Sale

Near new 1640 sq.ft. rancher on Oceanview Ave in Comox. 3-bedroom, 2 bath, family room, dining room, blinds, mountain view, many extras. Asking \$172,900. 339-7107

Comox Townhouse For Sale

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Advertising - 18 June.

Articles - 20 June, noon.

Sisters of the Heart

Are you new to the area or just wish that you knew more people? Beta Sigma Phi is an International Women's Organization that offers social and cultural enrichment and a lifetime of friendship.

In the Comox Valley there are over 100 members in 10 Chapters. Many of these women say that Beta Sigma Phi was a lifeline to them when they were posted because membership is transferable from posting to posting.

All women over the age of 18 are invited and welcome to join our local Chapters. If you are interested in learning more about Beta Sigma Phi, or you know someone who needs a little friendship in their lives, please call us: Pat 339-6556, Donna 339-3692, or Wendy 338-8545.

Bible School

Children who have completed Grades K-6 are invited to Sonrise Balloon Adventure. This vacation Bible School features singing, crafts, games and Bible stories. For info: 339-4144 or 339-0628

Club Info

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

The Seventh Annual Stewards Seminar and Reunion

August 21-23 1997
8 Wing/CFB Trenton
Trenton, Ontario
Contact: MWO J.M. Hart, Senior Steward 8 Wing Trenton, P.O. Box 1000, Stn Forces, Astra, Ontario, K0K 3W0.
Phone: 613-392-2811, ext 3457. Fax: 613-965-7509.
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Seafood Feast

The Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society will be holding a fund raising Seafood Feast at the Florence Filberg Centre in Courtenay on Wednesday, 25 June, commencing at 7:00 pm. The Seafood Feast will be catered locally by Country Catering. Tickets are priced at \$30.00 each and can be purchased from members of the rescue unit or by calling 339-6478. The guest speaker will be Chris Carter.

The prime objective of this event is to raise funds towards the purchase of a more efficient and safer marine rescue vessel to serve the Comox Valley. The new vessel construction has been contracted to Daigle Boats of Campbell River and should be in service by this Fall. Another example of "Community Volunteers Working for You."

The Enhanced Officer Professional Development System

In June 1996, Armed Forces Council (AFC) approved the implementation of an enhanced Officer Professional Development System (OPDS).

As the OPD System Manager, Comd CFRETS is responsible to Adm (Per) for the coordination of all common training and education called up by the Officer General Specs.

The enhanced OPDS is built on a foundation of professional knowledge with leadership as its cornerstone. It features the four pillars of professional development (education, training, employment experience and self development) and includes four developmental periods (DPI ODDT to 2LT, DP2.Lt to Capt, DP3.Maj to LCol and DP4.Col to Gen). The OPDS policy document outlines the philosophy and structure of the enhanced OPDS and specifies selection criteria for training and education as well as obligatory service which may be incurred for long residential courses.

In the past nine months, CFRETS has taken action on many fronts to implement the enhanced OPDS. Some examples

include:

• A new BOTC qualification standard (QS) which structures BOTC into three distinct phases and which spells out training requirements for CFR candidates.

• A junior officer staff training syllabus which will be embedded into MOC training and which will also be available as a stand-alone computer based training package on floppy disc in on-job performance records (OJPR) format from base OPDP coordinators by Fall 97.

• An undergraduate degree program (Bachelor of Military Arts and Science) which is available now from RMC through a number of distributed learning centres. RMC will award appropriate credit toward completion of this degree for previous training and experience.

• AFC and DMC have also approved the development of an Advanced Military Studies course (AMSC) and a National Security Studies course (NSSC) for all colonels and brigadier-generals respectively. These courses will be delivered at CFC in Toronto commencing in academic year 98/99.

Future significant changes to the OPDS will continue to be presented to OPD Council for discussion and decision and passed back to Comd CFRETS for implementation.

More details will be forthcoming on these and other significant changes as appropriate. To assist in communicating details of the enhanced OPDS, two new documents will be issued later this Spring:

a) The OPD Handbook (Ref C) will be distributed through URSS to UICS in sufficient quantities to provide one copy for every regular, primary reserve and Class C officer. In future, CFLRS St. Jean will be issuing the handbook to all successful graduates from BOTC I. Additional copies can be ordered from CFPD, Ottawa through Base Supply using the NDID number A-PD-007-000/JS-HO1.

b) The OPD system document (Ref D) will be on more limited distribution to those agencies who are actively involved in OPD system management.

Former 407 Sqn member writes from England

Dear Editor,

Through my son, who works at RAF High Wycombe, I got a copy of Totem Times for 15th May. Reading it brought back happy memories.

As an LAC, I arrived at Comox the latter part of May '58, got as was Vancouver (Sea Island) by C 119 from Montreal, then managed to get a ride on a Catalina of KU 121 to Comox.

I was posted to 407 Sqn which, at that time, had Lancasters and was situated in the wartime hanger, as an Inst. Tech. I found the Inst. Shop run by F/Sgt Mac Aulay who retired in the Comox area in '64. I reported to the Orderly Room where I found what a great and friendly squadron it was. The CO was W/C Buzz Simpson who liked to meet all new personnel, he also ran me in his old car to my quarters. The car was an old English Ford with the squadron crest on each door.

This, I found out, was because it was kidnapped by 409 Sqn and hidden. There was great rivalry between the squadrons and we were always known as the "Country Club" as we very seldom worked weekends, which started 12 noon Friday.

Another incident was that the squadron found out that a USAF General was to visit 409 Sqn. A rocket was constructed of canisters and placed on the grass area between the hangers on a makeshift launching pad. On the gen-

eral's arrival, and as he stepped from the plane, an announcement over the P.A. system "This is Cape Lazo, the Cape Canaveral of Canada, and we are about to launch." The countdown was in French, there was a loud bang with lots of smoke and the rocket tipped over.

Early in '59 we lost our Lances - they were replaced by P2V7s from the east coast and we had to install the jet engines and pods on them. With these new aircraft, it meant we were on more exercises with the US Navy. I had three trips to San Diego and two to RAF Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.

The early sixties saw a change in COs, W/C Simpson was replaced by W/C Joe MacArthy of dam buster fame, and a change in the base. There was a new mess built for sergeants and junior ranks which was opened in grand style with food and drink along with a pipe band and TV cameras from Victoria. The officers, not to be outdone, had their mess renovated, knocking the whole building down, with the exception of the stone fireplace and chimney. The opening of the new mess meant a sad farewell to the Snakepit, just around the corner from the main gate, where you could always get a cold beer, even if you were in a mess coming from the Hobby Shop or Motor Club.

The building of the ice rink was another occasion. It brought hockey and broomball. All that

was needed was a rubber ball, corn broom, and two teams with disregard for life and limb.

Spring '64 saw the closing of Sea Island Vancouver and 121 KU coming to Comox with myself moving to 121. It was sad to be going. Life was now different - new aircraft to work on, went to Trenton for a course on CH 113 helicopters and had the pleasure of flying in them as well as in flying boats.

In July '64 I was sent to Cold Lake for a CF 104 course in preparation for overseas. Got back to Comox in September and my last duty was going on detachment to Calgary with two Albatrosses to search for a light plane lost between Spikane and Calgary. I never finished the search as I was called back and was posted to #1 Wing, Marville, France. My wife, two children, and yours truly, sadly left Comox on 11 November '65.

I believe there are two friends I had that are still in Comox: ex F/OA (Tony) Mitchell, navigator and pilot with Air Canada, and ex Sgt Jim Baker who was greatly involved with the Scout movement and, if I remember right, was Scout Commissioner for Vancouver Island. If they are still there, give them best wishes and regards.

Yours sincerely,
Ronald A. Smith (ex Cpl)
High Wycombe, England

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Slash
2 Begged
3 Sheep's product
4 Canadian doctor
5 Scarce
6 Golden Fleece
7 Stevie Wonder's instrument
8 Heroic tale
9 Cairo's river
20 NY time
21 Some western bandits
24 Adolescents
26 Revises (a text)
27 Go to extremes
29 Cloudless
31 Beauty parlor treatment
32 Cubes and spheres
34 - King Cole
37 Walk
39 Computer abbr.
40 Book part
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53 Authority
54 Barn topper
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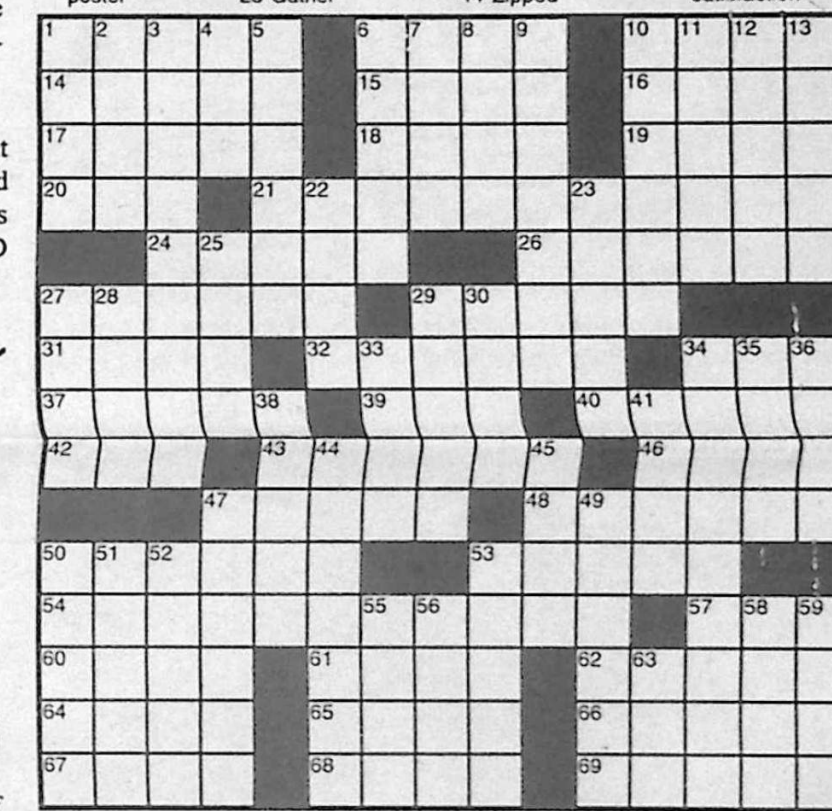
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2 In current condition
3 Made a rattling sound
4 Rooster's mate
5 Eaten away
6 Iron
7 Reindeer
8 Buffalo's lake
9 Commanded
10 Ramble
11 Winter constellation
12 Eyed amorously
13 Loamy soil
22 Adam's grandson
23 Gather

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

ARIA RENEW SMOG
BERN ARENA TILL
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SMILES ITALIAN
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ROOSTS DAIS ELK
MONTH HERB PASS
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AMMONIA SANDRA
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SLED SHOWY ONLY

25 Columbian
Bombeck
27 Chooses
Dancer -
Elen
29 Gluts
30 Green fruit
33 Pithier
Heshier
34 Managua's country
35 Before long
36 Take care of
38 Flour mixture
41 Heap
44 Zipped

45 Singer
Celine -
47 Type of leather
49 Puffs up
50 Reside
51 Eagle's nest
52 Rains and drakes
53 Losses color
55 Decorate anew
56 Conceited
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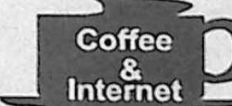


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Coal Harbour's aviation past



"A baby at the door and the week's wash are common in this B.C. isolated RCAF area where airmen can build their own cabins and bring out their families." (Photos courtesy Rowe collection)

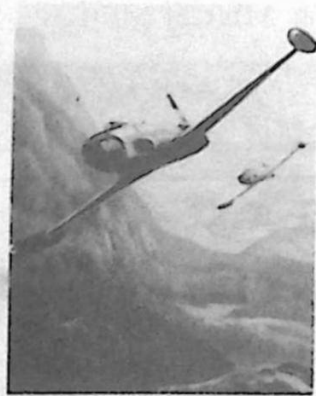


"One of the modernistic types is seen above. If an airman is lucky he can buy a house from an owner who has been posted for perhaps \$300.00."



David Hornell and crew versus U-1225.

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by Maj Joel Clarkston

Many of us have been to the small town of Coal Harbour, located on an arm of the Pacific near the northwest tip of Vancouver Island. It can be accessed by road from Port Hardy and is halfway between that community and Holberg. Some of the helicopter types have even landed near the harbour front to take in some of the culinary delights and look over the old hangar facilities and catch a little of the whaling station history. Few, however, realize the significance of this small community to West Coast aviation.

During the war, Coal Harbour was home to 120 BR Sqn flying Supermarine Stranraer and Canso aircraft, as well as playing host to numerous domestic and foreign military aircraft. Significantly, David Hornell, the first member of the RCAF to win the Victoria Cross, was first stationed at Coal Harbour, where he flew the Stranraer flying boat. A brief synopsis of his career is featured below, along with accompanying photos. In addition, there are two photos of bush houses built by members of the RCAF to accommodate their families when posted to isolated stations such as Coal Harbour, where suitable lodging was hard to find. David Hornell brought his young wife to Coal Harbour and lived in quarters like the ones featured in this article. The new Canadian Forces Housing Agency may lift a leaf from the book of the past.

Hornell

RCAF's first VC

Jan 1940, Dave Hornell left his job in a research lab to take pilot training. His 31st birthday on the 26th of that month would have put him over the age limit. He served with 120BR Sqn flying Stranraers and Cansos out of Coal Harbour on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He built a small bush cabin for his new bride; this also provided a common solution to the lack of living quarters on RCAF stations up and down the isolated coast.

Hornell was later posted to 162 "Osprey" Sqn in Iceland and Wick, Scotland. On 24 Jun '44 he and his Canso crew attacked U-1225, sinking it. Their badly damaged Canso was forced to ditch after the flaming starboard engine fell off into the ocean. The crew of eight spent 21 hours in the freezing seas in one 4-man dinghy, capsizing several times in waves that were whipped to 40 foot swells by a 50 mile an hour gale. Hornell took his trousers off to use as a bailer. He left the raft once to save a member of the crew blown adrift.

When the rescue vessel reached them, two men had perished and all efforts to bring Hornell back to consciousness failed. Two crewmen from B.C., F/O Ed Matheson (Nelson) wounded by flak and F/L G. Campbell (Vancouver) were among the survivors taken to the Shetland Islands.

Hornell was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

Last flight of Stranraer 961

Stranraer 961 was one of the flying boats that operated from Coal Harbour. It left on a long-range patrol with a full crew and ran into difficulty out to sea. The following excerpt was taken from the Coal Harbour Air Station diary and gives a chilling account of the action that was taken to recover the crew. It also gives an account of how easy it was to perish in the line of duty, even in those areas considered far from the real conflict.



Stranraer 961.

June 29, 1940: Corporal Kennedy arrived at Coal Harbour with seven other Airmen as an advance party. This group of Airmen boarded at Mr. Hole's Hotel from 29-6-40 until 4-9-40.

Aug 23, 1942 Weather - low clouds descended in the morning to under 2,000 feet but visibility remains over five miles - clouds gradually lifting and dispersing slightly. Sun is present and temperature slowly rising. A/C Stranraer 961 left on a long patrol at 0820 hours. F/S Cox was Captain.

An SOS was received from A/C 961 at 1810 hours to the effect that she was forced down at 99 orange 55 and was sinking. Five A/C were immediately dispatched from the station to the location and cooperation was requested of the other stations as well as from the Navy. M1231 Rescue Vessel Malacite was dispatched to Quatsino Sound to await further orders. At 2030 hours F/O Snyder - Captain of C/C 952 - reported having sighted the stricken 961 but that the water was too rough to render aid. Engine trouble forced A/C 952 to return and none of the other searching aircraft or vessels sighted A/C 961.

Aug 24, 1942: Weather - a cloudy day with "ceiling under 2,000" all day. There was occasional light rain and fog in the morning and showers in the afternoon. Visibility fair but down in light fog. During the day the search for A/C 961 was continued but she was not sighted.

Aug 25, 1942: No entry available.

Aug 26, 1942: Another cloudy day until 1700 hours when it cleared up considerably. Occasional light drizzle and fog in the morning. Visibility fair. Day much cooler. Squadron Leader F.S. Carpenter, Commanding Officer, went down to Ucluelet to take charge of the search operations from that station. The search was intensified with ALL available aircraft being used. There was still no sign of A/C 961. A U.S. Navy Goose arrived 1450 hours and refuelled and left at 1546 hours for Sand Point.

Aug 27, 1942: A cloudy day with light fog reducing visibility to five miles. Afternoon cleared up to give a few high clouds, sunshine and higher temperatures. The search continued but the results were negative and a growing conviction became almost a certainty that A/C 961 and its crew were lost. The next of kin had already been notified that the men were missing and were to receive regular notifications regarding the progress of the search. The members of the missing crew were: R61363 F/S E.T. Cox (Captain), R79640 F/S A.B.L. Horn, R97131 Sgt. R.B. Stuart, R82071 F/S M. Cram, R84116 Sgt. A.M. Anderson, R61020 Sgt K.E. Hope, 4629 Sgt L. Oldfort and 12048 Sgt C.D. Beeching.



THE RCAF'S FIRST V.C. AND HIS HEROIC CANSO CREW

BACK ROW (including insets): F/O B. C. Denomy, DSO, Chatham, Ont.; F/O S. E. Matheson, DFC, Nelson, B.C.; F/L D. E. Hornell, VC, Mimico, Ont. (deceased); F/S S. R. Cole, DFM, Long Branch, Ont. FRONT ROW: Sgt F. St. Laurent, MID, Pointe au Pere, Que. (deceased); Sgt D. S. Scott, MID, Almonte, Ont. (deceased); F/O G. Campbell, DFC, Vancouver; F/S J. J. Bodnoff, DFM, Ottawa