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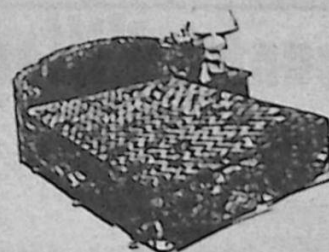
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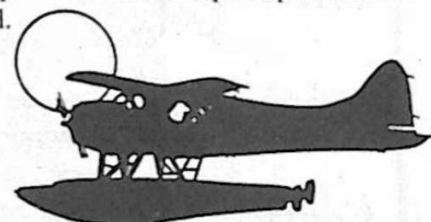
What motivates these people?

The Search and Rescue Technicians of the Canadian Forces have always held a special place in my heart. I'm not saying that it's a good place, just a place. They are definitely a unique bunch whose job entails some of the most interesting work in the Forces. As a former SAR helicopter pilot who was involved in many rescues and rescued himself by SAR Techs, I feel that I have first hand knowledge of some of their daring do. And I have to admit that I have often wondered, "what motivates these people?" Just about the time, after many weeks of flying about with no SAR business, that you think you're carrying a couple of physically fit, joke telling, egotistical, over confident and disrespectful louts on your aircraft for no good reason, you actually do get a call for a rescue. The rescue turns out to be a wreck and the people have been dispatched to the other side in a most gruesome way. The two SAR Techs are hoisted down to a scene of carnage and decay to do what is required to identify and secure the remains. It's about that time that I am very thankful that they are doing the job and not me. But, what motivates these people?

Congratulations to the first graduates of the Canadian Forces School of Search and Rescue here at 19 Wing. I realize that the course is not an easy one, particularly if you are the first course to go through at a new location and there is a lot of media attention focussed on the outcome. Of particular note is the graduation of the first female Search and Rescue Technician, Corporal Tammy Nagraeff. Once upon a time, I was the Staff Officer for Search and Rescue working with the Godfather of SAR, Chief Warrant Officer Bill Krier. I often saw the applications for SAR Tech training go across his desk and would ask about some of the applicants. Rarely was there a female applicant and, in the light of the Forces' policy of opening up most trades to both gender, I asked about this lack of participation from time to time. The answers were varied and reasonable, if not colourful, but the bottom line was always, "why would anybody want this job in the first place?"

So why do these SAR Techs want to do this kind of work? It's because of the adventure, the danger, the uniqueness of the trade and the lifetime recognition. And the most compelling reason of all, as stated by the Governor General, is all of those trips to Rideau Hall to pick up the medals. They just can't pass up a free meal.

Joel Clarkston



Executive Director retiring - again!

Dennis McMahon, Executive Director of the FMFRC for the past two years, is retiring at the end of August. Dennis was a navigator with the Air Force and a LtCol before he retired and started a new career with the CMFRC. He brought his administrative skill, plus an easy-going manner to create a warm, friendly place to work.

Dennis has been instrumental in developing and sustaining a number of projects during his time at the CMFRC. He actively took on the challenges of opening the Program Building at #120 Kinnikinnik, starting up Internet in the office, developing the counselling position, and writing a new policy manual. He has been supportive of many new projects, such as the teen video production, pre-teen programs and French programs. Dennis hosted the '95

Regional Conference when he first came on board, making staff members of other Family Resource Centres feel welcome.

One of the largest projects taken on was the Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre, which was in its infancy when Dennis joined us. He wore many different hats - from plumber when the toilets were overflowing, to signing the pay cheques. He helped increase capacity from 75% to its current 100% and sustained the idea of adding infant spaces until its recent fruition.

We are going to miss Dennis and wish him the best of luck in his new career as expert kayaker and philosopher (well, maybe he has already started).

If you would like to help us say 'farewell' to Dennis, join us at his retirement party at Air Force Beach at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 30 August for a potluck barbecue.



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19 Wing United Way campaign



19 Wing Comox has set a goal of \$22,500 for its 1997 United Way campaign. The campaign, which runs from 8 September - 31 October 97, is organized by approximately 40 volunteers. As in the past, participation is the KEY to success for the United Way campaign. Without everyone's support, it will be very difficult to reach our goal. Therefore, designated United Way canvassers will approach all DND employees of the Wing. Everyone is encouraged to contribute either by pay deduction, cash or cheque. Even those on an attached posted or TD may make a donation. Any amount, no matter how big or small, is most welcome. By giving a little you will be helping a large number of people who rely on the various agencies supported by United Way.

The Comox Valley United Way plays an important part in raising funds for non-profit community organizations in the valley. This year, the Comox Valley United Way will be distributing the funds among 27 agencies. All funds raised at the Wing will be distributed locally; in this way, all of our donations will be helping members of our community. This year approximately 12,000 Comox Valley residents will benefit directly from the donations made

to the United Way. The B.C. Children's Hospital, the B.C. Paraplegic Association Vancouver Island, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Comox Valley Branch St. John Ambulance are four of the 27 agencies that will benefit from your donation.

19 Wing Comox is a significant contributor to the Comox Valley United Way. Remember the contributions you make have an enormous effect on those who live in the Comox Valley. Together, we can accomplish our goal.

The various unit/section representatives have been canvassing and will continue to canvass all individuals. If you think you have been missed by a canvasser or require more information, please contact the Wing Coordinators: MWOC Rodgers at 8501 or Capt L. Hounslow at 8107. This is our opportunity to help our community.

A reminder to canvassers: please submit your weekly progress reports to the Wing Coord every Monday. These figures are needed to accurately update the total board, located near the MP shack.

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Governor General visits 19 Wing

by Capt David Krayden,
WPaffo

His Excellency the Governor General, the Right Honourable Romeo LeBlanc, came to 19 Wing on August 21 to celebrate 50 years of search and rescue and preside over the 1997 graduation parade of the Canadian Forces School of Search and Rescue (CFSSAR). Mr. LeBlanc was treated to a SAR demo aboard a Labrador helicopter on his way to the base from Vancouver. After landing, he presented Somalia medals and CDs to highly honoured recipients at the Officers' Mess.

The CFSSAR parade came next, where the Governor General personally pinned the highly-coveted SAR Tech wings onto the SAR Tech graduates' orange flight suits. While addressing the graduation parade, Mr. LeBlanc

remarked that SAR Techs had been awarded a significant number of medals for bravery.

"I have never performed search and rescue, and I've never been rescued. Yet I have seen Search and Rescue personnel from a special perspective. I see them when they come forward at Rideau Hall to receive medals for saving lives. We don't hand out a lot of Stars of Courage or Medals of Bravery. There's a small requirement of risking your life to save others. But in the last quarter-century, Governors General have awarded those medals to nearly 60 military personnel for their courage in search and rescue," he said.

After attending a luncheon at the Sgts' and WOs' Mess, Mr. LeBlanc proceeded to Victoria to visit the Navy.



Governor General Roméo LeBlanc stands at attention under his standard for the Royal Salute.



Mrs. Diana Fowler-LeBlanc was greeted by Mrs. MacLean and Col MacLean, WComd, as she arrived by Challenger aircraft on Aug. 21.



Media cameramen and photographers were on hand to capture all the pomp and circumstance surrounding the visit of such a high profile guest.



Cpl Hervieux proudly receives his SAR beret from CWO Fred Ritchie as the Governor General looks on. Each graduate received a new beret after receiving their Wings from the Governor General.



LCol Paul, CO 442 Sqn and CWO Ritchie, CFSSAR CWO, presents a personalized SAR jacket to the Governor General as a keepsake.



The Honour Guard show the way to the Challenger aircraft awaiting the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc and his wife as they leave CFB Comox.

(Photos by Wing Imaging)



And now... to the Black Knights

by Lt "Squish" Umrysh
414 (CS) Sqn has had a busy few months, with many changes taking place. We have been extensively involved in many exercises both in Canada, we well as in the US. Not only that, but the squadron has also been preparing to say goodbye to its CO of the past three years, LCol Hunter. In between planning, travelling and execution of exercises and deployments, most of 414 Sqn found time to witness LCol Hunter's last flight as CO of the squadron.



LCol Hunter returns for his cool farewell reception.

Farewell

to the Chief Knight



LCol Burt, Base Commander, Col MacLean and LCol Hunter before the water games begin.

(Photos by Richard Mailhoit, Black On White photographer)

Other squadron happenings

The Black Knights just recently returned from Great Falls, Montana, where they were assisting the 120th Fighting Wing with their Operational Readiness Inspection. This assistance came in the form of simulating enemy aircraft or cruise missiles, depending on the mission, and generally trying to slap around a few F-16 Vipers. A good time was had by all and the mission objectives were definitely met. An honourable mention goes to the ground crew from 414 on this deployment: Cpl Heron, Cpl Couturier, Cpl Dobson and Cpl Deley for the outstanding job they did in keeping all the jets serviceable.

Lt "Buca" Kettles and Lt "Squish" Umrysh waved the Canadian flag and represented 414 (CS) Sqn this previous weekend at the Miramar airshow in California. It was a tough job but someone had to do it. Both pilots return intact (much to the amazement of the rest of the squadron) sporting some fierce looking haircuts, courtesy of the Miramar barber.

In the upcoming months the Black Knights will be going to Moose Jaw, Utah, Fresno, Greenwood and anywhere else where a need arises. Stay tuned for the stories in future issues.

Totis Viribus - With All Our Might.



L-R: LCol Burt and LCol Hunter after flight.



by Eric Travis, ArmPAVO (shredder)

19 AMS has been a quiet place of late with many personnel on course or on leave; however, we have still managed to get a few people together for a paintball war. Those who participated appeared to have had a great time. Sgt Murdoch was grinning from ear to ear with anticipation of the event and, from what I have heard, did rather well. Some participants didn't see the Sgt all day and believe that he hid in a tree. (Hey, whatever works!) Several participants are still showing off their welts and bruises and I still haven't heard who won.

With all the commotion of the Governor General's visit, you may have missed the excitement the weekend before. The 19 Wing EOD team responded to a bomb threat to Air BC Flight 590 on 16 August. Due to their immediate response and thorough search, airfield operations were shut down for minimal time, approximately two hours. Fortunately, after a thorough search of the aircraft, the bomb threat was

determined to be a hoax and operations continued without further incident.

With the visit of the Governor General, several presentations were given out. Sgt Aitchison was the only recipient from 19 AMS and he was presented his CD1 by his Excellency, the Right Honourable Romeo LeBlanc.

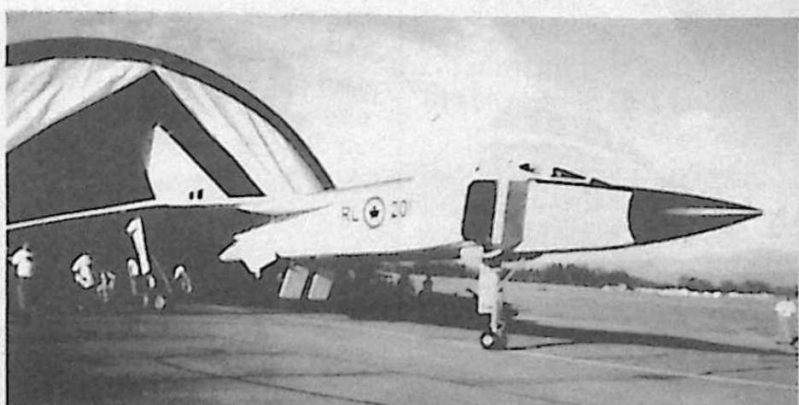
In June of this year, 19 Wing was called upon to support the reconstruction of the full-scale model of the Avro Arrow aircraft in time for the Abbotsford International Airshow. Two ACS technicians from 19 AMS, Cpl Mike Long and Mike Coles-Webb were deployed on 18 June on what would turn out to be an ACS tech's dream come true.

These two talented techs were faced with the challenge of reassembling this aircraft that was literally in pieces and severely damaged. Over the course of the following six weeks they became the pillars, key players, mainstay, corner stone, (you get my point) in the successful completion of the project. Mike and Mike, as they were known, took control of 40 volunteers of various trades and skills, working 10-hour days, supervising/coordinating the manufacturing, repairing and assembling of this historic aircraft. This was no easy task as the aircraft is constructed of wood, mild steel and aluminium materials.

On 25 July at 1900 hours, with the two Mike's at the controls, the Avro Arrow rolled out of its hangar and was definitely a sight to behold. Well done to Mike and Mike. Bravo Zulu!!



Mike and Mike.



The legendary Avro Arrow rolls out again.

407 Sqn



Demon Doin's

Welcome to another edition of the Demon Doin's. It's still the summer months so there aren't too many people around, and no one around to gossip with. Any stories that I might have might not be totally true but it's the best that I could piece together with my limited resources.

We'll start with the Fincastle Competition preparations. The people that are involved with it seem to be working really hard. Maybe it's just that acquired 407 skill of look busy when you're not, just to get out of work. Now that I think about it, maybe I'm not supposed to let that little secret out. Nonetheless, everyone has been busy. I think the overall plan is for this Fincastle to be the biggest and bestest ever (it is just not emphasized unless there's a "st" in the description).

Besides Fincastle, the squadron is busy integrating all of the new members into the squadron. If we haven't said it before, "WELCOME" to the best Aurora squadron in the CF, on the best Wing in Canada.

For news from the crews, it's limited because some of the crews are on leave. Some crews are on leave now and others were on leave during this period, so it's hard to get dirt on them (but I've never let the truth get in the way of a good story).

Crew 2 recently broke in Whitehorse during a northern patrol. It's a sovereignty patrol where we show the flag over the northern settlements. Of all the

tropical destinations to break, they had to break in Whitehorse, where the ravens are big enough to carry away small people. At least with fat boys like Jim Byrne on Crew 2, the ravens definitely have their work cut out for them. Yeah Jim, you just left the Dawgs and we turn on you in the blink of an eye!

The Dawgs of Crew 3 have been busy. They just returned from doing patrols over the Pacific aimed at catching illegal

driftnet fishermen. They were based out of Midway Island, which is the site of the famous WWII battle between the United States and the Japanese. Its size is less than four square miles and it's a huge wildlife refuge now. Not much really to do there but even then a few of the crew managed to get into the doghouse. You'll have to ask Jake Gallant if he's still sleeping on the couch.

Not a great first deployment for a young Lt fresh out of Aurora school. You'll have to ask him for the details but, in his defense, he spent a lot more time in those shark-infested waters looking for his wedding band that I would have. Keep in mind that when you watch a National Geographic special on sharks; it's usually filmed near Midway. Darcy Sullivan's half-naked, sleek cheetah-like physique was also spotted careening down the beach warning people after he spotted a 15 footer cruising near the shore. I'm not sure which will give me worse nightmares - Darcy or the shark!!

Time to abuse a young MCpl (last name Hollington, first name Bruce), for driving illegally the entire time on Midway. No matter what anyone says Bruce, a golf cart is a motor vehicle.

Speaking of MCpls, there are photos of another AESOP floating around the squadron. In this photo, this particular GQ looking, muscle bound AESOP (with the initials BT), is sporting an older western style chorus line dress. What is scarier is that he looks

good! More money that I'm going to have to spend on therapy but, on the bright side of things, I'll have more free time after they disband the Airforce.

Crew 5 is always ripe for the picking when it comes to abuse. I guess I should lighten up on the Fincastle crew because they have been working hard. Between preparing for the competition, bottling wine and painting the Fincastle logo on the tail of aircraft 117, they've been busy. If anyone has the spare time to look at 117, it's a work of art. It appears that the wear and tear of flying have been taking their toll on the paint job that the crew did. Just a word of advice to Crew 5: it was a great way to save time but bottling wine and painting aircraft don't mix. Well, at least they have their day jobs.

With crews on leave, it's hard to gossip behind their backs. It's not as much fun as doing it to their face. Everyone is definitely getting worked up for Fincastle. There are even non-permanent Fincastle tattoos going around. Be careful where you wear them because you don't want to get "voluntold" for extra duties because of it.

The Squadron History book is now available for sale. It tells of 407's history from its inception to the present. If you're interested and you live in the local area, you can call the Sqn PAdminO at 339-8211, local 8204 and make arrangements to get one. Price is \$21.40. If you live in Western Canada, the price to have it sent to you is \$27.50. If you live in Eastern Canada, the price is \$28.50. All you have to do is send a cheque payable to "407 Squadron Demon Association" to 407 (MP) Squadron, Attn: PAdminO, 19 Wing Comox, Lazo, B.C., V0R 2K0.

The squadron is having a Family Day on 13 September. It gives us a chance to show our families where we work and what we do. Nuff said...



1. Who was appointed Canada's first Acadian Governor General?
2. In 1991, this baseball player became the first Canadian to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.
 - a) Ferguson Jenkins
 - b) Gary Carter
 - c) Dave Winfield
3. Who was our first French Canadian Prime Minister?
4. Who was the first Canadian to win three medals at one Olympics?
5. Who first coined the phrase "He shoots! He scores!"?
6. Team Canada won the 1972 Canada-Soviet Hockey Series in one of the most dramatic sports events in Canadian history. Who scored the winning goal?
 - a) Serge Savard
 - b) Ken Dryden
 - c) Paul Henderson
7. Name one of the three largest ethnic groups in Canada other than British or French.

7. German, Italian, Ukrainian
Hewitt (1933), (c) Paul Henderson, Winter Games at Sarajevo, 5. Foster
4. Gaudin Boucher (1984 Olympic
Jenkins, 3. Sir Wilfred Laurier.
(Installed 1995) 2. (a) Ferguson
ANSWERS: 1. Romeo LeBlanc

Outgoing Operations Flight Commander, Maj Fred Bigelow tied to a chair going through the birdbath - and you thought that this article was our only forum for abuse!

Cops Corner

by Cpl K.E. LeBlanc

For the first time this year, the 19 Wing Security and Military Police Flight participated in a Ride Along program with the Regulating Staff for HMCS Quadra.

Each year our Wing provides the facilities for a Sea Cadet Camp to be run during the summer months. This camp provides courses for cadets in everything from practical leadership, to gunnery. Along with the course cadets, senior cadets are present to fill staff positions. One of these is Regulating, which is basically a security force. The members work 12-hour shifts, on a 24/7 basis, much the same as the Guardhouse.

While participating in the program, the cadets were introduced to many of the SAMP Flight's various areas of responsibility. They were involved with domestic policing patrols, security duties, and some had the opportunity to visit the Provincial Courthouse, as well as the Crown Attorney's office. They also worked with our ADP Security Section and our Identification Section.

This year, we were proud to have the following cadets work with us: PO2 A. Abramowicz, CPO2 R. Becht, CPO2 R. Chovin, CPO1 A. Gibson, CPO2 L. Hill, PO1 J. Jeffrey, CPO2 C. Lagerbom, CO12 N. Martin, CPO2 P. McGrath, PO1 R. Morrison, CPO2 R. Pilote, PO2 S. Polson, PO1 L. Saunders and PO2 S. Wood.

The cadets range in age from 16-18 years and come from as far as Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Kitchener-Waterloo and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and as close as Surrey and Comox, B.C. They all have various backgrounds from within the cadet organization, some having as little as three years in cadets and some as many as 6 years.

As diverse a background as these teenagers have, they all share one thing in common, and that is their excellent character. For all the complaining one hears these days about our young people, you would never believe it working alongside these individuals.

Many of these cadets are looking forward to careers in Law Enforcement with various agencies, including the Military Police, and some wish to pursue careers in other fields within the CAF. Whatever path they ultimately choose to follow, I am sure they will all succeed.

The most comforting thought from my perspective; however, is that if these young men and women are the future of my branch, and the Armed Forces overall, then we have nothing to worry about as we move into the next century.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the MPs who were involved with the program this year for their time and understanding. I would also like to thank all the cadets who participated. As always, I think that I probably learned more than I passed on and I look forward to working with them again, as my peers, in the future.



L-R: CPO2 P. McGrath, CPO2 N. Martin, PO2 A. Abramowicz, PO1 L. Saunders and PO1 R. Morrison.

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When: 2 September
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Community Centre
This is the first meeting of the 1997/98 season. The meeting will be an open forum and everyone is welcome. We are looking for Ward Councillors. If you are interested in being a part of your MQ Association, please plan to join us at this meeting.

Urgently Needed

We are in urgent need of MQ residents who are interested in delivering flyers. If you can help out, please call Janina at 339-8211, local 8571.

Activities Registration

If you would like to sign up for activities offered by the volunteers of your community (Guides, Brownies, Cubs, crafts, teen activities, etc.) come to the Rec Centre Open House on Saturday, 6 September from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. where we will have our registration tables set up.

Community Centre Reservations

If you are an activities leader and would like to reserve the Community Centre for your activity, please call Janina at local 8571. Dates are filling up fast so act NOW!!

Pet Registration

It's that time of year again, when you must renew your pet registration. This can be done at the MQ office Mon-Fri from 0730-1200, or through your animal control officer Cpl Rob King at pager 703-9009.

ALL indoor and outdoor pets MUST be registered.

Garbage

It has come to our attention that many MQ residents are putting their garbage out in plastic bags. These bags are being destroyed by the crows in the area and leaving a big mess. Please ensure that your garbage is put out in closed containers. Let's keep Wallace Gardens clean and tidy!

Trash Dumping

We have been informed that some trash (old tires, car parts, etc.) has been dumped in the wooded areas behind the MQs. This is **PROHIBITED**. If you have big garbage items to get rid of, you can take them to the garbage dump at Cumberland and dispose of them for a small fee.

Family Bingo

When: Sunday, 7 September
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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Kids Cookbook Contest

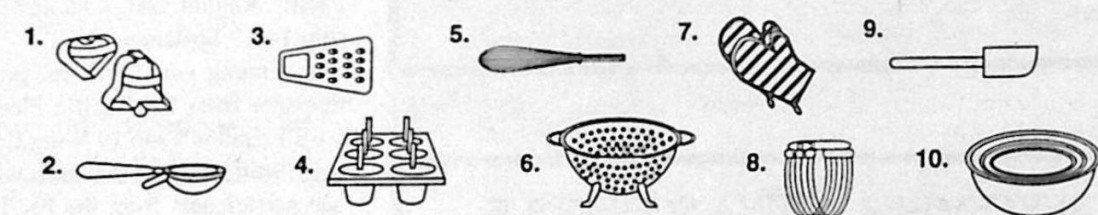
We still have seven of the super new all-colour Kids Only Snacks cookbooks left for you to win. The contest is open to children 8 to 15 years of age. All correct entries will be put in a draw to decide the seven winners.

Fill out the cooking utensils quiz below and put your entry through the mail slot in the Totem Times office door, or mail to: **Totem Times Kids Only Contest, CFB Comox, Lazo, B.C., V0R 2K0**. Entries must be received by **noon on Friday, 12 September**. Results will be published in our next edition on 18 September.

Name..... Age.....
Address.....
Phone.....



Match the pictures to the words to win a Kids Only - Snacks Cookbook!



Whisk (example)	5			
Mixing bowls	—	Oven mitts	—	Colander
Cookie cutters	—	Rubber spatula	—	Pastry blender
Ice-cream scoop	—	Grater	—	Popsicle mold

Company's Coming COOKBOOKS

Contest winners
Michael Nyman and Michelle Bekus proudly show off their Kids Only Snacks cookbook which they won by entering last edition's competition.

Jessica Welsh was the other winner. If you want a chance to win also, send in your entry right away!



Family Fun Day

When: Sunday, 14 September
Time: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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Student roadies have grounds to keep happy

by Finn

According to Ecclesiastes, "...much study is a weariness of the flesh." So is much manual work - to which a group of students labouring for CE's Roads & Grounds will happily testify. Especially when the work is outside, under a baking sun, and you lay asphalt or pour concrete.

Or, in Christina Pattison's opinion, you do weeding and edging. Which is what she has liked the least. Christina, 17, is one of ten students who spent the summer toiling for CE. Next year she will be in Grade 12.

The roughly 3000 hours contributed by the students have been spent on a multitude of tasks: grass mowing, transplanting flowers and maintaining flower beds, working weed-eaters along the fence lines, helping out where required - including running equipment like the Kabota tractor and the Bobcat.

The students may be 'youth of labour with an age of ease,' but they are serious about their work - even when it comes to the tedium of spending days on the runway removing the rubberized expansion joints and putting in new asphalt.

Notwithstanding, Christina has enjoyed her stint "I do hope to come back next year," she says wistfully. And tells about the baby crow that landed on her boot. "And then it made small jumps all the way up to my shoulder!" she marvels.

"You get the odd lemon," acknowledges Norm Maximick, A/Supr "but overall the students are a great help. It was only because of them that we were able to complete the Armament ramp ahead of time."

Yes, there is the occasional horseplay. Shaking the Portapottie with someone inside. One student rolled a tar ball so huge they could hardly get it on the truck. But some things, Mr. Maximick admitted, are less

funny - as when one missed the cut-off point and drove onto the runway without clearance. Quite the no-no.

Jesse Morin is a 'repeat offender' as he worked for Roads & Grounds also last year. "It's a good program," he avers. "Without the student employment here on Base several of us might not have found work." He quotes the figure of 51% - the percentage of BC students who unsuccessfully looked for work this summer.

Jesse, 18, will be studying science at North Island College. "So I really needed the money." Students are paid from \$7.45 to \$9.62 an hour, mostly the lower figure.

"You have to hand it to them" says Mr. Maximick, "they could goof off on some beach all summer. Instead, they come here and work - and work well."

Capt Chris McCarthy, CE OPs O, feels the Student Summer Employment program is extremely helpful all way around. "It's a win-win situation," he says. "We benefit, the students benefit, society benefits. And it's not all outdoor labour, the Procurement Team had a student working this summer, too. It's simply a fine program."



Non-student Deavlin Bradley gives a hand.

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Swift idea kept alarm running

The Base Intrusion Alarm computer system is a vital component in the effort to keep CFB Comox secure. Dennis Kennelly, CE Ops electrician, was having trouble with the system on 14 August. As the clock ticked past 1600 hrs he realized ADP assistance was required. Somehow, Dennis had to make the system work, so he turned to off-duty Cpl Niclaes, the MP ADP expert.

Cpl Niclaes returned, speedily analyzed the situation and proposed that the solution might lie in computer indicator lights showing false data, seemingly transmitted, was in fact not being sent to the computer.

Furnished with this possibility, Mr. Kennelly was able to solve the problem. And the Base, thanks to quick thinking, once more lay safe against intruders. Chimo! (Photos by Wing Imaging)



Grape escapes

(NC)—There are few things more refreshing than drinking grape juice on a hot summer's day. Combine purple grape juice with other heat-beating favourites for a heart healthy treat you can enjoy this summer or year round.

Don't look now but... engineering ingenuity produces posh paintshop on the cheap



Apprentice Simon Carty snips the ribbon to CE's new paint shop, flanked (L-R) by Jack Bath, Plumbing & Heating; Ken MacKenzie, Structural; and Isaac Lucas, Electrical.

Boil up an idea, stir in some hustle, pour in determination and labour, add a large measure of cooperation, and - presto! (well, a three-months-later sort of presto!) - and the concoction is ready to be served.

And, in this case, to serve. For the 'concoction' is a brand new Construction Engineering premier paint shop.

Celebrated by CE at a small home-made ribbon cutting ceremony, presided over by A/WCEO Capt Chris McCarthy, the welcome addition comes complete with an air handling unit large enough to allow for the use of quick-drying but toxic paint. For

outside spraying, the use of air masks (colloquially known as 'hash masks') will be continued.

The remarkable part is that CE, for an estimated outlay of \$15,000, has ended up with a facility worth some \$50,000 plus installation cost. The Flight managed this feat by sending crews to scrounge surplus material at CFB Chilliwack, by gaining the cooperation of other CE shops - notably Plumbing & Heating, Refrigeration & Mechanical, and Electrical - by improvising, and by exercising flexibility as well as persistence.

So, CE Flight was left to pat its own collective back! Makes it no less deserving.

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Date: September 13th
Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Fee: Cost of supplies. Pick up a supply list at the CMFRC

Introduction to Ceramics

In this course you will learn all the basics of ceramics: underglazing, dry brushing and antiquing. It is easy and fun!
Dates: Sept. 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd & 25th
Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Location: PJ's Crafts & Ceramics, 1904 Knight Road, Comox
Fee: \$35.50 cost for instruction. This fee includes 2 pieces of greenware, brushes and tools. Firing fee, paint and other supplies not included in this price. Drop by the CMFRC and pick up a supply list

Dream Catcher Workshop

In this workshop you will learn how to make a beautiful dream catcher. Dream Catchers are ornamental hangings derived from native myth that are to be hung over a bed. They are said to catch bad dreams and let the good dreams fall through. Sign up now and start making your Christmas presents.
Date: Sept. 17th
Time: 6:30 - 9:30pm
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Fee: \$12

Strictly Ballroom! A beginners dance class

Have you ever longed to glide across the dance floor? Or have you ever wanted to do the Cha-Cha or the

Tango? The basics of these popular dances and many more will be covered in this eight week course. Don't be shy to put your best foot forward.
Dates: Tentatively Sept. 21st, 28th, Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Nov. 2nd & 9th
Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm
Location: Wallace Gardens Community Center
Fee: \$30 per person/ \$45 per couple

Butt-Out Program

This program offers an opportunity to quit smoking and stay off.
Dates: Info. Session Sept. 8th, Sept. 15th, 22nd, 26th, 29th, Oct. 6th, 14th, 27th, Nov. 24th & Dec. 15
Time: 6:30 - 9:30pm
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Fee: Free
Registration: Phone 339-8290 or the WDEC at local 8789.

Lifeskills

Life Skills refers to those every day skills which benefit all aspects of life, such as communication, decision-making, recognizing the values which motivate us, and problem solving skills.
Dates: Session #1: Sept. 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th.
Time: 8:00am - 3:30pm (last day 8:00am - 2:00pm)
Location: Protestant Chapel Annex
Fee: Free to military community
Registration: Phone 339-8290 or the WDEC at 8789

Computer Familiarization

This workshop introduces participants to computer usage and is designed for people who have no computer experience. It provides hands-on familiarization with Dos operating system, Windows '95 and word processing applications. Due to limited class size, two

identical works are offered. Sign up soon since space is limited.

Dates: Sept. 22nd/ 23rd & Oct. 20th, 21st, & 23rd
Time: 6:30 - 9:00pm
Location: Headquarter Bldg. Room # 44
Fee: \$10
Registration: Phone 339-8290

Maximize Your Savings & Minimize Your Debts

Capt. John Lalonde, the Wing Financial Officer, will be hosting a series of financial workshops this fall. The first will focus on staying clear of the debt trap and how to save wisely. Bring a pen and lots of questions.
Date: Sept. 18th
Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Fee: Free
Registration: Phone 339-8290

Le Coin des Francophones

Pour plus de renseignements et inscriptions contactez Michelle au 339-8211 (extension 8655)

Cours de couture pour débutants

Date: le 10 septembre au 26 novembre
Heure: 13h00 à 15h30 (tous les mercredi)
Cout: \$96.00 pour les 12 semaines (Matériel en sus)

Atelier: La lecture et votre enfant

Date: mardi le 16 septembre
Heure: 19h00 à 21h00 (gratuit)

Atelier: "Creative Memories"

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Date: mercredi le 24 septembre
Heure: 9h00 à 11h30
Cout: \$10.00

Atelier d'Origami

Date: mardi le 30 septembre
Heure: 19h00 à 21h00 (gratuit)

Welcome Newcomers!

Welcome all newly posted families! Please drop by the CMFRC or call us at 339-8290 between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm to learn more about our great selection of programs, workshops, and activities offered to the entire family. We will be happy to assist you in any way possible and provide you with the information you need. Looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Counselling Services

Short term and crisis counselling is offered by an experienced social worker completely confidential and free of charge. Call counsellor, Coreen Cherry at 339-8286 or phone the CMFRC at 339-8290 for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

Offering your help and support can be a rewarding experience! The CMFRC is looking for volunteers to help assist staff with child care programs, pre-teen & teen activities, and adult workshops. If you think this might interest you, please give us a call at 339-8290 or 339-8211 (local 8655). Thanks for caring!

New Name Contest

We are searching for a new catchy and shorter name for the Comox Military Family Resource Centre. Do you have any ideas? Drop them by the CMFRC at #119 Kinnikinnik. The prize for the winner will be announced in the next issue of the Totem Times. The winning entry will be announced at the End of Summer Carnival at the CMFRC/Kinnikinnik Day Care on Saturday September 20th.

Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre

Limited spaces are available in these programs for registration or information please phone 339-5051.

Senior Preschool:

Age: 4 & 5
Days: Mon., Wed. & Fri.
Time: 12:15 - 2:45pm
Cost: \$93/month

Toddler Playgroup:

Age: 15 - 36 months
Day: Tue.
Time: 8:30 - 11:00am
Cost: \$40/month

Youth Activities

Preteen Story Writing Workshop

Are you one of those preteens who love to tell and write stories? Come out and share your talents with others.
Dates: September 17th, 24th, and October 1st, 8th, and 15th
Time: 3:45 - 5:00pm
Location: Protestant Church Annex. Next to Glacier Gardens Ice Arena
Ages: 9 - 12 years
Cost: \$5.00 per person for supplies

Preteen Outdoor Basketball

Do you like to shoot hoops and play basketball? Come on out to Airport School outdoor courts for some basketball. Weather permitting.
Dates: September 16th, 23th, & 30th
Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm
Location: Airport School outdoor courts
Ages: 9 - 12 years
Cost: Free

What human resource info tech can mean to you

These days it seems as though everything within the Dept of National Defence is being shaken up and cut to the bone in order to funnel as many resources as possible to operations. Every second word we hear these days is "re-engineering" and, to many of us, it's a mind-boggling array of new structures, equipment and processes all designed to make us the proverbial lean, mean, fighting machine.

In many cases, this process is long overdue and will bring surprisingly positive results for those of us willing to adapt to change, particularly in the realm of information technology. For example, a new leading-edge human resource information system called *PeopleSoft*, already used extensively within other government departments and industry, is currently being customized within DND to support human resource management. This shared system approach will save money in system development, training, testing and management.

The new DND system, called *Enterprise*, will replace the current systems which are outdated and, for the first time, use one integrated data base to provide support to both military and civilian employees. *Enterprise* will be implemented in two phases: the initial rollout, Fall 97, will deliver personnel administration, position management, staffing, priority management, military occupation structure, assignment and leave management to base orderly rooms and base civilian personnel office staff. The second rollout will deliver additional human resource processes such as performance appraisal, training and grievance tracking to HR specialists and departmental manager for the Fall of 1998.

What does this mean to you? It will provide the information necessary to the people who are accountable for results. Traditionally, the assistant deputy minister (personnel) and other personnel

specialists at NDHQ controlled all human resource processes. Now, authority to make decisions can be passed to bases and units.

Currently, creating a position can take up to six months because the system is not automated. Using *Enterprise*, bases and units will be able to create positions directly on the system. Built-in rules will let you know when you have the authority to create a particular position.

After the system rollout is completed, the ADM PER Group will be able to provide greater access to HR information to all employees, service members, and managers. Future plans call for access to *Enterprise* to update some of a member/employee's information, such as address or dependent information. Employees /members will also be able to access information on what jobs may be available and skills required to perform these jobs. Security similar to PIN numbers currently used by automated bank machines will guarantee privacy.

The *Enterprise* system was tested at CFB Petawawa, Ontario, last summer in base and unit orderly rooms and in base civilian personnel organizations in order to test the system before the first phase of the program gets under way this fall. The system performed well during the trial and helped the project team design customizations of the commercial software for the unique DND requirements.

Despite its many exciting attributes, *Enterprise* is still not the only solution to managing human resources in the future. Partner programs or "bolt-ons" will be built to support the department's human resources processes that are not currently within the *Enterprise* product. Continual enhancements will ensure that the system keeps pace with ever-evolving technology in order that DND has the most up-to-date human management system available.

New Distance Learning calendar available

By Pat Allan,
CFCN Coordinator

One of the most popular books at 19 Wing over the past year has been the Distance Learning Calendar published by the Canadian Forces Community College Network. The new, greatly expanded version has just arrived and it has more detailed information to get you on the road to your education.

Many people find that distance education meets their needs well. It is flexible, so you can work at it when you have the time and energy. For military people, that can be important if you are deployed. For spouses, it can mean being able to do coursework while the kids are in school or asleep.

Distance learning can give you access to courses you would not normally be able to get, especially living in a small centre like Comox. Sometimes it's the best way to prepare for more demanding courses, especially English and math.

Thirteen member colleges across Canada offer distance learning, including correspondence, on-line and teleconferencing options. There are entire programs available, leading to a diploma or certificate - in fact, we list 88 different programs you could complete by distance. In addition, there are many individual courses available, which

could help you explore a field, earn credit for transfer to another program, or learn for personal interest.

How about a Construction Estimating and Administration Certificate? Or an Environmental Studies Certificate? Algonquin College is for you. Grant MacEwan offers a Teacher Assistant Program and a Correctional Services Diploma. For a Water and Wastewater Technician Certificate, NAIT is the place to look. Many colleges offer business, child care, health care and computer programs and courses.

Some distance learning courses have continuous intake, meaning you can start any time. Some are on a semester timetable, meaning there are three or four times a year you can register.

We encourage all members of the Defence Team and their families to think about getting a college education. If you have been considering taking a college program but have not found anything

of interest which you could actually finish, come in to take a look at our new CFCN Distance Learning Catalogue. If you have an educational goal, there are a lot of ways to reach it, and we're here to help.

To browse through the catalogue, visit the Resource Rooms at the WPSO's office in Building 22. The CFCN Coordinator, Pat Allan, can help you explore your ideas and find information. Call at local 8889 to make an appointment.

Girl Guides registration days coming up fast

The Girl Guide year is fast approaching as registration takes place in the first week of September. All the girls and young women who join are in for lots of enjoyable events and activities.

Sometimes we lose sight of what the girls are really gaining from Guiding. Everything they do reflects the Aims of Guiding; to help girls become responsible citizens, develop leadership skills and give service to the community. The girls do not always realize it but they learn important values, increase their self esteem, develop decision making skills, learn to cooperate and make new friends while having fun! Each girl learns new skills and tries new activities, while being encouraged to do her best at challenges that are new to her.

New experiences, challenges and lots of fun await the girls who will be part of Guiding. Don't miss the registration dates in your neighbourhood.

Courtenay

St. Georges United Church, Thursday, 4 September at 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Elaine 338-6504.)

Cumberland

Cumberland Community Church Hall, Wednesday 10 September at 7:00 p.m. for all levels.

Union Bay

Union Bay Hall, Wednesday 10 September at 3:00 p.m. for Sparks and Brownies. (Contact: Mary 335-0988.)

Comox

Comox United Church, Wednesday, 3 September from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Contact: Terry 334-8898.)

Black Creek

Black Creek Hall, Monday 8 September at 7:00 p.m.

Merville

Merville Hall, Tuesday 9 September at 7:00 p.m. (Contact: Nancy 337-2230.)



This Pathfinder learned to make old fashioned dipped candles during Firefly Camp '97 on Hornby Island in July. This challenge was one of many which take place at Guide camps all over Vancouver Island every summer.

Leaders are always needed in the valley and they get to do many interesting and challenging activities - give us a call if you can help.



Even leaders get to do interesting things at Guide camp. These two explored the beach at Tribune Bay on Hornby Island last July during Firefly Camp '97.

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Fall Fashion Show

The Women's Business Network's 2nd Annual Fabulous Fall Fashion Show will be held at the CFB Comox Officers' Mess on Thursday 11 September, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$25.00 each.
This event is a fund raiser and seating is limited to 150. Door prize: getaway for two at April Point Lodge. Silent auction and full dinner.
Call Donna Stevenson 339-3996.

North Island Hot Jazz Society

presents a
Traditional Jazz Night
featuring the
Desperation Jazz Band
Saturday, 18 October
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Officers' Mess, CFB Comox
Tickets at Design Floorcovering, 416 Puntledge Road or at the door. Members \$10, Non-members \$12. For more info: 334-3028 or 339-6949.

TIME FOR A LIFESKILLS COURSE

WHEN:

22 - 25 Sep 97
06 - 09 Oct 97
03 - 06 Nov 97
Jan, Mar & May 98 TBA

The course runs 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 focussed.

WHERE: Protestant Chapel Annex

WHO CAN ATTEND: Military personnel and spouses, and DND employees and spouses

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
Sgt Brian Buttner at 8789, or
Coreen Cherry - 8286

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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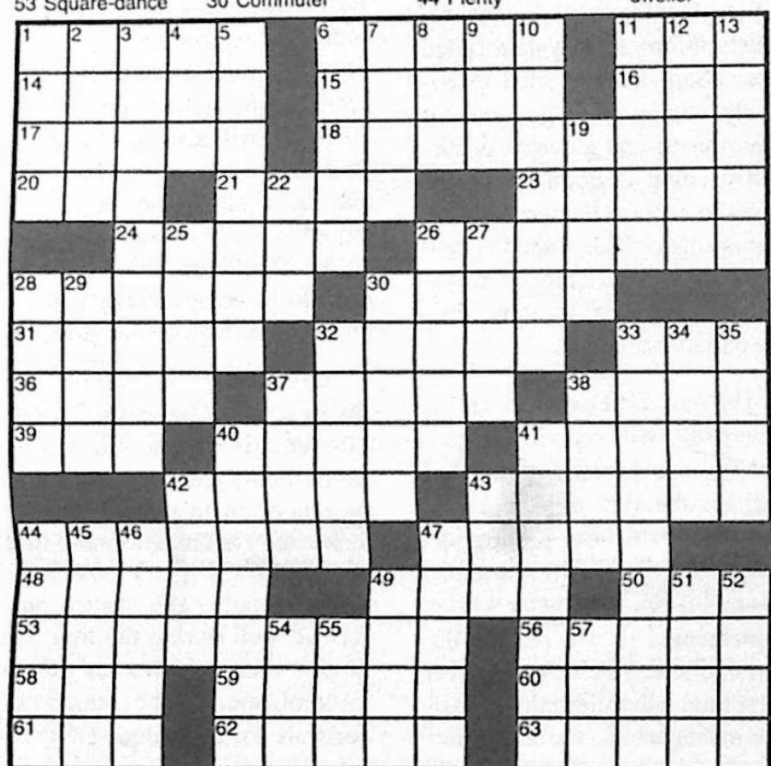
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Comox District Concert Band

New players of any age welcome.
First rehearsal: Tues 8 September in the Band Room at Courtenay Junior High School, Lerwick Road, Courtenay.
Swing Band meets 6:30 pm, Concert Band at 7:30 pm. For more info contact Pat 339-5091.

Attention all martial artists

New session of combat Hapkido for adults and kids is beginning 3 September at 19 Wing Comox gym(aerobics room). Instruction in Military Unarmed Combat, Hapkido and Jiu-Jitsu will take place Mondays and Wednesdays under Sensei Bob Martel, 2nd degree Black Belt.
FIRST ATTENDANCE IS FREE - SO COME AND TRY US OUT!!
•Kids (6 - 15 years) class 18:00-19:00 hrs
•Adults (16 years and up) class 19:00-20:00 hrs
OPEN TO ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL, DEPENDANTS AND CIVILIANS.
For more info contact: Karl Dobson 339-5152 or Maggie Lucas 334-9375.

Homecoming - Mitchell, Ontario

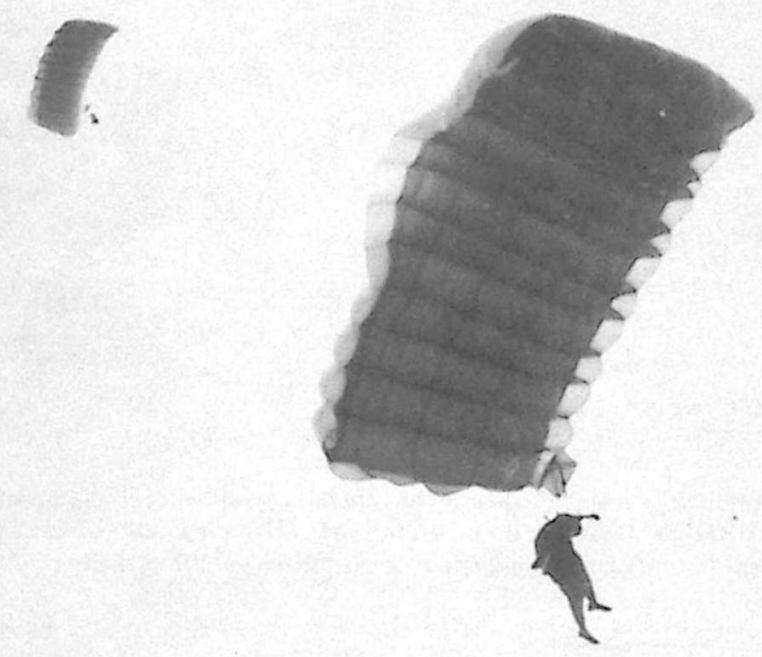
June 29 - July 4, 1999
In 1999 the town of Mitchell will be celebrating its Homecoming Reunion (125th Anniversary). Many activities and events are now in the planning stages. For further info, please contact: The Registration Committee P.O. Box 609, Mitchell, ON, N0K 1N0 or check our Internet site at: <http://granite.cvg.net/~mitchell>



by Capt David Krayden, WPAffO

Those SAR Techs sure know how to throw a party: parachute into your own grad parade, invite the Governor General of Canada to present the SAR Tech wings and then bring the family to the Sgts' and WO's Mess for an elegant stand-up luncheon. If there were 10 prouder personnel at 19 Wing last week at the 1997 Canadian Forces School of Search and Rescue (CFSSAR) graduation parade, they were well hidden. The students had spent a rigorous seven months training to be a part of the Air Force's elite team of rescue specialists and August 21 was their day to celebrate an achievement of a lifetime. It was the first graduation day parade for the school since it moved to Comox from Edmonton last Fall. His Excellency the Governor General, Romeo LeBlanc presided over the parade, presented wings and addressed the parade.

"Class" act of 97



Graduating class is #1.



The Red Beret

Hush my son don't cry
You're too wise for your three years.
I can't tell you why he died,
I don't know how to dry your tears.

There were many other people,
With little boys like you,
That Daddy went to look for,
Because it was what he had to do.

I can tell you that he loved us,
I could tell you to great length.
But we weren't the only ones,
That depended on his strength.

It's not much consolation,
Though I tell you time again,
He died for what he lived for,
Along with seven other men.

Someday you'll be a man,
And go your separate way,
But I know I'll be damned proud,
If you wear a RED BERET!

Written by Bette Platt, widow of Bill Platt, Canadian Pararescue-man killed in a 1970 crash while on a Search and Rescue mission, "That Others May Live."

His Excellency the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc P.C., C.M.M., C.D. Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada

The Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc was born in Memramcook (L'Anse-Aux-Cormier), New Brunswick. Mr. LeBlanc taught at Drummond High School and at the New Brunswick Teachers' College. In 1960 he began a career in journalism, becoming a correspondent for Radio Canada in Ottawa, the United Kingdom and the United States (1965-1967). In 1965, he became the Founding President of the CBC/Radio-Canada Correspondents' Association. He served as Press Secretary to Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson and to Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau. First elected to the House of Commons in 1972 representing Westmorland-Kent, New Brunswick, Mr. LeBlanc served for 10 years as a Minister of the Crown. He is known especially as the nation's longest-serving fisheries minister, who helped to win Canada's 200-mile fishing limit. Summoned to the Senate of Canada on June 29, 1984, Mr. LeBlanc served on Senate Economy Budgets and Administration (1984-1993); Chairman 1989-1993; Foreign Affairs (1986-1994); and the Sub-Committee on Security and National Defence (1992-1994). He was a Member of the Canada-France Parliamentary Association and the International Association of French speaking Parliamentarians. He became Speaker of the Senate on December 7, 1993. In 1985-1986, Mr. LeBlanc was a Visiting Scholar and part-time faculty member at Carleton University, Ottawa. He has received numerous honours.

On February 8, 1995, Mr. LeBlanc became Governor General of Canada.

Search suspended for remains of T-33 pilots

by Capt David Krayden Wing PAffO

The Air Force has suspended a search for the remains of RCAF pilots F/O James Miller and F/O Gerald Stubbs at a 41-year-old CT-133 crash site. The T-Bird crashed on March 22, 1956 and its location had been a mystery until a pilot from Pemberton Helicopters sighted it while fighting forest fires in the area. However, the whereabouts and final minutes of the pilots are still unknown.

There are plans for a massive ground search exercise within the next 12 months that will involve SAR resources at Comox and possibly volunteer ground search personnel from the Pemberton and Whistler area. A memorial will also be established at the crash site.

Family members were flown over the site on August 25 by Buffalo. For the widows, Mary Miller Ford and Claire Stubbs, the events of the past two weeks have been agonizing as they have had to endure the waiting for news and information from the crash site.

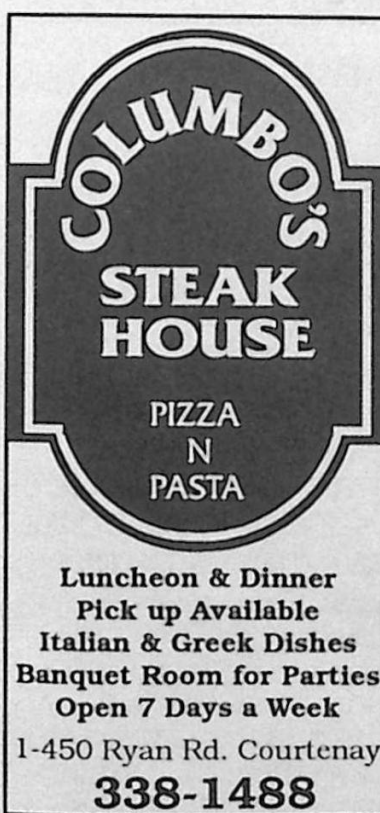
A flight safety investigation team was on-scene for about a week and was able to accumulate sufficient evidence and material for analysis. Though it is believed with a fair degree of certainty that both Miller and Stubbs ejected from their aircraft since the seats were not found in the aircraft, where they ejected is uncertain. The flight safety investigation might be able to determine why the aircraft crashed and at what altitude the pilots ejected.

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Heritage Happenings

by Maj Joel Clarkston

As the summer draws to a close, the museum staff is looking back upon a very successful tourist season. The number of visitors to the main building has increased substantially and the gift shop sales are well above those of other years. The reasons for the increase are varied but are due, in the main, to increased advertising and quality products for sale at the gift shop.

The Heritage Air Park has also seen a great deal of activity with many visitors appreciative of the opportunity to get a close up look at the vintage planes. The Heritage Restoration volunteers working nearby has also led to a great deal of interest from the public in the restoration of the H-21 Piasecki.

Having recently returned from a conference and training session hosted by the Organization of Military Museums of Canada, I can confidently say that our museum is in good shape. The emphasis these days should be on unique and innovative ways of promoting the museum product and the Comox Air Force Museum has been looking at ways to take the 'heritage' message to the public. One of the lessons given dealt with the need to make the museum relevant to the commu-

nity, both military and civilian. Most museums in the past have taken a relatively passive, reactive stance toward the visiting public. The emphasis should, however, be on creating programmes to take to the public to make them want to come to the museum for other than purely academic interest. In short, a museum must be entertaining in today's climate in order to retain the number of visitors it has enjoyed in the past. Through a series of displays and events, the Comox Air Force Museum is hoping to present that entertainment to the public, both local and tourist.

The museum is attracting a lot of visitors these days who wish to leave with us any number of artifacts or memorabilia dealing with their time in the military. Of note this week, and featured on this page, is the photo work of Colleen Jones. Ms. Jones served in the RCAF at Sea Island, Vancouver as a photographer and brought to the museum a number of photos that she took personally during her career. The photos are very good and highlight a period of West Coast aviation that is generally not that well publicized. Some of the work is reproduced here, along with the appropriate captions, for your viewing pleasure.



Canso 075 was refurbished to the tune of several hundred thousands of dollars to accommodate the visit of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in 1954. All of the modifications were apparently unnecessary as HRH spent the entire trip looking out of the blister bubble at the back of the aircraft.



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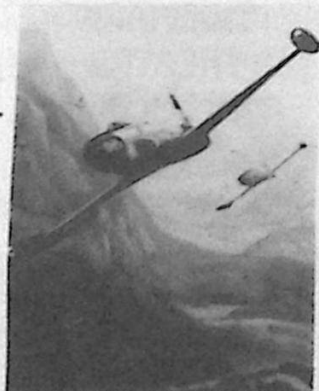
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Colleen Jones standing beside DeHavilland Vampire jet 018 stationed at Sea Island. Note the interesting art work on the nose of the Vampire jet.

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The drama of William Barker's incredible life makes his story read like a novel. Leaving Manitoba for the war in Europe, he won the Military Cross, the Distinguished Service Order, and many other distinctions.

Interestingly, according to Mr. Ralph, the book could not at first be published in Canada due to a lack of interest by Canadian Publishers. The publishers in Great Britain were all too willing however to publish the book, recognizing one of the great flyers of WWI. The Canadian rights subsequently had to be purchased from Great Britain.



Pararescue not new



Sea Island was the home of 121 Communication and Rescue Flight and was very active as a Search and Rescue Unit. Red McRay, Rescue Specialist, is pictured here after completing his 538th jump.

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