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19 Wing goes APEC

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference is being hosted by Canada in the city of Vancouver this year, and members of 19 Wing are participating. The Imaging Section has been tasked to provide four photographic technicians on special assignment to the conference. Sgt Eileen Redding, MCpl Edith Cuerrier, Cpl Colin Kelley and Cpl Doug Desrochers will be carrying the CFB Comox banner during a two week period which started 18 November. Their duties will be to record the event for public relations and historical records with a special emphasis on covering the official activities of the world leaders present.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the photo techs of 19 Wing," says MCpl Cuerrier, "the Canadian Forces Photo Unit from Ottawa has been tasked to provide on-site support in the way of processing and printing. This is a real honour for our techs to be the front line photographers for this high profile world event."

The APEC conference is taking on increasing importance in world economic affairs as the economies of the Pacific nations grow. Canada is well situated to take advantage of this shift due to its geographic location and its cultural and historical ties to the East.

by Capt J. Lalonde
Guy Lafleur, along with 10 other former NHLers were in town on 3 November for a charity hockey game vs our local Comox Valley Referees Association "Whistlers" hockey team. The Whistlers' portion of the gate proceeds, \$1,800.00, went to their chosen charity - COPS (Citizens On Patrol).

So, what is the connection between Guy Lafleur, the CV Refs Association and 19 Wing? Well, of the 18 players on the Whistlers, 14 are active or former military personnel. Only four players have no affiliation with the Wing. The Refs Association presently has 61 officials, ranging in ages from 12 to 49 and holding. Thus, a good number of our hockey officials in the Comox Valley have military roots. In fact, our Referee-in-Chief is Capt Dean King, who is an Air Traffic Controller.

Back to the connection, Monday morning Dean King received a call asking if he could find someone to pick up Guy Lafleur at the airport that afternoon! Dean, being ATC and not used to manual labour, called me to help with the luggage. I jumped at the chance, despite being an ardent Toronto Maple Leafs fan. So we met Guy (by this time we're on a first name basis with him) at the airport. While I humped the bags Guy slipped out for a quick cigarette as it was a long flight. We commented on the stories about his two pack a day habit back in his playing days and he stated the media blew his smoking habit out of proportion. He said he never smoked more than a pack every two days. Guy is now a representative for Molson Breweries but, ironically enough, he no longer drinks! He says he feels great - no more morning headaches.



Pleasantly surprised while hard at work, Capt Ouellet, Capt Krayden WPAFFO, Capt Cutland (WComd/EA), Mr. Guy Lafleur and Col B.B. MacLean, WComd, enjoyed a short visit.

As we leave the airport I offer him a driven tour of 19 Wing, which he accepts. Despite MARCOT being still under way, most aircraft were up flying so the tarmac was rather bare. When we rolled by the Wing HQ I asked Guy if he would like to drop in on the Wing Commander and he agreed. You can see by the photo that this visit went over big. The HABS fans came out of the woodwork (just like they do when Montreal wins a few games in a row).

Following the photo op we took Guy to the Coast Westerly where he joined up with the other former NHL players who had just returned from their previous night's game in Powell River.

It was a great thrill to be on the ice with these former NHLers such as Jim Dorey, Gaston Gingras, Moose Dupont, Mario Marois, Richard Sevigny, Brent Ashton, Andre St. Laurent, Doug Hickes, Jimmy Mann, to name some. The score was 24-8, go figure, but that is to be expected when you play the likes of these

guys. WO Baxter McKee had a natural hat trick which is an impressive feat against Richard Sevigny who is stingy at giving up goals. There were a few antics thrown in to entertain the fans but there was lots of good passing, shooting and scoring to go around.

Following the game, there was a reception at the Coast Westerly

for the players of both teams, sponsors and a few other special guests. It was a great chance for us all to chat with the players and get a few autographs.

All of us who played on the Whistlers' team are still savouring the moment but a few of us are already thinking about a return game next year...

Squadron Ops for October 97

407 Sqn:	
Exercise MARCOT	123 hours
Exercise UNITAS (Argentina)	59 hours
Exercise RODEO WOLFHUNT (San Diego)	8 hours
MPAT	63 hours
Pilot trainers	35 hours
Crew trainers	18 hours
Other	19 hours
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 WEDNESDAYS.....Navy League Drop-In Bingo, 7:00 pm
 Upper Island Men's Crib League recessed to late Sept 97
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 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
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 28 November ... Tony Pollon

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 FUN DARTS.....every Thursday night 7:30 pm
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Remembrance Day



LCol Bosse and CWO Johnson, respectively CO and SWO of 414 Sqn, lay a wreath at the Courtenay Cenotaph on November 11. (Photos by WIS)

Remembrance Day speech by David Sladen, acting padre, Branch 28, Cumberland Legion - November 11, 1997.

Dignitaries, comrades and friends;

May peace be with us as we gather this morning at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month to remember the more than 100,000 men and women who gave their lives to protect the freedom that we enjoy today.

Life is a gift, a gift given to us by God and to lay down one's life to protect others is the supreme sacrifice.

In 1997 we still have the need of our world where peace does not exist. Areas where the United Nations says we must refuse to stand by silently while war is waged against the poor and oppressed. Where people live with conflict and strife, violence and division. So members of our Armed Forces are tasked with being peacemakers, but we call them peacekeepers. We in Canada can take pride that we are contributing to global peace. We have 5,500 to 6,000 Canadian Peacekeepers who have left their families for months at a time to keep the peace in areas like Bosnia, Haiti and the Sinai Peninsula. That means one in ten of the members of our Canadian Forces are presently outside of Canada on peacekeeping duties. Unfortunately peacekeeping costs. It involves danger and we have lost the lives of 162 Canadian Peacekeepers in the 41 years that we have been involved in the task, including one from the Comox Valley who lost his life while clearing land mines.

Today, let us give thanks for the dedication and sacrifice of those who defended our land through two world wars and the Korean conflict - indeed, they were genuine peacemakers - and for the commitment of those who continue to be worldwide peacekeepers today.

As a nation dedicated to being peacemakers, let us ask God to increase in us all the power to dwell in peace together, settling our disputes without resort to violence, so that we may assist others to put away the instruments of war and use our resources as He would have us to - to save life. May God assist us in this endeavour.

Legal Notebook

by Roderick J. Sutton of Chesterley & Dreyer

A Will is the cornerstone of estate planning. If you neglect this cornerstone your surviving spouse and/or beneficiaries will pay the price, or end up in expensive lawsuits.

Next to motor vehicle accidents, the interpretation of Wills probably causes the most legal problems.

To make sure your life savings end up in the hands of those you intend, one should get a legally drafted Will. Any later changes to your Will should follow correct legal procedures. Erasures and additions can cause all kinds of problems. Form Wills available from office-supply stores or on home-computer programs may seem like a good deal, but the risk of completing them incorrectly or creating ambiguities in the wording could amount to costs for your beneficiaries that far exceed any initial savings.

Getting a Will done does not stop the process. Wills need to be reviewed regularly and updated with changes in circumstances be

it related to family status, income, retirement or even a move to another province. An out of date Will may be as bad as having no Will at all.

If you separate, make sure you re-do your Will or your estranged spouse may end up with everything if he/she is still named in the Will.

If you marry and your Will does not contain a declaration that the Will is made in contemplation of the marriage then your Will is automatically revoked.

Keeping your Will updated does not mean continually rewriting it. Changes to a specific element, such as the clause naming the executor, can be done with a Codicil - an amendment attached to the Will. Note that to ensure it is recognized as valid, a Codicil requires the same formality as a Will, including proper execution.

If you die without a Will in British Columbia, what happens you ask? Keep your eyes open for more Legal Notebooks to come!

Katie Kat



Katie Wylie, of 414 Sqn, sporting a cat face make-over which she did herself for Halloween. (Photo by WIS)

US ships support MARCOT 97



USS Hurricane and USS Monsoon docked at HMCS Quadra during MARCOT 97.

by PO1 Frederick Dainard, Marine Supt.

19 Wing supported Cyclone Class, Patrol Coastal Ships USS Hurricane (PC 3) and USS Monsoon (PC 4) at the Marine Section Quadra, during MARCOT 97.

The primary mission of the Cyclone class vessels is to conduct Maritime Special Operations worldwide. Coastal employment missions include: maritime interdiction operations, forward presence, escort operations, non-combatant evacuation and foreign internal defense. Coastal operational missions include: long range SOF insertion/extraction, tactical swimmer operations, reconnaissance, intelligence collection, operational deception and

SOF support as required.

The ships sailed out of the Comox Harbour area from 15-30 October. Normally, the ships would carry a complement of eight SEAL special forces personnel. However, for the MARCOT 97 exercise, called Operation Rampart, the ships supported Canada's own Joint Task Force. Each unit deployed overseas is normally supported by a shore-based Maintenance Support Team with 20-foot vans for spares and repair work. The personnel of the MST worked out of the Marine Section during the exercise, utilizing 19 Wing facilities to meet repair and logistical requirements while away from their home base of San Diego, California.

Operation Home Fires



by Dianne Collier

What started out to be sheer excitement at the thought of a permanent acknowledgement at CFB Petawawa for the support military wives/partners provide to the CF has quickly turned into a deep feeling of appreciation as this idea becomes a reality. Long known for the supportive role they play, military wives are already shedding tears over OPERATION HOME FIRES.

The idea for the monument was created by Randy Chester of Pembroke, Ontario whose father was in the military and whose grandmother was a war bride. The creation of a monument and the park it will sit in as well has become the "talk of the base." The project is the first of its kind in Canada and one that is proving to be extremely popular. The wording to be sandblasted into a 6-foot piece of Canadian granite is so appropriate: "In honour of those who kept and continue to keep the home fires burning."

A committee made of military wives, representatives from the Base Social Work Office, Randy Chester and a member of the Military Family Resource Centre has been formed to spearhead the creation of this monument and park. Fundraising activities necessary to achieve the project goal have begun and the committee has set \$20,000 as the necessary amount required to complete this project.

If you would like to know more about this very exciting project, or wish to make a contribution acknowledging your appreciation for your wife, mother or partner, please contact OPERATION HOME FIRES, 19 Dieppe Street, Petawawa, Ontario K8H 1K3. Fax: 613-687-7666 or E-mail: tcollier@renc.igs.net.

Remember, without support from those who keep the home fires burning, our soldiers, sailors and airmen wouldn't be the best in the world.

SCAN Seminar

A second Scan Career Assistance Network (SCAN) Seminar will be held at 19 Wing on 3 and 4 December. This seminar is presented to assist military personnel and their spouses in the transition from military to civilian life. A number of topics of concern to those making the transition will be presented, including information on superannuation and release benefits, medical pensions, financial planning and educational upgrading. The majority of speakers will be from out of town and will include NDHQ "experts" in the areas of release and financial benefits.

In the past, seminar attendees have found SCAN Seminars an invaluable beginning to the process of leaving military service and their resumption of civilian life. As this process affects the entire family, it is particularly important that spouses attend.

The seminar will run from 0800-1530 hrs. on both 3 and 4 December. Details of seminar location, appropriate dress and presentation timings will be provided on registration. Registration may be effected by use of the SCAN Registration Form included in Wing Routine Orders and also available from the WPSO. Registration deadline is 21 November.

1 CAD visits 19 Wing



MGen MacDonald, Commander 1 CAD, on board a RAF Nimrod during the Fincastle competition.



MGen MacDonald tours the 414 Sqn Engine Bay. (Photos by WIS)

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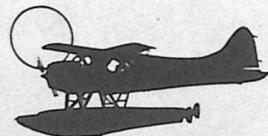
Where else but in the military could you see an exercise like Fincastle run without a major disruption on the community at large? The exercise had been going on for the better part of a week before I realized that there were some significant numbers of foreign visitors about. The number of people in strange flying suits transiting by the museum front entrance on their way to the Canex was my first clue. A former flying colleague wandering about on a Friday morning looking for a ride home after a "party" was my second.

I am, of course, not privy to the police reports but from the perspective outside the base there was very little nasty activity going on in conjunction with this exercise. This is a real tribute to the quality of personnel that came to this major international exercise. I imagine the people from the Air Force Association could tell a few stories about what went on in the past with exercises of this magnitude. That's not to say that the quality of personnel was different then, just that the, how shall I say, acceptable behaviour patterns were more flexible.

Conducted at the same time, but probably not overly noticed by regular working base personnel, was the Executrek. This periodic visit by high ranking members of civilian organizations (read employers) is arranged by the CF to give industry a look at what we do in the military. It is my understanding that it is mainly aimed at the Reserves so that civilian employers will allow their personnel the required time to maintain their active military training without losing pay or seniority on the job. It is also a means for potential employers to see personnel perform on the job prior to job recruitment, although I'm sure that this is a desirable side effect for the regular military. In any event, the visit went very well and we are told that the executives went on their way with a very positive view of 19 Wing.

When I asked some years ago what potential civilian employers saw in the hiring of ex-regular force military personnel, I was told that the most valued asset was their ability to organize major events. OK, that may not be true for every person but, clearly, running big events is something the base does well.

Joel Clarkston



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Recently newspapers carried reports about performance "bonuses" for senior military officers of the Canadian Forces. There were several major inaccuracies in those articles that preclude a balanced understanding of the subject of military pay. Therefore, I would like to provide your reading public with some clarifying details on this matter.

To begin with, the pay of all military personnel is tied through a comparability formula to the compensation of members of the Public Service and, as such, is governed by rules and authorities of the Treasury Board. The pay of generals, colonels and certain specialist officers is tied to the compensation of the executive cadre of the Public Service while that for all other men and women of the Canadian Forces is calculated in comparison with other federal government employees who fill similar functions. Therefore, the first point to note is that all men and women of Canada's military are paid in a manner that is entirely consistent with their

counterparts in the Public Service. There simply is no latitude for extraordinary measures or for "secrecy" and "sneaky" dealings. The adjustments to compensation that I will describe below were fully described in both internal communications and a national news release in March and April of this year.

The major compensation feature generals and colonels share with their Public Service and RCMP executive counterparts is known as performance pay. Performance pay is not a "bonus" it is part of the pay package which is awarded for having achieved performance objectives. In 1996, after a suspension of five years, the government announced the reinstatement of performance pay for the assessment period 1995-1996. Performance pay was paid to qualified personnel in March 1997, not in a phased manner as reported in the 6 November article and not, as assumed, to all eligible officers. A decision on subsequent awarding of performance pay has not yet been reached by the government.

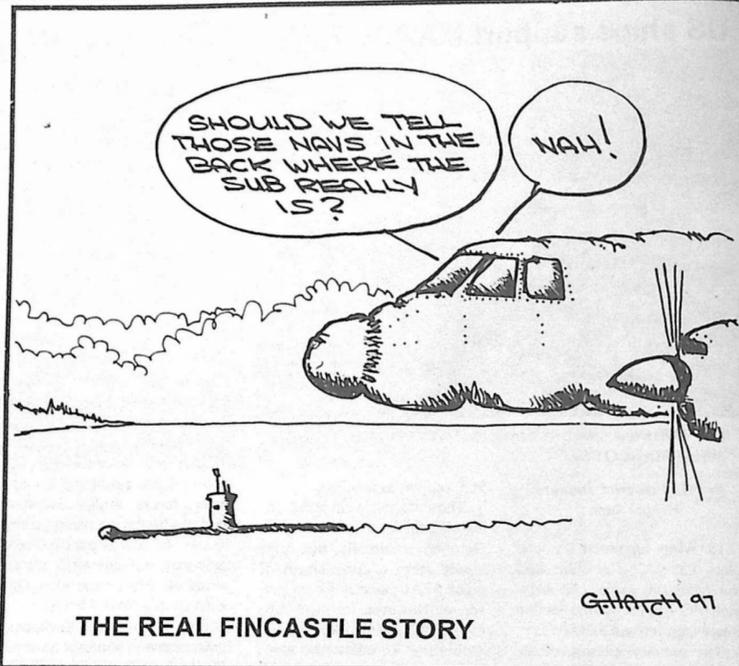
Allow me now to clarify misimpressions left by these articles with respect to the compensation of our more junior officers and the non-commissioned members of the Canadian Forces. It is true that, like all other federal government employees, the salaries of our men and women have been frozen since 1992, however, the assertion that "...rank and file troops, who have not had a pay hike in six years." is incorrect. The impact of the freeze has been mitigated somewhat by two other factors. First of all, with the reinstatement of incentive pay in June 1996, personnel in this group saw their salaries increased by amounts which varied depending upon their rank and seniority. Secondly, in the past year and a half, non-commissioned personnel have had three salary increases and the officers two as the result of an approved four year program to eliminate the acknowledged disparities between Canadian Forces and Public Service compensation scales. Both of these measures have been, and will continue to be, added perma-

nently to the base salary of these men and women. As an aside, and so there is no confusion, neither of these measures was, nor will be, available to the generals and colonels.

Finally, because the magnitude of any economic adjustment, or pay raise, is dependent upon the outcome of the collective bargaining process with the Public Service, it is not certain when such a raise will be announced for members of the Canadian Forces. However, the Minister of National Defence has indicated a strong desire to administer some form of pay raise before the end of this year. This raise will be retroactive to 1 April, 1997 and, once again, I stress that it will apply only to the officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and below and to non-commissioned members.

I trust that this information will assist you in clarifying the situation.

Lt-Gen D.N. Kinsman,
Assistant Deputy Minister
(Personnel) for Chief of the Defence Staff



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This article is to inform the personnel at 19 Wing of a new capability that the Wing Fire Department has obtained after a year of effort. It is the British Columbia Ambulance Service Medical First Responder Program.

The Wing Fire Dept. (WFD) personnel have recently completed BC Ambulance Service's (BCAS) Medical First Responder training. It is certified by the Paramedic Academy at the BC Justice Institute. The training includes medical treatment, automatic external defibrillation, oxygen administration and spinal management.

What this means is, that in the case of a 911 medical call at 19 Wing, BC Ambulance will be dispatched through the 911 system. On receiving the call, the BCAS dispatch centre will request a response by the closest Medical First Responder Fire Department, in our case the WFD, to the patient's location. On arrival, the WFD will begin medical treatment in accordance with the BC Ambulance standards and pre-

pare for the arrival of the ambulance personnel. Upon arrival, ambulance personnel will take over and the WFD will assist as required.

The net result is a significant reduction in the amount of time an injured person will have to wait for emergency medical intervention at 19 Wing. The WFD can be on-scene in approximately three minutes.

Currently, the WFD will provide the Medical First Responder service to the 19 Wing Fire Protection Area, which includes the PMQ's, Glacier Gardens Arena, Air Force Beach, and the Wing industrial area. The higher level of medical training will also enhance the crash response capability of the WFD.

All personnel of 19 Wing and the PMQs are reminded to specify that they are calling from CFB Comox if they dial 911 to report an emergency. This will ensure that the appropriate police and fire units are dispatched. This is especially important if a cellular phone is being used, as the call cannot be traced to determine where it originated from.

All personnel are also reminded that if they have any doubt about a situation occurring in their home or at work (i.e. smell of smoke or not feeling well) at any time, to please call. The WFD will respond day or night to assist occupants or personnel. If in doubt - call.

For additional information, please contact the 19 Wing Fire Chief, Capt Paul Asmis at 339-8211, local 8552.

19 Wing Fire Dept. Emergency: DIAL 911 or 339-8333

Register now for January courses

by Pat Allan
CFCCN Co-ordinator

If you plan to take courses starting in January, now is the time to start the process. Whether you are considering full-time or part-time studies or distance learning, there are good reasons to get organized early.

Although the major registration for North Island College occurs in September, this time of year is also busy with students making decisions about changing programs and courses. If the course you would like to take isn't full yet, it could soon be, so you should secure your place as soon as possible. Also, while many January courses may have been filled during September registration, there is always a lot of movement. Some students may decide to take different courses or drop courses and sometimes the college may offer more sections of a popular course. Even if you are put on a waiting list, there is a good chance that spaces will open up, and the first ones on the list are offered the first spaces.

Even if you only take one course at North Island College, you will be given preferential access to courses next fall, due to the college's commitment to meet the needs of current students to complete their programs. It's well worth the effort to plan!

Protect your family against fire

by Smokey

In Canada, fire burns one home every 15 minutes, destroys millions of dollars worth of property each year and claims over 900 lives yearly. Remember that most fires are the result of carelessness and that the greatest safety comes from prevention. A little extra care on your part may save not only your life, but the lives of others in your home.

To prevent your home and your family from becoming a statistic, Smokey recommends that you inspect and clean your smoke

detector. The PMQ occupant is responsible for ensuring the smoke detector is in working order. Test it every month and vacuum it at least every six months to keep it free from dust. This can be done by opening the cover and gently vacuuming out the interior of the alarm chamber. The cover can usually be wiped clean with a damp cloth.

Also, the Wing Fire Department recommends that you inspect your home from basement to attic. Check the following:

Basement - remove all unnecessary combustibles; have a service man check all furnace safety controls, the chimney and connections for leaks and clean the furnace once a year; remove flammable liquids from the house and store them in tightly closed containers.

Living Room - do not use extension cords in place of permanent wiring; replace fixtures containing bare wires, broken sockets and fittings or defective insulation; check that wattage of light bulbs is not too high for the fixtures, causing overheating.

Kitchen - always be sure that all appliances are turned OFF when you leave the house; do not leave the kitchen for a long time when cooking; avoid the use of homemade or unapproved appliances; have an approved dry chemical fire extinguisher handy.

Bedroom - NEVER smoke in bed; ensure electrical cords are properly connected.

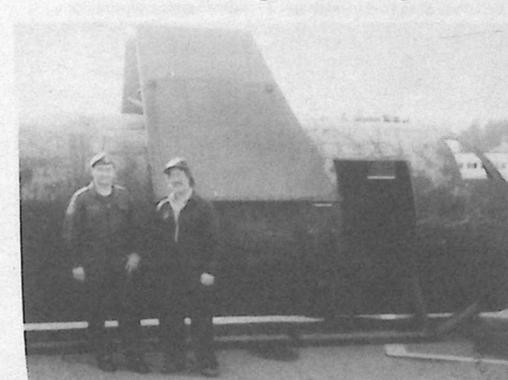
Attic - check for cracks in mortar of chimney.

Garage, shed - avoid accumulation of rubbish, old newspapers and junk.

Good housekeeping - a good way to keep your home safe from fire is to practice good housekeeping habits.

Remember that DND, in most cases, does not assume responsibility for loss or damage to private property or personal belongings resulting from fire, theft or other causes. Loss or damage attributable to the ordinary risks of civil life is the responsibility of the person(s) concerned and all are warned of the advisability of insuring their private and personal belongings against these hazards.

CE builds huge training aid



Pictured are Cpl Datchko of 19 Wing Fire Dept, along with Mr. Bob Hammond from the Construction Engineering Flight. The aircraft mock-up in this photo is a simulated C-130 Hercules. With Mr. Hammond's expertise in welding and Cpl Datchko's assistance in the design, a valuable training aid for the Wing Fire Dept was constructed. The benefit of having these aircraft mock-ups is that the Wing firefighters can train their driver-operators on approach and practice fire extinguishing and rescue procedures. The C-130 Hercules mock-up has been placed in the Fire Dept training area and the welding shop has begun construction of a CF-18 mock-up. With the combined efforts of the CE Flight and the 19 Wing Fire Dept, these training aids will prove to be a valuable asset for all concerned and enable the department to enhance its training and capability in the case of a real aircraft emergency.

NEW!
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Fire Hall News *by WO Goodwin*

During the weekend of 17-19 October the town of Gold River hosted the 1997 Vancouver Island Auto Extrication Competition and Learning Symposium. Each year this event allows fire departments from all over the island to participate in simulated accident scenarios. Each scenario has a 20 minute time limit which is a portion of the "Golden Hour." Simply put, the fire fighters have 20 minutes to extricate trapped occupants from the vehicle wreckage, allowing the ambulance services 40 minutes to transport the victims to the nearest hospital.

The 19 Wing Fire Department team were confronted with a Volvo which had rolled on its side



Team members (L-R): Cpl Tim Mamy, Cpl Kevin Chapdelaine, Cpl Gary Prior, Cpl Doug Bettesworth, WO Jim Goodwin, Sgt Gilles Desruisseau and Sgt Ed Trenholm.

against a concrete abutment, crushing the roof and trapping two occupants inside in the front seats. Unfortunately, only one occupant was extricated before "time" was called.

The main objective of the competition and symposium is to allow fire fighters to work with new equipment, learn new techniques and discuss the problems encountered with newer vehicles (i.e. propane powered vehicles, side impact air bags, etc.).

Although this was the first year 19 Wing had entered a team, it proved to be an invaluable learning experience which will truly enhance the department's vehicle rescue capabilities.

Black Knight Business....

by Lt "Squish" Umrysh
Again it is time for me to sit and reflect upon all the happenings around the Fighting 414th since the last time we talked. Following along the usual mode for the squadron, this past month has been busy. The T-33 quest to conquer the universe has been put into motion, and the 414th started by venturing outbound to a few places.

Capt "Trout" Brown, Capt "Spock" Hamilton, Capt "Chunks" Richards and MCpl Travis headed down to Fresno, California to slap around some vipers (once again). After making a few viper drivers break down and cry, these bullies of the sky continued on their cross country humbling spree over to McChord to dish out a little more hurt. The rest of the squadron headed north, way north, to im-

prove their igloo making skills in Alaska. I've heard that Alaska was nice. Very nice. Super-duper nice. So nice that Capt "Crush" Nichols and Maj "Crisco" Harris stayed a few more days. Crush, always the adventurous one, decided that this would be a prime spot to do a little rewiring of his jet. So a few days, and a few feet of shiny wire later, they returned.

This past month has also been the focus of MARCOT for the Fighting 414th. We donned our hermetically sealed party suits and ventured out over the pond to intimidate the Navy. Ten days, 56 missions, 200 coffees, 50 box lunches and 19 of Trout's jokes later we were finished the exercise.

On the whole topic of finishing, I think it is about time that I wrap up this month's summary of the Black Knights' conquests. As usual, I conclude my verbal tirade with a thought... it's not the size of a dog in a fight that matter, but rather the size of the fight in the dog.

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Demon Doins

By the time this installment of the Dauntless Demons hits the streets, things should be just about getting back to normal after one of the most hectic and enjoyable months in recent squadron history. Crews 2 and 4 arrived back in town after major deployments to South America, just in time to get into the swing of MARCOT 97's 24-hour a day grind which led nicely into the 30-hour a day schedule of Fin-castle '97. Despite the gruelling schedules, preliminary reports show that the squadron made a success of each event with only a few minor casualties and many a great war story to be repeated and embellished around a warm fire during the coming winter season.

Crew 2 started things off with a two week deployment to Chile to participate in the West Coast portion of UNITAS 97. UNITAS is a moving exercise which works its way around the continent with participation normally limited to the Americans and the host country. Canadian participation in the Chilean portion of the exercise began with a 407 Sqn deployment two years ago and has become a regular destination for the squadron ever since. Canadian MPA crews get the opportunity to train with American and Chilean Navy aircraft, ships and submarines while forging new friendships and exchanging ideas with our emerging allies to the south.

Hot on the heels of Crew 2's return, Crew 4 was off breaking new trails into Argentina to participate in the West Coast portion of the same exercise. This is the first time 407 has been to Argentina and it turned out to be a pleasant eye opener for the Icemen. The warm reception from our hosts and their genuine enthusiasm for the exercise more than made up for the 20 plus hour transit required getting there. Weary

as we were from the trip there was a gleam in the eyes of MPCC Capt Pete Haggins and Lead AESOP WO Tony Ruthven when they spied the shadowy forms of two, turboprop equipped and service-able, Trackers on the ramp. The ink on the customs forms had not yet dried when arrangements for famil flights had been cemented with enthusiastic handshakes all around. The enthusiasm worked both ways though and we were presented with a manifest of Argentinian Air Force personnel eager to fly on the Aurora that, left unchecked, would have required the majority of our crew to remain behind in the hotel lounge, listening to Maria Marta tickle the keys and trying to learn to say "uno mas por favor" to the bartender with no trace of an accent.

Things were, however, sorted out so that the crew could fly and a good number of guests were able to watch us put the Goddess of the Dawn through her paces. The exercise gave us a good dose of coveted sub time on both Argentinian and American boats and our hosts proved to be very professional and capable operators, both in the air and under the waves. When the big day came for our guys to fly the Tracker a good, scratch that, great time was had by all. According to Pete, the only thing that outweighed the thrill of landing the Tracker for the first time in over a decade was the look of pure contentment that spread across Tony's face as he lit up in back at the exact moment the wheels went into the well.

Most of the crew were able to get up for a flight (anyone interested should ask Capt Bruce Cumming about his landing) and those who didn't had an equally enjoyable day exploring the surrounding countryside of Sierra de la Ventana. Though the scenery was spectacular, I'm sure a lot of the locals were left scratching their heads at the antics of four highly trained professional Canadian aircrew who stumbled upon their first colony of leaf cutter ants in a local park. If small things amuse small minds, the hour that these four spent in that park will surely guarantee an instant rejection to any Mensa applications they should happen to submit.

When Crew 4 returned home they found MARCOT in full swing. All told the squadron flew about 110 hours at all hours of the day and in all types of weather during the exercise. This is the largest exercise on the Canadian West Coast, and is held bi-annu-

ally, with participants from Great Britain, the US, Australia and Chile joining the host Canadians. The exercise provided a great opportunity to practice some coordinated operations with other air forces and navies right here in our back yard. MARCOT also allowed us to do some ASW training in our own waters, which is something we normally have to travel to do these days. Despite the exercise being cut short by a couple of days due to the navies' tummies getting a little queasy after a few too many days bobbing around in a sea state six condition, a lot of valuable training was accomplished by all the participants.

As the MARCOT participants made their ways home, the base was subjected to yet another invasion of MPA crews eager for some sub hunting time. These, of course, were the competition and back up crews for Fin-castle '97. This annual exercise/competition is hosted in turn by the participating countries of New Zealand, Australia, Great Britain and Canada. Comox had the honour of hosting this year's event which was doubly exciting since 407's own Crew 5 Vikings were representing Canada at the event and shooting for an unprecedented third straight Canadian victory.

Aside from the competition itself, there were a myriad of activities involved with the event, ranging from a sports day to various social events hosted by the different countries to International Night. Despite this heavy social schedule, most of the air and ground crews were on hand for each and every launch and recovery throughout the competition, to wave their respective flags, cheer on their teammates and taunt the competition. The flight line barbeque was manned and fired up throughout and, although the Guinness people have yet to confirm it, it is believed a world record was set for the consumption of hamburgers and eggs in a 72 hour period.

The sports day proved to be a most competitive, painful and altogether hilarious broomball tournament. Many of the visiting players cried foul when they discovered this game is played on a sheet of ice (a concept as foreign to most of our guests as voluntarily eating Haggis is to most Canadians). Despite this perceived injustice, all four teams gamely took to the ice, and promptly fell rather heavily on their butts. Everyone seemed to pick up the game continued on page 15...

Cops Corner

by Cpl K.E. LeBlanc

Well, it was bound to happen no matter how much I tried to avoid it. The Guardhouse has fully entered the computer age and has produced its own web page. Actually I think it's a great thing, as long as you're not as computer illiterate as I am.

Our web page on the Internet is the result of a great deal of effort and time by one of our I.T. specialists, Cpl Eric Nicolaes. Eric spent about a week of his time making up the page and he assures me it was all on his own time, not company time!

For those of you who don't have a wealth of computer knowledge, the Internet is a network of computers whose owners have collaborated to provide on-line services such as the World Wide Web, E-mail, FTP, and user groups. This explanation, as you may have guessed, is taken directly from a book and, therefore, I won't attempt to explain it any further.

Eric created our page in August of this year and he plans on updating it every few months. The site itself, including text, graphics and codes takes up approximately 900K of information. Currently, it contains information on each of our sub-sections and includes a link to the Cops Corner articles (linked under Investigations), as well as links to DND at WWW.DND.CA and a police site at WWW.COP-NET.ORG. These last two sites can be linked at the bottom of our web page.

In the future Eric is going to add information on the Canadian Military Police Association and our charity - the Military Police Blind Children's Fund. There will be background on both of these organization available, as well as current section reps and what has been happening lately with them.

Anyone who wishes to access our site is invited to visit our web page and may access it in one of two ways. The first is to type on the URL box - [HTTP://MARS.ARK.COM/~19WGSAMP](http://MARS.ARK.COM/~19WGSAMP). The second method is to go to WWW.DND.CA then click on English, then click on Airforce, click on link, click on Airforce Unit & Squadron, click on 19 Wing, then, finally, click on 19 WGSAMP. I hope you understood all of that because I certainly didn't.

Anyone wishing to E-mail any of the section members here at the Guardhouse can also do this on our web page using the address: 19WGSAMP@MARS.ARK.COM.

Again, our thanks go out to Eric for the time and effort he put into this project. If you have any questions on our site, or any comments, feel free to contact Cpl Eric Nicolaes here at the Guardhouse. I would like to end this week by mentioning a fundraising event being coordinated by LS Dave Stevens, in support of the Military Police Blind Children's Fund. From 5 December until Christmas Day, Dave will be running our 7th Annual Christmas Tree of Lights. This event involves a 25 ft. Christmas tree which will be set up at the Main Gate with the opening ceremonies commencing at 1000 hrs on 5 December. As in the past, donations may be made at the Guardhouse and with each donation one Christmas tree light will be lit. We hope that by the 25th all the lights will be shining. We ask for everyone's support for this worthwhile cause during the holiday season. If anyone has questions about the program, or the Blind Fund in general, feel free to contact LS Dave Stevens at 339-8218. Thank you all in advance for your support.

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AEF sweats it out at Exercise Silver Flag



Sgt Phillips and MCpl Carlson put a Hummer through its paces.

by MCpl Carlson

During the week of 14 Sep, 21 members from 19 Wing Comox attended Exercise Silver Flag, held at Tyndall AFB in sunny, hot Florida. 191 AEF were joined by Cpl Blake and Cpl Boyd from heavy equipment and Sgt Phillips from the NBCW cell. The main purpose of the exercise was "to provide crew task qualifications free from home base constraints, where engineer crews can train, practice and be qualified on contingency operations in a realistic environment for rapid deployment, anytime ...anywhere."

The USAF civil engineers and service units rotate through Silver Flag on a bi-annual basis. The week consisted of practical and theoretical classes, followed by an exercise conducted on the last day of training. The personnel were broken down into various groups to coincide with individual trade skills.

Capt Burbee, MWO Phaneuf and MCpl Johnson were with command and control. Their tasks included bed-down planning, SRC Ops, damage control centre, and NBCW Ops. Essentially, in the bed-down planning, a base camp is set up in the most efficient and strategic manner possible. In SRC Ops BRATT (base recovery after attack) comes into play. Within the damage control centre

and NBCW cell, leadership skills, coupled with the ability to work under erratic conditions, is key to maintaining base survivability.

Sgt Linden, MCpl Grimstad and Cpl Lamothe were involved with the electrical systems. They were tasked to set up/operate a bare base electrical distribution system as well as set up/operate emergency airfield lighting systems. The crew was to set up all components of a bare base electrical distribution system, plus provide power and lighting within each type of bare base facility. Lighting, power equipment, heating, and air conditioning are most often taken for granted. However, without power to these fundamental elements the mission would be severely crippled.

Sgt May and MCpl Mendonca worked with the electrical generating systems. Their tasking was to lay out the bare base electrical distribution system, set up/operate 75 KW generators and install mobile arresting gear system. Both technicians were instrumental in providing power from source to their final loads, whether at a permanent or bare base camp where there is no fixed distribution system. Generating power with a portable 750 KW generator is crucial when there is no other power source available. The arresting gear is a critical safety device put in place to help

save malfunctioning and damaged aircraft during take off and landing operations.

Cpl Eby was tasked to install a harvest falcon air conditioner, maintain a bare base laundry unit, set up/operate 150-CF refrigeration unit, set up/operate mobile water chiller, operate/maintain M-870 boiler and perform decontamination operations. Air conditioning is vital in maintaining optimized levels of conditioned air. Without proper air conditioning, various types of equipment could not run. Preserving frozen and fresh foods in hotter regions of the globe become even more important. If proper cooling conditions are not met, the rapid spread of harmful bacteria would result.

Cpl Blake, Cpl Boyd and their crew were tasked to construct berms/dikes, airfield pavements evaluation, RRR contingency operation, crushed stone crater repair and install folded fibreglass matting. The runway at the training site was in a state of partial destruction, therefore providing for excellent training using various types of heavy equipment.

Sgt Taric and MCpl Baird were working in the structural department. They were to set up various types of shelters, such as the temper tent, GP shelter, ESC shelter, B-1 revetment and set up a strip MOS. When constructing a minimum operating strip (MOS), the runway becomes shorter and narrower. The placement of new markings therefore becomes more important to the pilots, as they will rely on these precision markings for their safe approach to the runway.

MCpl Wilkison, MCpl Pearcy, Cpl MacDonald and Pte Dixon were with utilities - their tasks included set up/operate a bare base water distribution system, set up a ROWPU (Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit), and set up the field latrines and shower units. Producing potable water and the distribution of this treated water, along with the removal of waste water are absolutely necessary in any situation. The placement of ablation areas and latrines is undoubtedly im-

portant in maintaining a certain level of hygiene within a camp.

Cpl Huard was to assist in the set up and operation of the POL RURK, and contingency fuel recovery systems. The handling and distribution of POL products is essential in providing fuel for machinery and aircraft. Maintaining a safe and operable fuelling facility becomes instrumental, especially when there are environmental concerns.

MCpl Beausoleil was attached to the engineering group and took part in the MAOS (Minimum Airfield Operating Surface) selection process, bed-down planning, GPS, minimum airfield operating surface marking system (MAOSMS) and crater profile measurement. The collection of data, assessment and prioritizing of work required in repairing a runway is challenging. The global positioning system receiver technology is taking over in the application of site layouts and expedient mapping. Compasses and the use of surveying equipment are slowly being replaced by the GPS.

Sgt Phillips and myself were in the readiness crew. Our tasks included survivability enhancements, operate smoke generator, operate NBC control centre, plot/assess NBC hazards, GPS, perform reconnaissance team operation and operate ALAD/CAM/M-8A1. The various types of camouflage, concealment and de-

ception methods the United States uses were quite remarkable. The most impressive was the inflatable F16 decoy, accompanied by a fuel tanker truck. The smoke generator was equally impressive in masking prime assets from enemy aircraft.

As one can see, we were busy and challenged - did I mention the heat and humidity? The theoretical and practical instruction from the US cadre was exceptional. Our class atmosphere was relaxed and comfortable. The instructors who presented the lectures on readiness were extremely well prepared, the handout material, training aids and video presentation were excellent. Our only escape from the hot weather was during the classroom portion of the exercise. During our week of training some of the equipment and techniques were different than ours, however, the fundamental principles remain much the same. In exchanging ideas with our United Kingdom and United States allies, a considerable amount of knowledge was gained. The members from 19 Wing were able to integrate and adapt to any of the given scenarios. Maintaining close ties with the Americans has been rewarding, professionally as well as socially.

Until next time, Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year. Chimo!

Sgt Taric begins marking the (MOS) minimum operating strip.



Of flood, fire crews and fellow employees

by John Stoll, CHP

As the rains came down on the evening of 9 October, our ever-vigilant night crews kept watch over the Base.

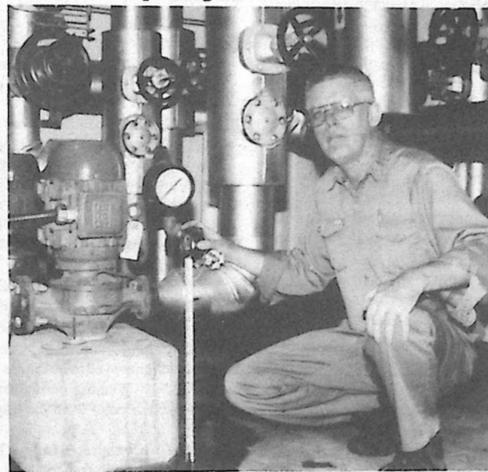
In the Central Heating Plant, problems began to develop. Distribution pipes became *underwater* piping. Due to one of those laws of physics saying that heat is lost when there is a difference in temperature, suddenly there was no steam pressure. The boiler master (no, that's not me) was calling for 100% fuel.

Jim Walker, the shift engineer on duty, took immediate action. By shutting down the boiler, he prevented the possibility of a very expensive and wasteful occurrence. As this was taking place, trouble calls were coming in. And the water was rising in the condensate pit!

I arrived at 23:00 hrs. Fortunately, Jim then had matters under control - sort of. For the water in the pit kept rising even with two sump pumps going full out. Two more pumps were set up. The water kept rising... let me explain that the perimeter drain for the Heating Plant drains into our condensate pit. In the pit are two non-waterproof electric-driven pumps. They transfer the condensate to the deaerator/storage tank. Loss of these pumps would have meant a costly ordeal indeed!

A call for help went out to the Fire Hall. The duty crew chief came, saw - and "Rally the troops," he ordered. Soon a crew with pumps responded to save the day - or rather, the night. Upon which rescue they hastened off to 7 Hangar to pump out more water.

I wish to thank a bunch of people: the folks at Base Fire Hall for their timely assistance - it is comforting to know, especially on



How high stood the water, Jim? And who had to clean up the mess afterwards? (Photo by WIS)

those long nights, that the firefighters are there, just a phone call away. And to my fellow employees, the shift workers at the Central Heating Plant whose contributions go unnoticed until "there ain't no heat." Thanks Jim, Kevin, Manny, Rocky! You're doing fine, not the least in keeping the Base warm on these increasingly frosty mornings.

Much appreciated! To paraphrase Mme Pompadour ("Après nous le déluge" - After us the deluge), we'll keep right after any deluge that may occur. But will be just as happy if none does.

Facts and Figures

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More renovations at the Officers' Mess

Question: *What was the most oft repeated and anxious query around the Officers' Mess for many weeks?*

Answer: *When will you be done?*

So, at least, claim the CE tradespeople who worked on renovating the washrooms, bringing them up to snuff and installing a barrier-free access washroom. Now completed, the renovations include new carpets, new tiled floor, wallpaper, mirrors, vanities, toilets and powder room accessories in the ladies' wash-room.

"Several shops were involved

for six to seven weeks," explains CE carpenter Al Oelke. "The number of people employed was high because of the scope. Additional work went into redoing the drywall as well as putting in new walls. No doubt, the most important new feature is the ramp in the back, leading to a unisex wash-room which is now wheelchair accessible." The installation of this washroom helps the Base move forward in its real property accessibility, a program being pushed from a national level (NDHQ).

The crew enjoyed some welcome assistance when several la-

dies, including Capt Kathie Cutland, Mrs. Mary MacLean, MS Beth Burt, Ms Bobbie Howard and Capt Jean Traynor put up the wallpaper in the ladies' washroom. They and others officially opened the rejuvenated area with a party on 24 October in conjunction with the MARCOT TGIF. A guest book details the event and is available for viewing (contact Ms Burt).

C.E. United Way raffle winners



Fourteen instant winners, representing many different sections, were able to claim their prizes after the CE Grand Raffle draw held on 31 October. Indeed, first prize, a polished burl wall clock, went to Sgt Dodd of WCompt, the muffins were picked up by Gail Eggiman of Central Registry, and Linda Martin of Base Cleaners won herself a free lunch at the CE Canteen.

The raffle sold out, raising the somewhat peculiar amount of \$190.76, but still a welcome sum for United Way to put in its coffers.

CE Flight wishes to extend a heartfelt Thank You to anyone who contributed prizes, bought tickets, or in other ways helped make the raffle a success.

Winners
Sgt Dodd, WCompt - polished burl wall clock.
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Dion (758-1376) - one lunch special.
WO Glen Thomas, MedA - one doily, hand-made.
Cpl Bonet, Fire Hall - 2-hr. use of boat.
Terry Dean, Fire Hall - 1 hour with computer consultant.
Cpl Johansen, Fire Hall - 70-ft butt lift.

Sgt Robicheau, Assist WCWO - Gator ride "Around the Base..."
Norma Hanson, CE Ops - five stackable boxes.
Phyllis S-L - Levitation by Genie.

MWO Armstrong, Fire Hall - free testing of waters.
Bob Hanson, CE Ops - bucket of two-tone steam.
Dennis Kennelly, CE Ops - grapes, fermented, glass-encased.

Gail Eggiman, CR - batch of muffins.



Helped by WCEO, Maj Wayne Gauthier, prize winner Norma Hanson carts away her five stackable boxes - all empty, of course.



WCEO Maj Wayne Gauthier (L), keeps careful watch while CE Adm Co-ordinator Mrs. Pat Belanger draws yet another winning number from container held by Capt McCarthy. (Civilian Fridays, remember?)

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Badminton News

Well... Some people throw themselves in paint, Bungee jump while naked... so I figured this is as good as anything! The fun event was held on the Halloween weekend at the Wing gymnasium and consisted of an in-house tournament open to anyone of any caliber to play fun games of badminton in costume, if they so wished.

The format consisted of playing four games with four different people randomly selected. Every win was a ticket toward the big candy draw, held later that evening.

We started with a game of 21 points, but... Mr. Bourget and Mr. Joncas kind of spoiled the idea by extending beyond the fragile timing chart in a nonetheless spectacular match that practically extracted all sources of vitamins from their supper! Well done for giving it all in the first game!

Quickly, things started to unfold and it became clear that Jake Gallant was hot and in flames, Vic Arsenault was struggling with his tough and exhausting draw, and that the Church Lady was out lashing at the boys! Also, Ron Norwood came out of the trenches for the occasion and was bombarded with bullets that he hadn't seen for a while - shock is the least that can be said for his state of mind...and body. (He looked just like Mr. Bean staring desperately at the floor - not a pretty sight!)

Lastly, the Church Lady asks me to thank all participants for the good time and reiterate her ecstasy with the winnings. She generously paid for a round of pops for all of the big L...

Coming up is a doubles game clinic by Level 3 coach Alf McGuire. The club meets every Sunday evening 1900-2100 hrs. For more info: Cpl Forget, loc 8834.

Noon

Drop-in Sports

Just a reminder that noon drop-in sports are as follows:

Tuesdays - basketball
Thursdays - volleyball
See you there!

I/S Curling opens 97-98 season



LCol Leversedge, the Wing Log O, throws the first rock to open the 97-98 I/S Curling season as curlers and President, MWO Tom Harper, look on. I/S Curling goes every Tuesday at 1430 hours. Check with your Sqn Sports Rep and spare for your team.

Winter Swimming registration

When: 21 Nov 1600-1800 hrs.
22 Nov 0900-1300 hrs.
Where: Base Rec Centre
Starting: 9-10 Jan 98

Jake's Trivia Corner

1. What kind of balls were first used to play basketball?
2. Who succeeded George Chuvalo's lengthy reign as Canadian Heavyweight Boxing Champion?
3. How many times did Montreal Canadiens' goalie Ken Dryden win the Vezina Trophy alone?

Answers on page 14.

19 Wing "Flyers" Hockey Club League Schedule (1st Half)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	HOME	AWAY
Thursday, 20 Nov 97	7:00 PM	Glacier Gardens	19 Wing Flyers	Bloodshots
Tuesday, 25 Nov 97	9:45 PM	Glacier Gardens	Pirates	19 Wing Flyers
Thursday, 27 Nov 97	8:45 PM	Glacier Gardens	19 Wing Flyers	Blues
Sunday, 30 Nov 97	8:45 PM	Glacier Gardens	Loghogs	19 Wing Flyers
Thursday, 4 Dec 97	7:00 PM	Glacier Gardens	19 Wing Flyers	Stars
Tuesday, 9 Dec 97	9:45 PM	Glacier Gardens	Lizards	19 Wing Flyers
Thursday, 11 Dec 97	7:00 PM	Glacier Gardens	Rippers	19 Wing Flyers
Thursday, 18 Dec 97	10:30 PM	Glacier Gardens	Bloodshots	19 Wing Flyers

Glacier Gardens Arena Christmas Holiday Schedule

Casual Skating Times

- 22 December: 1130 - 1300
- 23 December: 1130 - 1300
- 24 December: 1100 - 1230
- 25 December: CLOSED
- 26 December: CLOSED
- 27 December: 1130 - 1300
- 28 December: 1130 - 1300
- 29 December: 1130 - 1300
- 30 December: 1130 - 1300
- 31 December: 1100 - 1230

- 1 January: CLOSED
- 2 & 3 January: (No Casual Skating) Minor Hockey Tournament
- 4 January: 1500 - 1615

"NEW" SPORTS STORE HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 0730 - 1600 hrs
Fridays: 0730 - 1330 hrs

19 Wing Flyers Front office report

I figured it was time to let interested hockey fans know what's happening with the Base Hockey Team. Our look has changed a bit since last season with the addition of some new blood, new coaching staff and a new skipper, but still managed to keep the team nucleus together from last season.

Our new coaching staff and team committee has put together what looks to be a very challenging road ahead. A 30-game season with playoffs in the Comox Valley Men's Hockey League, two "on the road" tournaments, home-in-home exhibition play with Powell River and Lake Cowichan and, most importantly, the CF Regional Hockey Championships (hosted here at the Gardens 25-30 Jan 98) and, if successful, off to CF National Sports Central, CFB Borden 15-22 Mar 98.

The Flyers did not get off to a great start, losing their first two bouts but they salvaged a point, which should have been two, when a three goal lead disappeared against the Blues. An hour of skating and a tongue lashing from MCpl "Coach Brian" Swainsbury during the next practice proved to be the answer as the Flyers trounced the Log Hogs 12-2. Winning most of the one on one battles helped the Flyers steal a point from the league's top ranked Lizards in a 4-4 draw.

The Flyers' Commercial League hockey schedule has been supplied for those who enjoy a good hockey game. Grab your cow bell and mitts and come out and root for your 19 Wing Flyers. A heated viewing area is available for fans to be comfortable while following the team.

See you at the "Gardens."

For more info about the team, contact the Rec Centre or Team President, Cpl Paul "Spud" MacMillan.

Commander's Cup Sports

If there is enough interest, the Rec Centre will host Commander's Cup in the following sports:

- Volleyball •Basketball •Floor hockey

Canvass your unit/section/sqn. If the interest is there, call or E-mail me and we'll pick the dates and have a go at it.

Let me know NLT 12 December. The ball is in your court!
Jake Plante, Sports Coordinator, loc 8783

Pacific Region Sports 1998 Schedule

Sport	Location	Date
Basketball	19 Wing Comox	9-11 Jan
Volleyball	CFB Esquimalt	22-24 Jan
Hockey (OT/Men's)	19 Wing Comox	16-20 Feb
Broomball (M/W)	CFB Esquimalt	26-28 Feb
Curling	19 Wing Comox	TBA
Badminton/Squash	19 Wing Comox	27-29 Mar
Golf	Fort Lewis (Esquimalt)	TBA
Ball Hockey	19 Wing Comox	16-18 July
Softball (M/W)	CFB Esquimalt	6-8 Aug
Soccer	CFB Esquimalt	20-22 Aug
Running	CFB Esquimalt	5-6 Sep

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

GYM, POOL & WEIGHTROOM SCHEDULE

24 DEC	0730-1600 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(WEDNESDAY)
25 DEC	CLOSED	(THURSDAY)
26 DEC	CLOSED	(FRIDAY)
27 DEC	1300-1700 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(SATURDAY)
28 DEC	1300-1700 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(SUNDAY)
29 DEC	0730-1800 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(MONDAY)
30 DEC	0730-1800 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(TUESDAY)
31 DEC	0730-1600 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(WEDNESDAY)
01 JAN	CLOSED	(THURSDAY)
02 JAN	0730-1800 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(FRIDAY)
03 JAN	1300-1600 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(SATURDAY)
04 JAN	1300-1600 HRS (GYM & WEIGHTROOM) 1300-1600 HRS (POOL)	(SUNDAY)



WINTER GOLF

November 9 saw 76 golfers turn up to play on a nice sunny day. It was great to see so many new faces - hope you'll keep on coming.

1st Low Gross: Al Walsh, Gene Pearl, Bob Shaw, Sharon Warne and Gillian Iddols. 1st Low Net: Bert Meek, Earl Martin, Moe Morrison, Joyce Merrill and Diane Bainbridge. 2nd Low Gross: Leo Lamothe, Hank Fortin, Bill Pomponio and Teri Martin. 2nd Low Net: Lloyd Billings, Ray Belanger, Jan Verbeek and Bob Lamb. 3rd Low Gross: Phil Nakashima, Ted Gibson, Linda Picard, Ralph Glass. 3rd Low Net: Jim Brown, Norm Fellbaum, Dave Kelly, Verle Laferty. 4th Low Gross: John Courtemanche, Rick Verbeek, Irene Perry and Gussy Pritchard.

KP on #12 went to Mike Slaunwhite's team of Jim Ramesbottom, Bud Bryan and Helen Williams with Helen making the super shot.

On #15 it was Leo Lamothe making the shot for his team of Hank Fortin, Bill Pomponio and Teri Martin.

On #17 it was Irene Perry doing the honours for her team of John Courtemanche, Rick Verbeek and Gussy Pritchard. A super birdie was made by Duane Miles on #17 to help her team's cause.

Scott Fraser has been receiving lots of new stuff so come out to the Pro Shop and have a look around. Till next time...



LADIES XMAS LUNCHEON

GG Ladies will be holding their Christmas luncheon on 4 December in the clubhouse, 12 noon for 12:30 p.m. This event is open to all lady members. You have a choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Seafood Lasagna. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please put your money in an envelope at the Pro Shop and indicate your choice of menu. Also bring a gift or donation for the Salvation Army. Bob Cole will be in attendance to give a short talk on the Salvation Army's activities. Hope to see you all on December 4.

Glacier Greens golf shots

FEW CHANGES AT A.G.M.
by Len Doyle, Men's Director

Heavy rain and wind failed to discourage a record number of club members from attending the Fall General Meeting held on October 29.

Following reports from all committee members and a long-range forecast from President Ted Gibbon, the annual executive elections were held.

President Ted Gibbon (Col ret'd) and Vice-President Sgt Mark Kalbfleisch are both Wing Commander appointed positions and remain in place until end

March 98. Club members are optimistic both will be re-appointed for another term.

Club Captain Fergie Webster, Men's Director Len Doyle, Ladies Director Fran Hume, Senior Director Jim McCaffrey, Tournament Director Hank Fortin and Club Treasurer MWO Art King were all re-elected for another term.

Immediate past Club Secretary Cpl Bill Anglin was elected to the Membership Director position and Gerrit Van Boeschoten was, pending Wing Commander approval, elected to the vacant Secretary position. Larry Lott was elected to the Greens Director position vacated by Doug

McArthur. Steve Bailey will remain as Course Superintendent, as will Scott Fraser as Director of Golf.

The entire membership wanted to thank departing executive members Doug McArthur and Gary Liddiard for a job well done. Both were valued members of the executive - their expertise, knowledge and hard work contributed to the product we all enjoy.

Of interest to valley golfers was the Membership Director's report indicating that there are associate memberships available. Interested golfers should contact the GG Pro Shop for further information.

GG ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT
by Barb Carter

A whopping big turnout for the annual Turkey Shoot held on November 2. Ninety brave souls showed up to try their luck at the elusive bird. The rain held off, but man it was cold out there!

After the feathers settled and the scores were tallied 1st Low Gross went to Bing Shearer, Martin Percy, Glen Caslake and Leslie Mann. 1st Low Net: Bert Meek, Larry Blais, Muriel Krier, Fran Hutchison. 2nd Low Gross: Randy Koppa, Steve Shaw, Ray Cossette, Jean Maxwell. 2nd Low Net: Al Walsh, Len Doyle, Bill Krier, Sharon Warne. 3rd Low Gross: Duke Dutrisac, Gene Pearl, Pat Verchere, Anne Gibson. 3rd Low Net: Mike Slaunwhite, Jim Adie, Bud Bryan, Lori Cameron, Pat Belanger. 4th Low Gross: Dick Nex, Bob Edwards, Larry Sawyer, Trudy Lamothe. 4th Low Net: Frank Martin, Ray Belanger, Moe Morrison, Ralph Glass. 5th Low Gross: Phil Nakashima, Marlene Hall, Kyle Jones, Bruce Horoxchuk, Mary Kelly. 5th Low Net: Fred Williams, Steven Rivard, Bill Pompanio, Terry Martin. 6th Low Net: Bob Marshall, Ross Dowe, Claude Dufault, Helen Williams.

On #12 Duane Miles won a bird for her shot and her team mates were Rod Verchere, Greg Young and Linda Picard. On #15 KP went to Jim Brown, Norm Fellbaum, Jack Hawkins and Gussy Pritchard. On #17 KP went to Leo Lamothe, Fred Horvath, Dave Kelly and Doug Cull. We would like to thank Courtney Safeway store for their continued support and contribution.

Wing Supply conquers Mt. Washington

by MCpl Crawford

On October 3, a team of 10 crazed supply techs assaulted the steep, sloping roadway of Mt. Washington in an effort to raise funds for the United Way. The weather that day was most disagreeable - pouring with rain and cold.

The team met at the base and started the march up at 08:00 hrs. The first few kilometres went by quickly and we were all in high spirits. As the clothing and footwear became soaked the pleasant stroll turned more into a gruelling task.

Cpl Mailloux, who ended up parking at the top, had marched down the road all the way to the 6 km mark, where he met up with the rest, turned around and started back up. LS Daigle provided the mascot. Her dog "Khan" set a good pace but it appeared as though she had brought him to help pull her along. We all did very well with only two people



Members of the team are (L-R): LS Gilbert, Cpl Unrau, Cpl Mailloux, MWO Rodgers, Cpl Aucoin, MCpl Crawford, Cpl Dobbs and LS Daigle. (Photo by WIS)

calling it quits at the 11 km and 13 km marks. The Mt. Washington Ski Resort was a welcome sight at the top, where we rested our weary bones and ate delicious Subs donated by the Comox Sub-way.

The best timing goes to Cpl Chantal Racine who completed the march in a blistering 2-1/2 hours. The average was 3 hours,

with final stragglers (myself) coming in at 3-1/2 hours.

Many thanks to all who participated and to those who sponsored the team. A total of \$586.00 was raised and added to the United Way campaign total.

Watch for the event again next year when we hope to challenge other sections of the Wing to join us.

MORE WINTER GOLF

On 16 November, 58 golfers turned up to play on a dull but not too bad a day.

1st LG: Jim Brown, Ted Gibbon, Dave Kelly, Linda Picard, Joyce Merrill. 1st LN: Scott Kline, the lovely Len Doyle, Ray Cossette, Lori Cameron, Diane Bainbridge. 2nd LG: Gary Usher, Bob Edwards, Bud Bryan, Gussy Pritchard. 2nd LN: Ron Carter finally made it to the podium, aided by team mates Hank Fortin, Bob Shaw, Carmel Horochuk and Pat Belanger. 3rd LN: Floyd Merrill, Norm Fellbaum, Glen Caslake, Doug Cull.

Week four of Winter Golf and so far, so good. No rainouts and no frost delays. This could be a banner year with lots of new people showing up each week. See you on November 23 - remember it is 9:00 a.m. sign up for 9:30 a.m. start.

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Aliens invade WGCC Halloween Party



Winners at the WGCC Halloween Party (clockwise from top left): Best Costumes: ages 10-12, ages 4-6, ages up to 3 years and ages 7-9.

On 25 October, the Wallace Gardens Community Association held their annual children's Halloween Party at Airport Elementary School. Approximately 110 children attended, making this event indeed an outstanding success.

Costumes ranged from pirates to ladybugs, devils, clowns, genies, prisoners, Draculas, ghosts, aliens and so much more. Costumes were judged in three categories as well as divided into four separate age groups. WG Community Council Mayor, Matt Wappler, had his hands full determining the following winners:

Ages 3 and younger
Funniest - Benjamin Wade; Scariest - Campbell & Lyam Olmstead; Best Overall - Anna Outland.

Ages 4 - 6
Funniest - Haley Wade; Scariest - Jessica Bertin; Best Overall - Madison Olmstead.

Ages 7 - 9
Funniest - Karen Roy; Scariest - Ryan Wilson; Best Overall - Sheldon Parker & Vince McKernan.

Ages 10 and older
Funniest - Chelsey Payton-Stewart; Scariest - Cody Winters; Best Overall - Allison Nicholls.
Children accompanied by parents and family were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of Halloween activities held in the school gym. Included was a colouring contest with the following winners:

Ages 3 and younger - Stephanie Hale; **Ages 4-6** - Sheldon Parker; **Ages 7-9** - Mike Hughes; **Ages 10 and older** - Melanie Cayouette.

A Halloween Party would not be complete without a haunted mansion. We didn't have a mansion but we did have a Haunted Stage. Behind closed curtains lay a ghoulish creature asleep in a coffin in amongst several tombstones in the WGCC Cemetery. Visitors were blindfolded and told to put their hands in amongst containers of mysterious and

gross-feeling things.

Credit for the outstanding success of this event has to go to the organizers and volunteers. Organizers Kathy Fancy-Bertin and Jane Bekus put in a lot of hard work and great effort. This was very evident throughout the event which flowed smoothly and was well organized. A special Thank You goes out to the following volunteers: Yvon Bertin and family, Stan Bekus and family, Stephen & Janina Nicholls, Pat & Rob Nicholson, Rhonda Hughes, Colleen Howard, Krista Galbraith, Maj Stewart, Cpl MacDonald, Matt Wappler and Leo Phillips.

We would also like to thank the following sponsors: Overwaitea Foods, Canex, Zellers, Comox Builders' Supply, Robin's Donuts, Comox Moving and Storage, M/Cpl Battersby.

Wallace Gardens Adult Craft Club

November 23, 97 from 7-9 pm
Mistletoe Hanging Ball

December 14, 97 from 7-9 pm
Beeswax Candle and Wreath
Busy B's will be here to help us
make a Christmas centrepiece.
Cost: approx \$15.00 for materials

You must pre-register to
do this craft. Call Jane
Bekus at 339-2354



TEEN CRAFT
NIGHT

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 29, 97
FROM 6:30-8:30 PM

WALLACE GARDENS COMMUNITY
CENTRE

FOR COST OF THIS EVENT AND
INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRAFT CALL
CARMIE DIXON AT 339-7696

**FAMILY
BINGO**
Sunday,
December 7, 97
from 1-3 pm

Wallace Gardens
Community Centre

Cost: Wallace Gardens
members - 25c a card
Non-member -
50c a card

Call Pat Nicholson
for more information
- 339-1966

Teen Christmas Dance

Wallace Gardens Community
Centre
Saturday, December 6, 1997
7:30-11:00 pm

Cost: Wallace Gardens Members
-\$1.00
Non-members - \$2.00

For more info call Carmie
Dixon at 339-7696

WGCA VIDEO
AFTERNOON

At the Wallace Gardens
Community Centre

December 14, 97 from 1-3 pm

For children 12 and under

For more
information and the
title of this month's
movie call Yvon
Bertin at 339-7522

Cost for popcorn and
drink:
50c for Wallace Gardens
members
75c for non-members

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TAYLOR AT 339-4400

Thank you

A big thank you to the following people who contributed their time and hard work on November 8 at the Community Centre clean-up:

Capt Matt Wappler, Sgt Leo Phillips, Sgt Stephen Nicholls, Mrs. Pearl Smith, Mrs. Sheila Trenholm, Mr. Dean Trenholm, Mrs. Mona Baird, Mrs. Pat Nicholson, Mrs. Janina Nicholls.

Thanks again, the place looks great!!

1st LAZO SCOUT GROUP

The 1st Lazo Scout Group offers scouting to your community: Beavers - ages 5-7, Cubs - ages 8-10 and Scouts - ages 11-14.

We are actively looking for group leaders, group committee members, and adult leaders. We are in urgent need of a chairperson. The chairperson attends meetings with the District, plus meetings with section leaders, keeps sections informed of upcoming events, etc. If you can fill any of these positions or would like more information, please call Paul Gillmore at 339-1159.



COMOX MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Phone: 339-8290

CMFRC
3rd Annual Business Fair



Saturday December 6th 1997
10:00am - 2:00pm
Florence Filberg Center

• Looking for Christmas presents? • Starting you're own business? • Trying to find out what's out there in the world of home based businesses? Come and check out the Comox Military Family Business Fair! It will be well worth the visit as a large number of various businesses will be showcasing their wares!

SEE YOU THERE!

Business as Usual

Have you noticed lately that a lot more people are becoming involved in Network Marketing? People in our community are establishing themselves as Independent Distributors, and are selling products as diverse as children's toys, vitamin drinks, skin care products, long distant calling options, leisure wear, water filters and safety alarms. It would seem that Network Marketing has survived its growing pains and has emerged as a credible, viable and profitable way to do business in the nineties.

Network Marketing or Multi Level Marketing as it is sometimes referred to began over 50 years ago when Carol Rehnberg invented a system of doing business that would revolutionize the way many

companies operate.

Rehnberg invented a system that would make it possible for anyone regardless of age, sex, race or current financial standing to become an entrepreneur. He created a method of selling that allows independent distributors to recruit other distributors and earn a commission from their sales. Many of the trends that we see happening today have made it possible for this industry to come of age. Attitudes towards traditional marketing have changed, and today's consumer has a remarkably low tolerance for paid advertising. The information age has also overwhelmed the prospective shopper, who may feel reluctant to believe what is being stated or has

developed the ability to listen selectively and ignore seemingly irrelevant information. It appears that more and more people in our community are catching the wave and actively seeking time and financial freedom through this exciting way of doing business.

On Saturday 6th December the CMFRC will be hosting its Third Annual Business Fair at the Florence Filberg Center in Courtenay. Lots of exciting businesses (both multi level marketing and traditional) will be represented. So come out and see how enterprising and resourceful our community really is. If you have a business and would like to showcase it at the fair please call Suzanne at 339-8290.

Counselling Services

CMFRC #119 Kinnikinnik, Phone 339-8286

- Short term and crisis counselling is offered by an experienced social worker
- Completely confidential and free of charge
- Available to any member of a military family - individuals, couples, families
- You may bring a wide range of issues such as communication difficulties, marital conflict, parenting, deployment stress or anger management
- Assessments and referrals available to other professionals and agencies
- Call counsellor, Mary Ann Rolfe at 339-8286 or phone the CMFRC at 339-8290 for more information

International Women's Day Conference

The Comox Military Family Resource Center is looking for committee members to help organize the 5th Annual International Women's Day Conference. The conference will take place the first week of March 1998. Volunteers are needed to help with:

- Workshops
- Entertainment
- Fundraising

Time commitment will vary with position. The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday November 25th at 3:45pm. Please call Zan at 339-8211 local 8655 or Tina at 339-8290 for more information.

Adult Workshops

Create a Holiday Center piece - Dried Flowers and Candle Arrangement

Join Dora in this one evening class and create an elegant center piece for your holiday table, using a selection of dried flowers and coloured candles.
Date: Nov. 26th
Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Fee: \$7
Registration: 339-8290

Registration: 339-8290

Create a Christmas Wreath

Back by popular demand. Create a beautiful Christmas wreath that can deck your door with lots of Christmas cheer.
Date: Dec. 11th
Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Fee: \$7
Registration: 339-8290

Toy Lending Library

The Toy Lending Library will be closed for the month of November due to relocation at the Kinnikinnik Child Care Center. The expanded space and new hours of operation will make the Toy Lending Library accessible to more families. Please drop off any toys you may have at the Family Resource Center. We apologize for any inconvenience, and look forward to seeing you at the grand opening on Monday December 1st. For more information please call Tina at 339-8290.

Kinnikinnik Child Care Centre

Infant and Toddler Program

The Kinnikinnik Child Care Center has full and Part-time spaces available for Infants and Toddlers (ages 6 - 36 months). For more information please call 339 - 5051 or 339-5074.

Parents and Tots

Parents with children under the age of five years are invited to join this group. This is an opportunity for parents and their children to meet other families and make new friends. Activities are geared towards younger age groups, however, older siblings are welcome to join in the fun.

Date: Every Thursday
Time: 9:00 - 11:00am
Cost: \$2

Registration: Pre-registration is not necessary

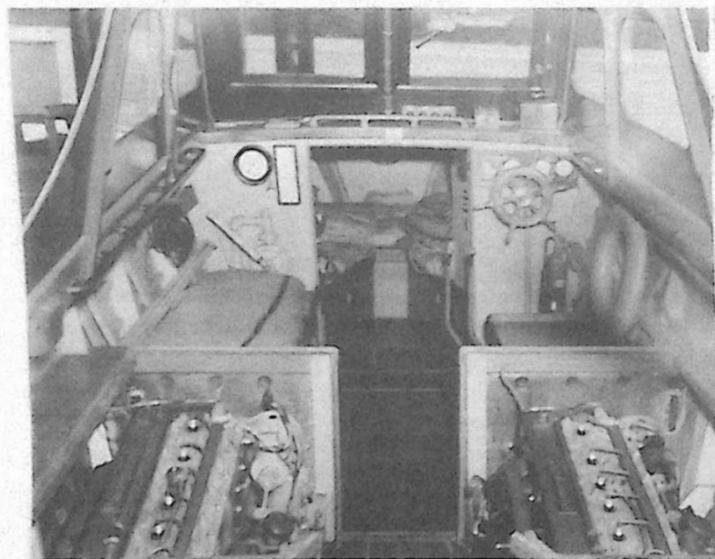


RCAF Marine Section

A very valued but seldom mentioned arm of the Air Force during the war, and after for that matter, was the RCAF Marine Section. Formed to perform patrol, rescue and general marine duties on the West Coast during World War II, the section used a variety of vessels, some small and fast and others large and slow. The larger vessels were commissioned with an eye to the future. Most were intended to be returned to commercial service following hostilities, thus a majority of them

were seen in the fishing fleet or as tramp steamers after the war.

The craft were used in many notable rescues and were often teamed up with fixed wing aircraft to patrol the West Coast. They served from Prince Rupert to Jericho Beach and all points in between. A more detailed display of the Marine Section has recently been formed at the Air Force Museum and can be seen there from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. weekends and holidays.



The interior of an "M" class motor rescue launch typical of those that served on the West Coast.



One of the Marine Section vessels, "Kimsquit" at Jericho Beach in 1945. It is believed that this vessel returned to commercial operations following the war.

Happenings

by Maj Joel Clarkston

There is a bit of a misunderstanding around the museum of late and it has to do with important dates. The 75th anniversary of something is about to occur next year and the staff would like to do something special for it. What that is will be the subject of some debate in the near future. It will likely lead to a special meeting of the museum executive so that it can all be thrashed out.

The provincial government, Ministry of Small Business and Tourism, has been kind enough to give the museum a \$900.00 grant to help in the beautification of the Air Park. This project was originally envisioned to be part of the 75th anniversary of the Air Force celebrations, to take place next year. Capt Richter correctly pointed out, however, that the official birthday of the RCAF was 1 April 1924 and therefore the 75th anniversary would not occur till 1 April 1999, so what the hell was the major talking about? Good

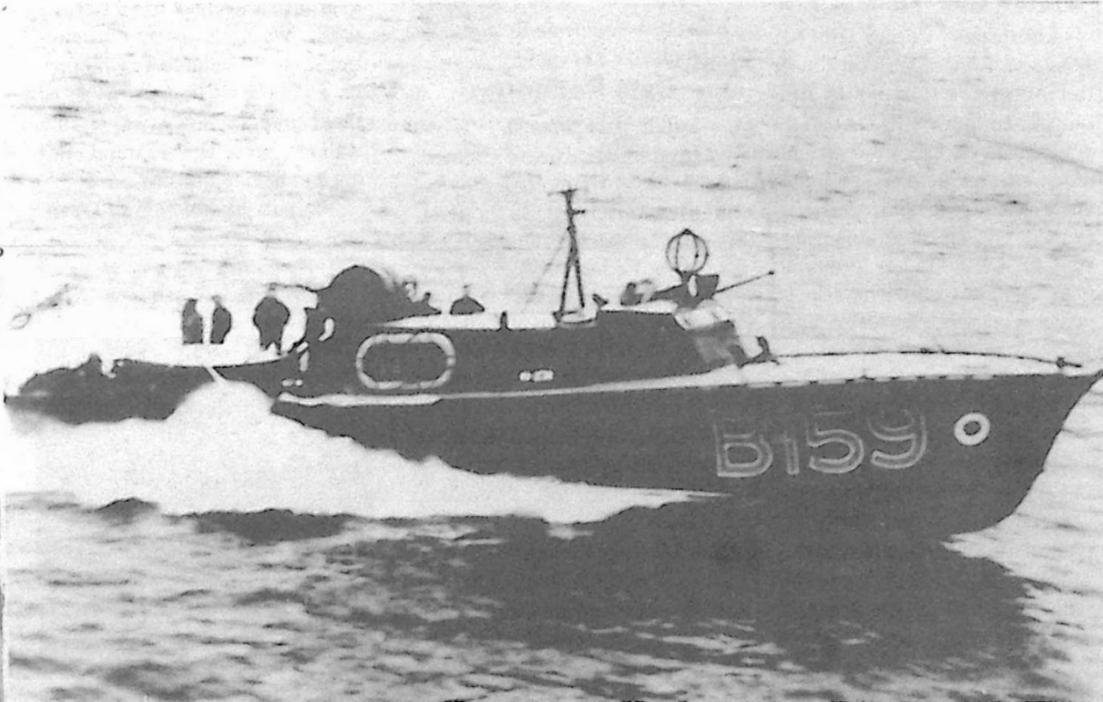
question. It now appears that the Air Force Association is celebrating its 75th anniversary next year and we may be involved in that, as well as the 1999 event. Needless to say, there will be a good deal of planning activity in the near future.

There is a newly renovated section of the museum now open for viewing. The curator, Corky Hansen, has reworked the last section of the museum where the video viewing area is located to include numerous pictures of past base commanders. Nicknamed the "rogues gallery" it is tastefully carpeted now and edged with RCAF tartan, thanks to a kind donation by the Wing Chief, and looks quite professionally done. This section has been the subject of some discussion for a long time because it always appeared too busy compared to the other viewing galleries. It is nice to see the change, giving the main gallery a much more finished appearance.

WO Bill Ford of the Heritage

Committee has already organized a volunteer party to handle the off loading and transport of the Mig 21 when it arrives. That's good news except we're not too sure when the aircraft is due to arrive. Unofficially from Don Pearsons in 1 CAD, word is that there are two Hercules transports due for Europe end November and they may be able to pick up the aircraft; there are two, one for Bagotville and one for us. I'm sure that when it does arrive it will be on short notice so it is good to see that the Heritage Committee is standing by, just in case.

And, as a parting historical note for all you video nuts, if you want to try out a game that seems to have some point to it, try Air Warrior II. It's surprisingly realistic and from what I know historically accurate, at least in the location of battles and the action that takes place during campaigns. I tried it on a whim, not at work of course, and now I'm hooked. Spitfires, Hurricanes, Kittyhawks, Mustangs, the lot. It's available for around \$60.00 on CD ROM at your local computer shop.



This photo of the M.V. Malachite was taken from a P.B.Y. returning from an unsuccessful rescue mission off Vancouver Island in 1942/43. There were four of these crash boats stationed at strategic points along the B.C. coast; the other three boats were "Huron," "Takuli" and "Montagnais."

The Malachite was twin screw with two 12 cylinder Packard engines, developing 1500 HP each. Our cruising speed was around 42 knots. Just aft of the trunk cabin twin 50 cal. machine guns were mounted. We also carried four small depth charges on the after end.

I wasn't aboard at the time, but was told she went from Vancouver to Prince Rupert in 15 hours and consumed over 3,000 gallons of fuel - a record time that has probably never been broken to this day.

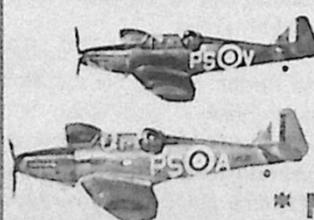
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