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Board of Inquiry to investigate cause of fuel explosion



(Photo by Cpl L'Ecuyer, Wing Imaging)

A Board of Inquiry has been convened at 19 Wing to investigate the cause of the recent explosion at the fuel storage compound. At approximately 10:45 a.m. on March 20 an explosion and subsequent fire consumed approximately 2,500 litres of JP-4 jet fuel that had been transferred from fuel tank #2 into a fuel bowser truck.

The fuel was being removed from the tank in order to begin upgrades to the tank's liner. Another 500 litres of fuel spilled from the truck; what did not evaporate in the heat of the day was mopped

up by base environmental workers.

The Board of Inquiry is composed of Maj Dave Reyenga and Capt Jim Rossell of 19 Wing as well as an independent expert from 1 Canadian Air Division in Winnipeg. The board will attempt to explain why the explosion occurred and then issue subsequent recommendations to ensure that the incident is not repeated.

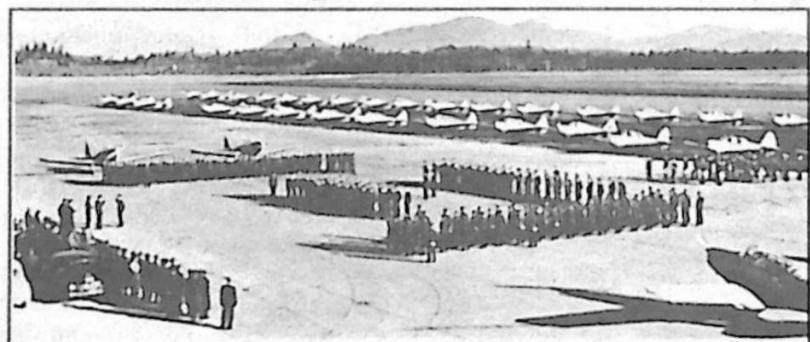
A preliminary and inconclusive investigation report from the Wing Fire Hall suggests that a discharge of static electricity might have

been the cause of the explosion.

The driver of the truck, MCpl Roger Giguere, remains in Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, where he will undergo skin grafts due to second and third degree burns sustained in the accident. He is expected to remain in hospital for at least three months.

Due to rapid action on the part of the base firefighters, who arrived at the fire within 12 minutes, the fire was contained to the fuel truck and did not spread to any of the five fuel tanks in the immediate vicinity.

Happy Birthday RCAF!



Typical of the BCATP is this graduation parade at No 24 Elementary Flying Training School (EFTS) in Abbotsford BC. A line up of Fairchild Cornells can be seen in the background. (Photo courtesy of Comox Air Force Museum.)

April 1st, 1999 marks the 75th anniversary of the birth of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

1999 will be filled with 75th anniversary events, including Airshow 99 on 18 July.

Already, two recent events are highlighted on page 3.

Be sure to read our anniversary feature, on pages 8 and 9, as well as our look back at the first RCAF routine orders, on page 16.

Happy Birthday RCAF!
Per Ardua Ad Astra.



Quality of Life report: Pay raises and more

On March 25, the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Art Eggleton, tabled in the House of Commons the Government's response to the Quality of Life report of the Standing Committee of National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCONDVA).

"The Quality of Life needs of our Canadian Forces members and their families have been a priority for this Government for over a year," said Minister Eggleton. "We heard what our members and their families told us, and today we are delivering on our commitment to the dedicated men and women who serve Canada each and every day."

The Government, through the Dept of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada, is acting on all of the 89 recommendations in the report. Fifty-nine have been accepted as written, twenty-four are accepted in principle and are being addressed in a different way, and six will see their underlying issues addressed in other ways.

"The components of this announcement are comprehensive and far-reaching, and are a concrete symbol of our commitment to the peace of mind and quality of life of our military families," said Veterans Affairs Minister Fred Mifflin. "At Veterans Affairs, we have been looking after the needs of our veterans for 55 years and we are just as committed to providing the same quality of service to Canadian Forces members."

One of the key recommendations in SCONDVA's report was a pay raise of all Canadian Forces members. On Apr 1, all CF members will receive a pay increase that exceeds what was recommended in the SCONDVA report, particularly at the entry-level ranks.

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CANEX News

By Donna Young

As one of the latest victims of the nasty 'flu bug that seems to thrive no matter what', I am doing this from home through the wonders of the Internet. From my house, over the phone lines to Manon's house, to the store, then to the Totem Times. Isn't technology wonderful?

We decided that perhaps people who read this column would like to know a little about the people who look after them at CANEX, so we are going to bring you tidbits of our news.

With Spring Break just nicely over and the kids back in school, we are now looking forward to Easter. We still have a good selection of cuddly critters and Easter goodies for the special ones in your life. Many of you will be travelling or having loved ones heading for your house, so have a safe journey and return. Speaking of Spring Break, our intrepid leader Terry and his wife Marg enjoyed a visit from their granddaughter, Ashley from Victoria. We all enjoyed meeting Ashley and it was nice to see her turn her Grandpa into putty!

Our daughter was transferred to Duncan in the last couple of weeks, so we are happy to have her closer to us.

We had several birthdays during March: mine was first, on the 7th and, as I remind Donna Chappin, I am the "younger" Donna! Then we had a double celebration for Carol Akerstream - her 10th anniversary with CANEX on the 17th and her birthday on the 21st. Congratulations Carol. You are a terrific person to work with and a nice lady to boot! Then, on the 27th, our newest staff member, Sheila O'Callaghan, had her birthday. Happy birthday, Sheila.

I always feel that we have survived another winter season when we see the daffodils and crocus in bloom, so I guess even with the mostly ugly weather of the past number of weeks, spring is grudgingly arriving. It is nice to see the new growth springing up in the ditches and along the roadsides, not to mention in many yards and fields.

It's a good time to haul out the bike of the joggers and go for a walk, even just around in your own neighbourhood. Renew the over-the-fence relationships with your neighbours and maybe make some new friends.

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Former peacekeepers invited: 25th anniversary of participation in UNDOF Mission

The Canadian contingent of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) will mark the 25th anniversary of the creation of this mission on April 8, 1999 at Camp Ziouani in the Golan Heights. Commemoration activities will consist of a military parade and a reception.

The Honourable Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence, LGen Bill Leach, Chief of Land Staff, high ranking United Nations dignitaries, military officers, as well as serving and veteran UNDOF peacekeepers are scheduled to attend.

The Commander of the Canadian Contingent, Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Jordan, extends an invitation to all former peacekeepers who served in this mission to attend the commemoration activities.

Those who are interested in purchasing a 10-day organized tour can contact Mr. Maurice Fritze in Edmonton, Alberta at (780) 482-0875 or Capt S. Hewitt, the CCUNDOF Operations Officer, at 011-972-6-696-1961 ext. 204.

UNDOF was created by the UN Security Council Resolution 350 in 1974. Canada initially provided 226 military personnel but has since scaled down the mission to 187. The Canadian peacekeepers provide logistic and communication support to the force.

Congratulations



Sgt J.A. Lauzon was presented with his new stripes on 25 Feb by Maj Bourget, CO 19 AMS. The promotion was effective on 1 Dec 98. Well done, Andre! (Photo by Wimg.)

Trust Fund for explosion victim

The thoughts of many Wing personnel have been with MCpl Roger Giguere and his family since the accident of 20 March 1999. MCpl Giguere is presently in stable condition at the Burn Unit of the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria and his recovery is expected to take up to 6 months. He cannot receive flowers, fruit or visitors due to risk of infection. Once he is out of this danger, further information will be posted. Your concern for his well-being has been appreciated.

A trust fund account for MCpl Giguere has been set up at the Comox Valley Credit Union, account #1038959, Plan 24. Donations will be accepted by MCpl Martel at Wing Transportation (local 8475), or by the Wing Logistics Sqn Chief Clerk, MCpl Labreque at Wing Headquarters. Donations can also be made at any of the three Comox Valley Credit Union locations listed below:

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Ryan Rd Branch - 1045 Ryan Rd.

New Plaque celebrates 75th Anniversary of RCAF

A memorial service will be held today at the 19 Wing Heritage Park to mark the 75th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Wing Commander Col Bill Neumann will unveil a plaque commemorating the service of Air Force personnel past and present.

The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Representatives from 888 Wing of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association will also be in attendance.

Wing donates history to Comox Valley

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), 19 Wing donated 29 sets of a three-volume Air Force history to the Vancouver Island Regional Library and School District #71. The aviation tomes include the official history of RCAF Station/CFB 19 Wing Comox, Air Defence and 407 Squadron. LCol Terry Leversedge, who has been appointed the officer in charge of the local 75th anniversary celebrations was on hand to officially donate the texts.

"It is so important that our kids in school today learn what a rich history and Air Force tradition we have in Canada, said WComd Col Bill Neumann. We have so much to be proud of and so much local history to celebrate."

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WLog Squadron pitches in for charity

By PO2 Tom Harrison



Your "Little Dream Home" construction team (L-R): Rob "The Hammer" Morrow, Tom "The Skill Saw" Harrison, Mike "The Boss" Stacey and Joe "Mr. Mahogany" Ullock.

Thought you might have seen another extension being added on to the Main Supply Warehouse? Close, but no cigar! That was none other than a few hearty souls putting forth their weekends and off hours to construct "The Little Dream Home" on behalf of the Comox Valley Boys and Girls Club (CVBGC).

If you are not aware, every year the CVBGC constructs the ultimate playhouse and then raffles it off to raise much needed funds for the construction of a CVBGC Club House, to be built in the year 2000.

This year's home was built by volunteers from Supply Flight (Rob Morrow) and local master craftsman Mike Stacey from 442 Sqn. Efforts like this though are usually a part of collective effort and the following is a list of individuals and businesses who all had a hand in this success:

- Materials and Supplies - G&R Timber, Comox Builders, Art Knapp's.
- Finish Design Team - Lisa Harrison, Louise Stevens.
- Facilities and Support - W Log O, DW Log O, MSO, W Sup O, MSE, Heavy Lift - MWO Snow, Harold Welsh, Dan Sullivan.
- Compound/Floor Space - Luc Lapointe.
- Offroad Team - Dan Gillatly, John Clairmont, Neil Dittick, Art King, Bob Martel, Dan Sullivan, Rob Morrow, Joe Ullock, Brian Scott, Dianne and FLAP. If I have missed anyone, I am truly sorry.

For anyone interested in owning this great little house, with its custom designed porch, 70s mahogany interior, tiled floor and 4ft. spindled porch, it can be viewed

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Attention all shoppers: Traffic pattern changes at CANEX

By Capt Raby, WTNO

There will be a temporary change in the traffic patterns in the CANEX parking lot during the construction of the new Fitness and Community Centre.

While construction is ongoing, please note that the CANEX exit shall be used as both an entrance and exit for the construction contractor's trucks and equipment. Other personnel shall continue to enter through the access road located near the post office, and exit using the normally approved exit route.

A concrete barrier will be erected in the exit way to separate outgoing/incoming traffic in order to avoid accidents. As well, appropriate signs will be erected.

proceeding to and from the post office and CANEX. Please be patient and DRIVE SAFELY!

BC Forest Service Camping Fees

Starting April 1, 1999, a camping pass is required for all overnight camping at Forest Service campgrounds, except at a limited number of campgrounds where an enhanced service fee is required.

- Camping Pass
- Annual camping pass - overnight camping for one year - \$27 (\$22 seniors' rate).
- Single night camping pass - overnight camping for a single night - \$8.

Camping passes are available from government agents, various vendors throughout the province, and some on-site service contractors.

Enhanced Campground Fee
An enhanced campground fee of \$10 per night will be charged and collected at campgrounds that provide additional services, such as security or higher levels of maintenance.

Campers with an annual camping pass will pay a discounted rate of \$5 per night.

For more information on camping passes and enhanced campground fees, please call your local Ministry of Forests office, or visit the Ministry of Forests' website at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca>.

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History in the making

Our lives are often so busy that we do not take time to appreciate the significance of things that are going on around us. I often find myself in the position of looking for significant historical events so that I may relay them to others, and have them too appreciate the events. Sometimes I must make an effort to exclude everyday activities that I consider "routine" so that the time can be found to research those historical events. The trouble is that those routine events are actually history in the making.

The television is full of coverage of the Crisis in Kosovo. So much so that the undeclared war is knocking almost everything else off the tube around news time. I was getting annoyed at this because it sometimes interfered with my ability to watch the history channel, until I suddenly realized what I was doing and saying. This crisis is just about the most significant event to come our way since the Gulf War, and years from now the crisis will be studied and analysed in the same manner that we treat all major historical events. The only difference is that we don't have the benefit of time and analysis, and the knowledge of the ultimate outcome and consequence, to comfortably appreciate the history. It's happening as we speak. We have no idea of the outcome. And it's a very scary concept.

I wonder if this is how our parents felt at the beginning of the Second World War? Was the whole circumstance so unreal as to have the significance of the unfolding events go unnoticed until everyone was so committed that the only way out was through the terror of six years of global warfare? It's too discomfoting to think about and dwell upon. And it's a musing from yesterday's soldier.

I'm now finding the time to appreciate history in the making. I think we should all do so and think of the decisions that must be made by our leaders and fellow soldiers in these trying times. They too must be trying to get on with all the details of everyday life, with the historical events that they are participating in getting in the way. They're probably scared as hell, with no idea of the ultimate consequences or outcomes of their decisions and actions. History is comfortable and certain. History in the making is not.

Joel Clarkston

New pay rates

(Continued from page 1)

These new pay rates will reflect comparability with the Public Service, and will include an additional increase that recognizes the unique conditions of military service, also known as the military factor.

Privates will get an average increase of 14.4%, all other non-commissioned members will receive a 7.28% increase, most second lieutenants and lieutenants will get an 18.1% increase and captains, majors and lieutenant-colonels will receive a 12.05% increase which includes the pay comparability adjustments. Some of these raises are retroactive to 1 April, 1997.

SCONDVA recommended the pay comparability program be completed by December 1999. Treasury Board approved pay comparability adjustments to restore the identified shortfall for general service officers of 14.7% and a shortfall of 6.7% for non-commissioned members to their Public Service counterparts.

In addition to the pay raises, CF members will see an increase in their environmental allowances — sea pay, field operations allowance and aircrew allowance of 6.84%.

The Government also recognizes the value of leadership of our senior officers — Colonels, Captains (N), Generals and Admirals. The CF cannot hire these senior officers off the street. These men and women must be specially trained with years of experience. No other job can prepare them for defending Canada, providing natural disaster assistance or assisting with ensuring world peace.

As recommended by SCONDVA, senior officers will re-

ceive an average pay raise of 2%. Another key area of concern by SCONDVA was the state of married quarters.

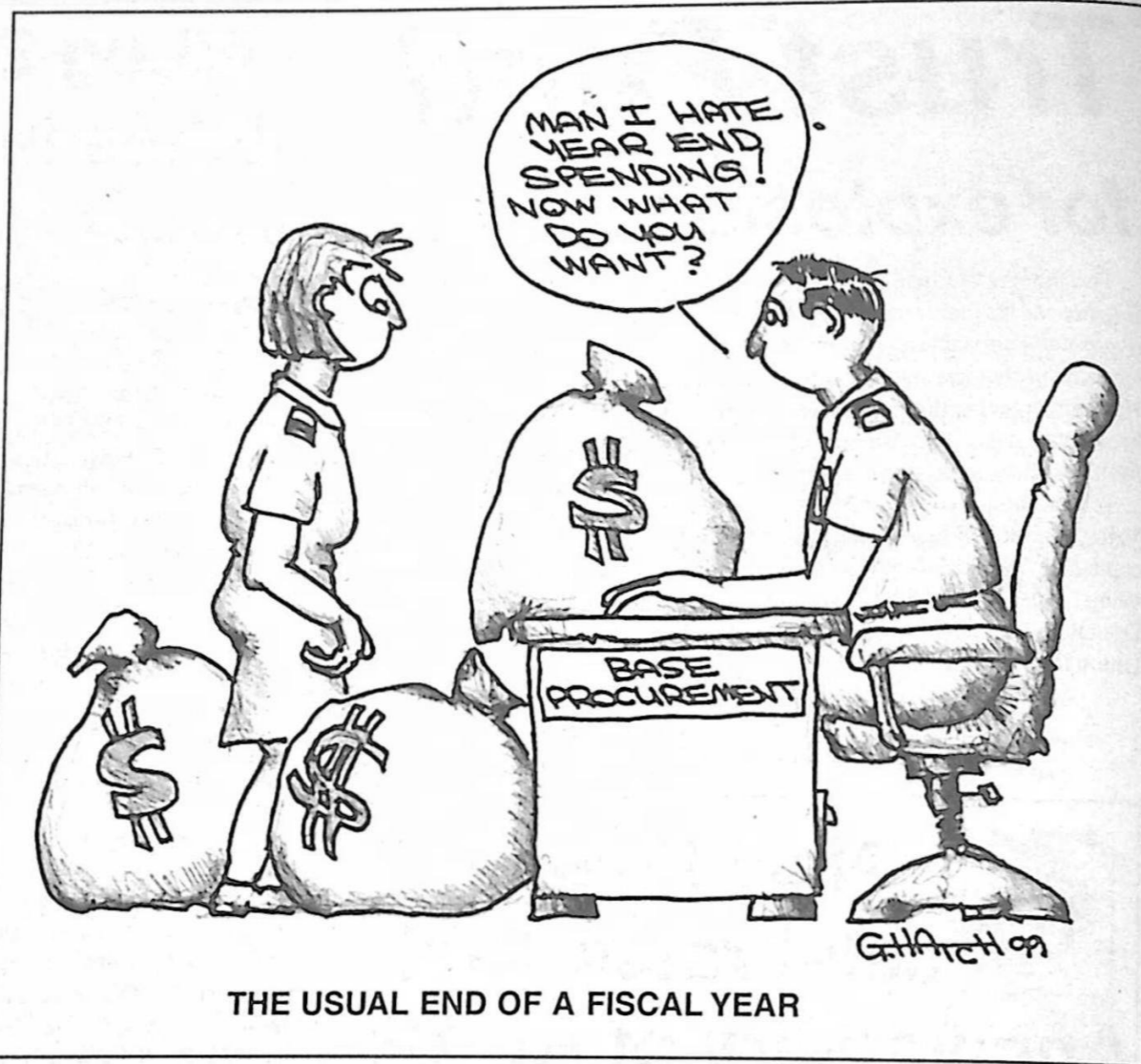
The Government is addressing this by making repairs to married quarters a priority. This year the Dept of National Defence is allocating \$40 million toward upgrading this housing. Further allocations will be made on a yearly basis. SCONDVA also noted that more should be done to take care of CF members who are injured while serving their country and their families. National Defence and Veterans Affairs will continue the close cooperation they started a year ago on assisting the injured, retirees and their families through often traumatic circumstances.

A new joint National Defence-Veterans Affairs Centre will provide a monitoring, referral and assistance service to ensure care and compensation is properly and promptly provided to CF members. It will be staffed by both DND and VAC representatives and will be open for business 13 April 1999.

The Government is also introducing amendments to the Veterans Affairs Pension Act to provide pension benefits from date of application to all those CF members disabled by service related injuries incurred in Canada. They will also be given access to the Veterans Independence Program for their pensioned conditions and based on an assessed health need.

These changes will ensure equity of access to services and benefits to all CF members, regardless of whether the injury occurred in Canada or on a foreign deployment.

(See page 15 for more details.)



THE USUAL END OF A FISCAL YEAR

Letter to the Editor

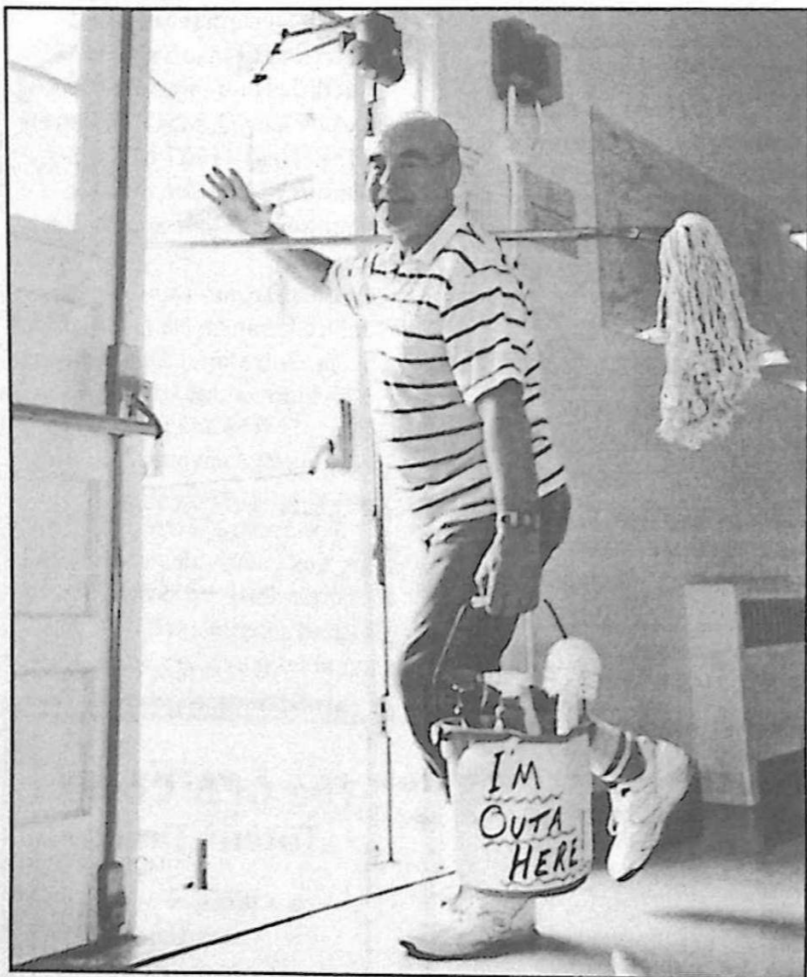
Dear Editor,
The Comox No-Sno-Festival, held on 26 February, was an unqualified success due to the commitment of dedicated groups such as the Totem Times staff. The planning for this Wing-wide event began in late December and carried through to the final week of February, involving the investment of a great deal of time and energy.

Once again, the 19 Wing Winter Carnival was a great success. This was due, in part, to the ex-

ceptional coverage in the Totem Times. As a result of the support from your staff, all personnel on the wing were informed of the events and timings, as evidenced by the significant turnout.

Please pass on my sincere appreciation to the Totem Times personnel for their outstanding dedication and support in making the 1999 Winter Carnival an unprecedented success.
Capt E.J. Travis,
Co-chairperson No-Sno-Fest

HSD retires



Dave Campbell of 19 WHosp will be taking his retirement on 26 March after 10 years of loyal service in the janitorial sector. Dave started his cleaning career with 19 Wing Comox in Jan 90 at the Airport School. Over the next two years, he carted his mops and brooms to nearly every office on the Wing, finally settling as our permanent cleaner at 19 WHosp in Sep 92. Dave wasn't just the janitor, he was actively involved in all holiday and social events and was often referred to by some as the "Hospital Social Director." Dave is a friend and colleague and we will miss him very much. Dave and Phyllis will be retiring in Comox. Good luck and best wishes from all of us. (Photo by Wing Imaging.)

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Demon doings



Well, it looks like we made it through another fiscal year and survived the March scramble to finish exams and use up all of our leave. It has been a ghost town around the squadron lately. All the inter-section hockey teams have wrapped up their seasons. With all the leave and deployments, the Demons and Devils pretty much became one team and just kept changing the colour of their sweaters, depending on who they were representing. The Rebels made the finals on the "A" side, but lost a tight one to 19 AMS. Good work boys!

The training cell hosted another inspiring Ground Training day. You could see the disappointment on everybody's face when they found out that the Recce exam had been postponed.

Does anyone know who works here? With Maj Low's hasty departure to the airlines, and Capt McPhee soon leaving to have her baby, the Ops shop is a little empty. Just ask Capt Pete "I'm not sure which office is mine" Haggins, or Capt Mike "I'm only wearing two hats today" Krak how crazy things are. The CO played it smart and headed south for a vacation. Surprisingly, he didn't invite anyone to go along. I hear that Lt Shipton

was quite disappointed. (How many more days, Paul?)

Time to take a look at crew life. Crew 2 finally made it home after three weeks in Norway and Keflavik. They received a Bravo Zulu from the American Admiral for their contribution and excellent work during the detachment. I could go into details but Capt Bill Shipley wrote a poem called *Ode to Norway* which tells it much better.

Crew 3 is in Guam for Exercise Tandem Thrust. I'm thinking that Capt Darren "Gumby" Lines will be more successful battling tree snakes than he normally is against sub-surface contacts. He'll have to get used to that part of the world since his future employer hangs out in that neck of the woods.

Now on to the infamous Crew 4, talk about padding your log-book. They have flown more in the last few weeks than most of us have this year. They went to Greenwood again to try for another ASW Exercise before the O'Brien competition. Maybe we should just leave them there until it is all over. Maj Jim Benninger could keep the in-laws company and Capt Gord Gushue could call it an extended HHT. I'd like to take this opportunity to say "good luck and con-

gratulations" to MCpl Tracy McKinley who will be getting married in Greenwood on May 1.

Crew 5 is back from the least productive deployment in history. How do you get to see Iceland courtesy of the Canadian Government? Two words: Engine change. Seems that Capt Ron Carmichael and MWO John Simard thought they'd check the specs of the engine and see just how little oil an engine will operate on.

While in Keflavik, the crew changed rooms more times than the average Crew 4 AESOP changes underwear.

Which brings us to the invisible crew. After Crew 6 got back from San Diego they disappeared from the face of the earth. The only thing that came out of the Det was that Capt Rocky Walsh can't golf to save his life! (Did I word that right MCpl Blair?) It seems they are the lucky crew that gets to go check out Spain in a couple of months.

Upcoming events include Crew 4 in O'Brien, a three crew and two aircraft Driftnet deployment out of Shemya and, of course, the annual squadron All-Ranks Mess dinner on May 20.

Well, that's it for me.
Play safe.

Next deadlines

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Crew 2's Ode to Norway

By Capt Bill Shipley

Back in the fall, as the snow was returning The boys on Crew 2 started feeling a yearning. "It seems like forever since we went somewhere great and Christmas is coming, time to shop for my mate." The headshed decided to tease us a bit Thoughts of Australia put us all in a fit.

Big plans were made for our det way down under but soon that was cancelled and we started to wonder. After a while, our TAC asked the boss "Instead, are we going to JMC in Kinloss?"

The boss said "No dice, but I've got something good what do you think of some Norwegian wood?" The TAC hustled out of the light-Colonel's doorway And info'd the crew, "Hey, we're going to Norway." Bitching and whining we departed Q.Q.

Andoya in winter, "There's nothing to do!" All of this crying, I thought I'd go deaf, so we made a pit stop for our moose milk in Kef.

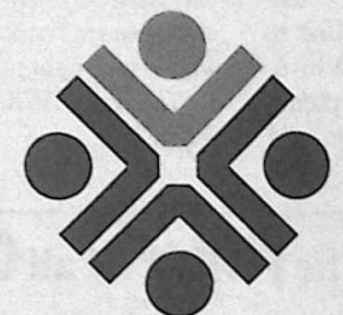
As Andoya grew nearer, the NAVCOM was choking "My equipment is melting," and the plane started smoking. We landed in Norway and checked out our digs, The general consensus: "They ain't fit for pigs." As the sun rose next day, we checked out the view on our way out for lunch, which was hearty whale stew. We had herring for breakfast, and blubber for dinner, the menu was soon sure to make us all thinner.

The claimholder said, "Stuff your faces with food but be sure to collect your receipts, or you're screwed." Like vampires we flew, seven nights in a row — the bags 'neath our eyes began hanging quite low. We worked with Norwegians, the Yanks, Brits and Dutch but, as for good contacts, we couldn't get much.

Like winter-time lugers, the oilrigs we dodged but that poor seagull's brain, we completely dislodged. When the exercise finished, our party got rolling. The Norgies went nuts over sono-tube bowling. We said "So long" to our books with a tear

So our 10-pin Icelandic bowling fest started but Bob scored 202, so we all departed.

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SAR Tech 9801 keep their cool

By Cpl Ed Miller



Well three months of 1999 have passed and the QLSA SAR course has maintained the same hectic pace that has been set since September. January started with backcountry winter operations training. All went well up on Mount Washington as WO Denninger guided us through the finer points of surviving in the cooler climates. Downhill skiing (with Ariel Bryson) was both fun and interesting, leaving the regulars on the hill wondering who was the new team in town. Back country skiing was another story...you haven't skied until you have done it up Forbidden Plateau, then snowshoed down, under the direction of Sgt "mountain goat" Warden. Cpl Roy demonstrated the Kamikaze ski style while I did my best just to stay alive. The trek down probably could have been more enjoyable had we not been on our own improvised snowshoes. Design flaws left some doing all they could just to keep them together.

A weekend off and we were on our way to Victoria for five weeks of dive phase. PO2 Clarke from FDU(P) finely tuned our diving skills, while standby LS Melquist did his best to whip us into shape. It appears we arrived on course ready, as we handily defeated the Ships Divers course at the traditional run/surface swim competition. Two weeks later we repeated this feat against the Clearance Divers course with Cpl Calis leading the way. SARC-9801 rules, **AWKWARD!**

In a moment's notice, we were off to Resolute Bay and the Arctic phase. Due to unforeseen circumstances we were compelled to spend two nights in Whitehorse...a good chance to acclimatize. We had been exposed to cold

previously but this phase would prove to be a bit more challenging. Balm temperatures of -37C to -50C made activities of daily living a challenge. With the help of our seasoned Inuit "subject matter expert," we managed to construct igloos and snow caves. SME, Simon passed on valuable survival tips to us before we nestled into our snow shelters to sleep as he and his son Norman quietly slipped away to their heated trailer. Sgt Gray's morning walks were a refreshing wake up and, at times, a harsh reminder of just how cold you could feel on the open tundra.



A short pause in the schedule for spring break and we are now starting two weeks of sea operations and helicopter training. For this phase, as well as the upcoming parachuting phase, we should be spending most of our time in the Comox area.

It has been seven months now and several PT tests since the start of the course and the time has passed by so quickly, just yesterday we were lowly Wannabees and today we are Possibles. You never know, we might just get there yet. **THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE. RESCUE!**

Explosive Ordnance Disposal EOD Centre 25

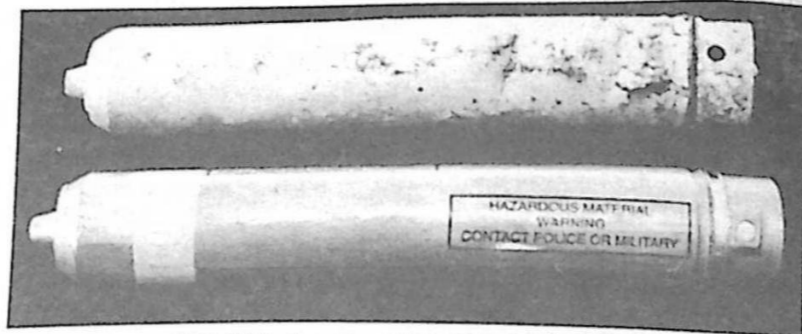
By Cpl D.J. Rogers, EOD, 19 AMS

EOD Centre 25 is 19 Wing Comox's in-house explosive ordnance disposal unit. Our mandate is to identify, evaluate, render safe, recover and dispose of any military ordnance found within our area of coverage. This includes all of Vancouver Island from Parksville north, the Queen Charlotte Islands to the Alaskan border and much of the northern B.C. mainland east to the Rocky Mountains and north to the Yukon Territory.

EOD team members, all volunteers, are from various Wing sections. Currently, trades eligible for EOD training are AVN Techs, Field Engineers, and Ammo Techs. Most training is done at CFB Borden, Ontario, with advanced courses being held at Eglin AFB in Florida and Great Britain. There are personnel from EOD Centre 25 on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The vast majority of our calls here in Comox involve C2A1 MLMs, also called smoke markers. Smoke markers are silver tubes approximately 18 inches long and three inches in diameter with a light green band at one end. These are dropped into the ocean during SAR operations or training and ignite upon contact with the sea water. C2A1s are used to mark the location of items or persons in the water and are designed to sink when expended. Some, however, wash up on shore and are found by people walking the beaches. It is very important that, if found, they be left alone. They contain red phosphorus, which ignites upon contact with air. They are sometimes extinguished by waves as they float along, and C2A1s found on beaches might not be fully expended. Any jarring may be enough to cause them to re-ignite, causing serious burns. They produce large amounts of smoke, a three-inch flame and become very hot. A well-meaning police officer found that out the hard way when the supposedly expended smoke marker he put in the trunk of his police cruiser re-ignited and burnt the car down to the axles. If you find one, mark the location and notify either the base or RCMP and we will pick it up. Please, do not handle them or drop them off at the front gate for us (remember the police car!).

Many of the smoke markers are found on islands in the Strait of Georgia and Johnstone Strait. It is through the support of the 19 Wing Marine Section and 442 Sqn that we are able to recover them. During the summer months, when the weather is nice, much of our time is spent on, or waiting for, fer-



C2A1 Marker, Location, Marine (MLM) (Photo by Wing Imaging)

ries to the various islands in the area. The better the weather, the more likely someone will find a C2A1 along the shoreline.

Another frequent task is the retrieval of "war souvenirs." Items brought home by current or ex-military personnel are found by their family years later or are no longer wanted. Recent examples of recovered items include a WWI grenade, landmines, a WWII 40-mm projectile and 20mm HE (High Explosive) rounds. All of these items contain sustained explosives and were live. An EOD team member bought a house recently and found a WWII 81mm mortar being used to prop open the front door. (It was subsequently identified as a training round containing no explosives.) These items can be dangerous even years later. If you have something that you are unsure of or concerned about, give us a call and we will be happy to help you.

In addition to military explosives, EOD Centre 25 personnel are equipped and trained to deal with IEDs, or Improvised Explosive Devices, either on the Wing or locally at the request of the RCMP. IEDs include such devices as pipe bombs, letter bombs or package bombs. In the past, EOD has responded to calls as varied as the bomb scare aboard an Air BC flight in 1997 to the recent device found on Ryan Road near the Crown Isle Golf Course. Various methods are used to deal with suspicious packages and can include disruption (disarming) using water cannon and x-raying to determine contents. Using our robot, we can inspect devices visually using the on-board camera rather than risk a manual approach. The robot can also be equipped with tools to dis-

arm or move the package to a safer location away from buildings, etc. Manual approach to an item is accomplished while wearing our 65lb. Bomb suit, complete with helmet and face shield. This method is generally used as a last resort, as safety is our primary concern.

If you find a smoke marker on the beach or have some "war souvenirs" at home you want to get rid of, contact us at local 8449 during the day or through Wing Ops after hours. Anyone finding a suspicious package should notify the MPs (on base, including the PMQ area) or the local RCMP (if not on DND property). Packages of this nature should NOT be touched or approached.



Guy Fawkes

Guy Fawkes (1570-1606) has the dubious honour of being recognized as the first person to use explosives with criminal intent. On 5 November 1605, Fawkes places 38 barrels of black powder under the British House of Lords in an attempt to assassinate King James I. He was caught and subsequently hanged.

Since 1982, Guy Fawkes has been the registered mascot of Canadian police and military explosives technicians, and has been adopted by the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators as their logo.

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442 Squadron in 1998

By Capt Jenn Tyldesley

(Continued from last issue.)

The squadron had a typically busy and eventful year in 1998.

23 July

SAR Costa Lotta See-Do

Rescue 318 was tasked to look for two missing people on yellow Sea-Doos in the area between Qualicum Beach, Chrome Island and Lasqueti Island. Just prior to take-off, the Lab was re-tasked to search for a man-overboard from the cruise ship *Mercury*, in the Sisters Island area. Using a combination of NVGs and the Night Sun searchlight, Rescue 318 found a floating object which turned out to be an overturned Sea-Do with a person hanging on to it. The Lab directed a search vessel to the person, who was taken to shore. The other person showed up on shore after having run out of fuel. The man-overboard turned out to be a sighting of the person with the Sea-Do by someone on board the ship.

3 Aug

SAR Miss T.J.

The Buffalo was tasked to assist the 48-foot vessel, *Miss T.J.*, 40 NM southeast of Sandspit. A crewmember had a deep cut to the forearm and was bleeding from an artery. The Sartechs parachuted into the water to help the victim. They were hoisted, along with the victim, to a CG helicopter and taken to Prince Rupert.

19 Aug

SAR S/V Striker

Rescue 312 was tasked to proceed to a 32-foot sailboat near Campbell River whose occupants had been exposed to carbon monoxide gas. A six-year-old girl had been unconscious but regained consciousness when the Lab arrived. Three patients were hoisted and taken to Campbell River Harbour.

5 Sep

SAR Wayne Vincent

The standby Buffalo and Labrador were both tasked to assist a 16-foot pleasure craft that had declared a Mayday off Tatchu Point on Vancouver Island's West Coast. Rescue 456 arrived on scene



SAR Debeeson, 16 Sep 98: Cessna went missing after a sightseeing trip, no survivors. (Photo courtesy of 442 Sqn.)

first and commenced the search, along with many surface vessels. There was thick fog in the area, making it difficult to locate the boat. Mr. Vincent came up on marine channel 6, re-declaring his emergency, stating that he was sinking and that he had no flotation gear on board.

The Buffalo was able to electronically home the radio transmissions, and the search area moved west towards Kyuoquot Channel. The Labrador arrived and was contacted by the Buffalo. Rescue 316 was finally able to locate the boat in 1/4NM visibility. It was discovered that there was no distress, and that Mr. Vincent was simply playing an expensive joke on all the people that were searching for him. He was very uncooperative, yelling obscenities over the radio, and driving his boat erratically in his drunken state. He continued to deliberately evade search resources until dusk, when 442 Squadron's resources were finally stood down.

16 Sep

SAR Debeeson

Labrador 312 was tasked to search for an overdue Cessna 172 on a night sightseeing trip from Langley to Abbotsford and Chilliwack and return. As the Lab was completing the search area, a

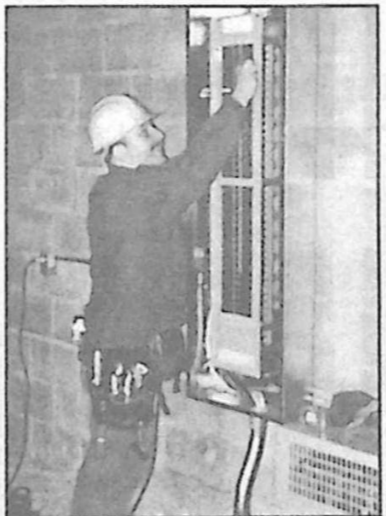
The Eager Beaver report



Pté Dixon, "Employee of the month."



Cpl Bouchard loves his work; say "cheese!"



By MCpl. Carlson

The A.E.F. is on a hot streak lately, winning first place in the No-Sno-Fest as well as this year's Beaver Cup.

Being an engineer there is much work to be done and always little time in which to do it in. Presently Cpl. Klein along with members of the roads and grounds crew are working together in constructing a sprung shelter at the northwest end of the wing near the armament bldg. When completed, it will be used as storage for one of the hangars. The arena addition is going

WTIS exposed



Sgt Mike McKinney is the ComCen Superintendent. He is located on the second floor in 7 Hangar and is in charge of the Message Centre. Mike is very active representing our flight at both hockey and slow-pitch. After a long winter, he is looking forward to a great summer.



Sgt Dean Laperriere is the Project Cell supervisor. He is located in B35 (Tel Ground), just outside the fenced area in front of 7 Hangar. Dean and his crew have been responsible for all the major upgrades, such as, PA system and IT infrastructure, just to name a few that have occurred at the Wing in the last couple of years.



WO Fred Corriveau is the RCS WO and CCR-117 supervisor, responsible for the site in Holberg. He can be found on the airfield side, in the building next to the tower. Fred is looking forward to when his full complement of personnel returns from deployments and courses so that life can get back to semi-normal.

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History of the Military Air Services of Canada - Part 4

The Royal Canadian Air Force was born 75 years ago today!

(Original prepared by Capt D. Nicks. Editing and additional material by LCol Leversedge.)

The reorganisation of the Canadian Air Board and the Canadian Air Force was completed on 1 April 1924, and the "Royal" prefix was granted by the Crown and added to the CAF. Thus, Canada's fifth attempt at creating an air force finally met with success. The Royal Canadian Air Force was originally made up of three branches: a Permanent Active Air Force, a Non-permanent Active Air Force and a Reserve Air Force. The original establishment for the RCAF was set at 62 officers and 262 airmen. This early RCAF was unique amongst world air forces, as the majority of its work was non-military in nature. It performed the duties that today are often performed by civil agencies: photo-survey, casualty evacuation, air mail delivery, fisheries and border patrol, utility transport for government officials, etc. The RCAF assumed control of the original six stations of the Civil Operations Branch of the Air Board at Camp Borden, Winnipeg, Vancouver, High River (Alta), Ottawa and Dartmouth, and the headquarters was established in Ottawa. By 1927 there was strong opposition to the military performing these civil operations. Therefore, the Directorate of Civil Government Air Operations was created to administer and control all air operations carried out by state aircraft, except for exclusively military operations. DCGAO was supposed to be a civilian organisation, but in reality it was commanded, administered and staffed

by RCAF personnel who were seconded to or attached to this new directorate. By 1927-28 the RCAF had been reduced to two air stations

now it was about to become a military air force. On 1 November 1936 the Department of

commands were: -Eastern Air Command in Halifax,



Typical of the RCAF's equipment prior to the Second World War was this Armstrong Whitworth Atlas (Army Co-operation) aircraft. (Photo courtesy of LCol Leversedge.)

(Camp Borden and Vancouver) and a headquarters, the other stations being transferred to DCGAO. As money was scarce and DCGAO had assumed most of the flying operations in Canada, this RCAF organisation was essentially a paper force. The RCAF was essentially training personnel for DCGAO. In 1932, after seeing gradual growth, the RCAF was slashed by one-fifth, releasing 78 officers and 100 airmen because of the worldwide depression at the time. This left the total strength at 103 officers and 591 airmen. For three years the RCAF was barely able to survive, but in 1935 the situation began to gradually improve. This time period also heralded a major change to the concept of operations. For years the RCAF had been engrossed in civil aviation;

Trans- port was created, and this relieved the burden of civil aviation from the RCAF. The RCAF returned to many of the air stations that had been civil in nature for so many years and formed military type squadrons (bomber, fighter and torpedo). In addition, RCAF Station Trenton, Ontario, was constructed at this time. As the RCAF

with operational command of all units in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick (Newfoundland was still a British colony at the time) -Central Air Command in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with operational command of all units in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and northern Ontario -Western Air Command in Van-

Chief of the General Staff. They now had their own chief, the Chief of the Air Staff, who reported directly to the Minister of National Defence.

Although the Non-permanent Active Air Force (Auxiliary Air Force) was authorised in 1924, it was not until 1932 that it became a reality. Three squadrons were formed that year: No. 10 Sqn Toronto, No. 11 Sqn Vancouver and No. 12 Sqn Winnipeg. In 1934 two more squadrons were formed: Nos. 15 and 18 Sqs Montreal. In 1935 two more squadrons were formed: No. 19 Sqn Hamilton and No. 20 Sqn Regina. On 15 November 1937 to facilitate expansion in the Permanent Force, the Non-permanent Force squadrons were all re-numbered to the 100 block of designators, i.e. No. 10 Sqn became No. 110 Sqn. In 1938 the last three Non-permanent Force squadrons were formed: No. 114 Sqn London, No. 116 Sqn Halifax and No. 117 Sqn St John, N.B. In September 1939, when the RCAF mobilised, the Non-permanent Force represented about one-third of the total air force strength.

The Second World War

From the modest force at the outbreak of World War II, the RCAF grew to be the fourth largest air force in the world. On the eve of the outbreak of World War II, the RCAF had twenty squadrons on strength (eight Permanent Force and twelve Non-permanent Force) with authority to form three more Permanent Force squadrons. These squadrons had a total of 270 aircraft of twenty different types;

of these only 124 could be termed operational service types and then only twenty-nine could be deemed first-line equipment (nineteen Hurricanes and ten



The Armstrong Whitworth Siskin was the RCAF's only fighter in the 1930s.

saw real expansion, it was realised that the infrastructure to control this vast organisation was stretched to its limit and it was time to decentralise. Four new regional commands were set up to report to RCAFHQ in Ottawa. These new

cover, British Columbia, with operational command of units in British Columbia, Water is in the blood and Alberta, and

-Air Training Command in Toronto, Ontario, with control of all basic aircrew and groundcrew training and responsibility for Camp Borden and Trenton

RCAF HQ in Ottawa exercised command over all units in Ontario (except the northwest) and Quebec. With the growing concern over a conflict in Europe, funding now became available for expansion and as a result of its reorganisation, the RCAF was fairly well prepared for the coming war. As of 19 December 1938, the RCAF no longer reported to the army

Battle Bombers). From this start the RCAF expanded into three major elements: the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the Home War Establishment, and the Overseas War Establishment with elements in Western Europe, Mediterranean and the Far East.

The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP)

On 10 October 1939 it was announced that Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom had agreed in principle to a combined and co-ordinated training plan based in Canada, similar to the World War One plan. Air-

crew training would be conducted far from the battle zone. On 17 December 1939 the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan agreement was signed; Canada would be turned into a giant training mill.

Under the BCATP agreement the RCAF would administer 40,000 trained personnel and instruct (and provide groundcrew for) 20,000 aircrew annually in 74 training schools. At the time the RCAF had only 4,061 officers and airmen (including the Non-permanent Force) and had only trained 45 pilots in 1939. The BCATP was to become a major undertaking as the first schools were to be open by 29 April 1940, a mere four months away.

To meet the demand, the RCAF called upon the seventeen civilian flying schools in Canada to provide the elementary flying training for the plan and a group of commercial and bush pilots were assembled to train observers. The Department of Transport assumed the responsibility for selecting suitable sites and for contracts for the construction of these stations.

The first schools were opened as planned on 29 April 1940 and training began. By the end of September 1941, seven months ahead of schedule, all but three schools were opened.

The first students from the plan were not expected to graduate until early 1941, but because accelerated training was possible in Canada, on 27 October 1941 the

Canada. By the close of 1943, the BCATP had reached its peak with four training commands, operating 97 schools and 184 ancillary units on 231 sites. It was now graduating an average of 3,000 students a month.

The programme was so successful that on 16 February 1944 the signatories agreed to begin a gradual reduction in the plan. Because of a backlog of trained aircrew the RCAF in June 1944 ceased recruiting aircrew and by October the closure of schools was stepped up. As an example of the excessive number of aircrews, during 1944 and 1945, it was common practice for aircrew to receive an Army commando course prior to proceeding overseas and as a result of a shortage of flight engineers, a second pilot (pilots were in short supply as late as 1943) with flight engineers training was supplied. On 31 March 1945 the British Com-



wealth Air Training Plan came to an end having produced 49,707 pilots, 29,963 various navigators, 15,673 air bombers, 18,696 wireless gunners, 15,700 air gunners and 1913 flight engineers.

The grand total trained aircrew from the BCATP was 131,552. The BCATP was credited for being a

tween Canada and the United Kingdom, Eastern Air Command was given top priority for re-equipping and upgrading. When Japan entered the war in December 1941, the priority was reversed and the Western Air Command became top priority.

Because of the nature of Canadian geography, poor communications, lack of infrastructure and the isolation of many RCAF stations, command and control became very difficult. This necessitated the requirement for the creation of a smaller sub-headquarters. These became groups; odd numbered groups were designated for Eastern Air Command and even numbered groups were designated for Western Air Command.

In November 1943, the Home War Establishment reached its peak with 37 operational squadrons: 19 in Eastern Air Command and 18 in Western Air Command. Eastern Air Command's primary concern was the eastern sea approaches and the U-boat threat. As the war effort would depend largely on the ability of the allies

to ship the required supplies from North America to the U.K. or to other theatres, the North Atlantic was an essential roadway/seaway



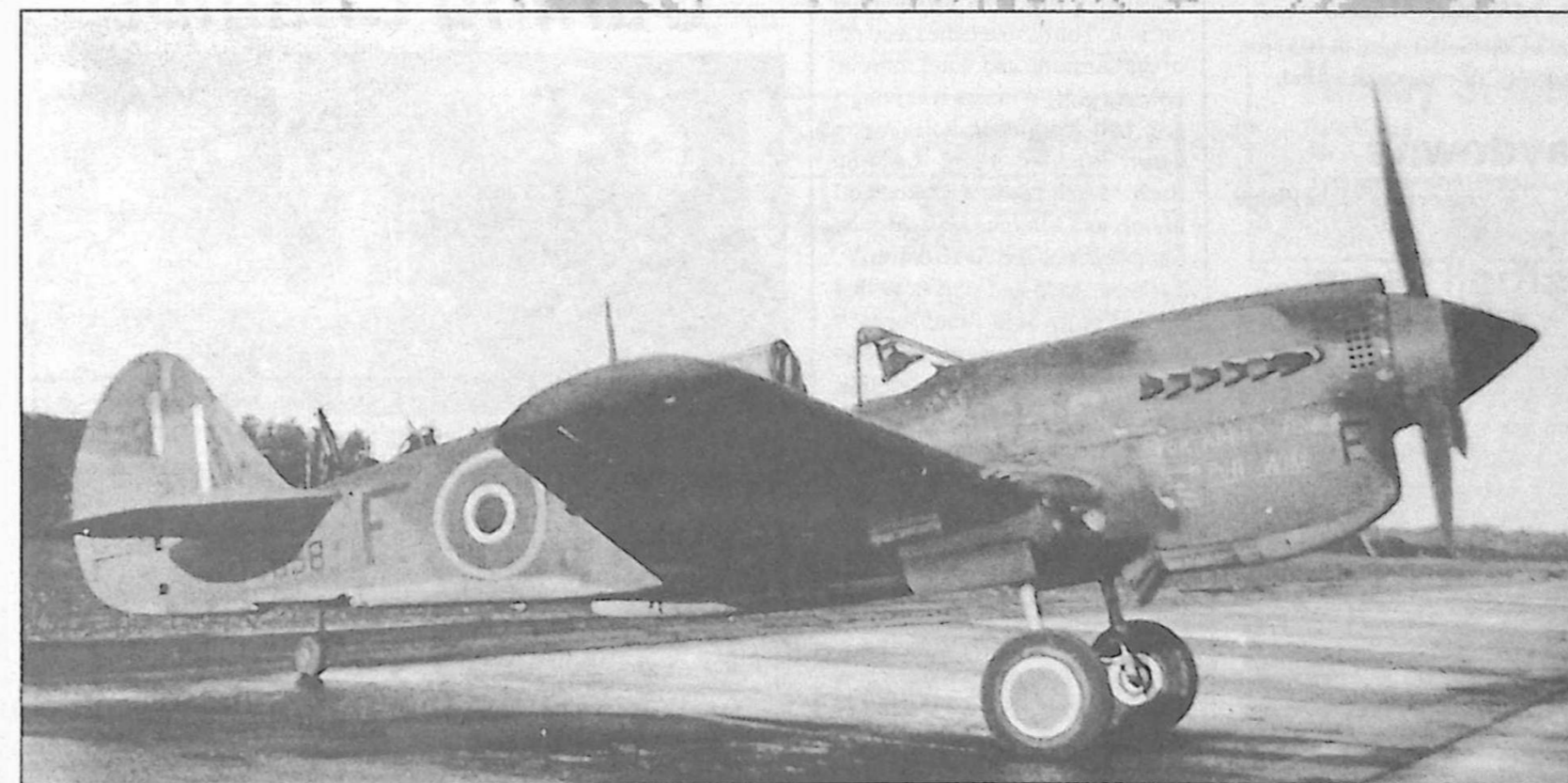
A RCAF Supermarine "Stranraer" flying boat patrolling the west coast of BC in June 1943. (Public Archives of Canada)

to victory. Eastern Air Command based their planning on this premise and accordingly equipped the bomber-reconnaissance squadrons with Hudson, Bolingbrook and Catalina aircraft and later with Liberators. During the early stages of the Battle of the Atlantic, Eastern Air Command had to be satisfied with patrols and escort out to several hundred miles over the Atlantic; it was not until 1944 when they were able to fly patrols and escort convoys across the Atlantic. Their primary targets were the German U-boats that were

attacking allied shipping; some were actually venturing into the Gulf of St. Lawrence to sink vessels. The most critical period was

from early 1942 to mid-1943 when submarine activity reached its peak. Although aircraft from Eastern Air Command had only six confirmed U-boat kills, this cannot be the sole measure of the contribution of the command. Because of the patrols flown, the U-boats were always on their guard. Therefore, many opportunities were lost that otherwise would have been taken and many more allied ships would have gone down; this in itself might have jeopardised the war effort and delayed victory.

In contrast, the Western Air Command generally was a quieter area. The first eighteen months of the war were spent flying patrols and identifying boats. When Japan attacked Pearl Harbour on 7 December 1941, things changed rapidly. Because of the seriousness of the situation and the lack of reinforcements in Alaska, Canada agreed to assist in the defence of Alaska. In May 1942, two squadrons were sent to Prince Rupert to defend this important seaport. In June 1942 a second formation was sent to Anchorage Alaska to assist in the defence of Alaska. After the Japanese forces landed on Kiska Island in the Aleutian chain, this formation started flying offensive operations against the Japanese. On one of these missions S/L K.A. Boomer became the only member of a home unit to score a confirmed victory against an enemy aircraft. With the total withdrawal of the Japanese forces in the summer of 1943, the Canadian squadrons moved back south to British Columbia.



P-40 Curtiss Kittyhawk used by Nos 111 and 14 (RCAF) Sqs in the Aleutian Campaign. (Photo from Comox Air Force Museum Collection)

first 39 graduate pilots passed out of Camp Borden, followed by the first observers from Trenton and the first air gunners from Jarvis.

The plan was expanded in June 1942 to include 67 training schools (including 21 double schools, stations that had two schools) and ten specialist schools.

The RCAF was still responsible for the administration of an additional 27 RAF schools in

major contributing factor to winning air superiority in Europe.

Home War Establishment

When the war began in 1939, the RCAF had two operational commands (Eastern and Western Command) and seven understrength squadrons equipped with a variety of obsolete aircraft. Because of the importance placed on the sea link be-

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WLog wins Bowling Comd's Cup



The Wing Commander, Col Neumann, shows his fine form while throwing the first ball to open the 2nd Commanders Cup Sport of the season, Bowling. (Photos by Wing Imaging.)



Sgt. John Naugler giving his do's and don't's of Commanders Cup Bowling. The Sports Coordinator, Jake Plante would like to thank John for running the Bowling tournament, fun was had by all and to John a job very well done. Rumors are already circulating about 19 AMS being 0 for 2 in Commanders Cup Bowling.



The Wing Log O, LCol Leversedge, presents the hardware to the winning team, W Log.

Ladies Hockey

Servicewomen interested in playing Hockey, no matter what calibre you are, may contact Jake Plante by LAN E-mail, NLT 16 April.

Commander's Cup Volleyball

There will be a meeting for Commander's Cup Volleyball 8 April at 0900 hrs, at the Rec Centre Conf. Room. Commander's Cup reps must attend. Officials and Scorekeepers (volunteers) are needed.

Commander's Cup Golf

There will be a meeting for Commander's Cup Golf 8 April at 1030 hrs, at the Rec Centre Conf. Room. Commander's Cup reps must attend.

Base Golf Playdowns

The Base Golf Playdowns are 25, 26, 27 May, register with Jake Plante by LAN E-mail NLT 20 May. Cutoff is 20 handicap.

Ladies Base Fastball Team

There will be meeting for the Ladies Base Team 30 Mar, at 1030 hrs in the Rec Centre Conf. room. All interested players are encouraged to attend; the team requires a coach, a manager and servicewomen who are interested in playing Fastball this summer. See you at the meeting. PS: this is the first and last meeting to get a team together for the Beer League. The League requires an answer NLT 31 Mar, so be at the meeting.

Intersection Slo-Pitch

There will be a meeting for I/S Slo-Pitch 13 Apr, at 0900 hrs in the Rec Centre Conf. room.

Team reps wishing to get their teams into the league must attend. The cost this year will be a flat rate of \$200.00 per team. The league needs a President and a Vice; anyone interested, come to the meeting or call at Local 8783.

Jake's Trivia Corner

- Which American League Baseball Club's nickname appears last in an alphabetical list?
 - How many pockets can be the object of a crosseyed shot in pocket billiards?
 - How many times were Bill Gadsby and Tim Horton each voted the NHL's top defenseman?
- (Answers on page 14.)



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Intersection Hockey wraps up the season

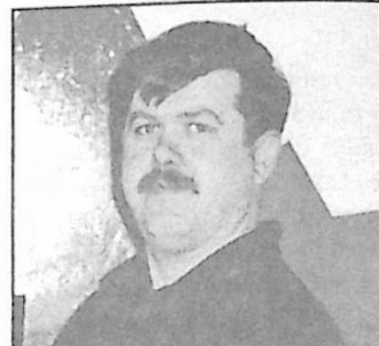
Another intersection hockey season comes to a very successful end. The 19AMS Blues captured the 'A' League Championship as well as the Playoffs, and 19AEF captured the 'B' League Championship as well as the playoff. The 'A' division was a closeknit race right up to the end whereas the 'B' Division was dominated by AEF.



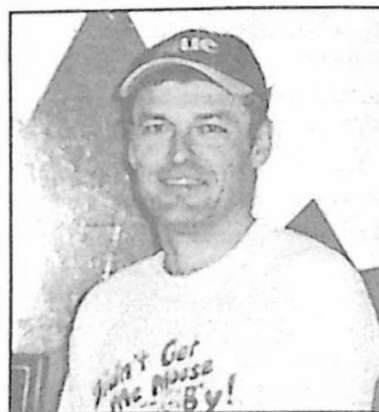
19 AMS Blues A League winners and Playoff winner 98/99.



19 AEF 'B' Division League winners and Playoff winners 98/99.



A Division Top Goaltender Bill Morningstar of 19 AMS.



'B' Division Top Points winner Scott Klein of 19 AEF (2nd yr).



'A' Division Top Points winner Brian Comeau of 407 Sqn Rebels (2nd yr).



'B' Division Top Goaltender Kurt MacDonald of 19 AEF.

Glacier Greens Golf Shots Ladies' Club

By Joyce Merrill

The GG Ladies began their golf season on March 23 with a good turnout. Thirty-one ladies teed off in the sunshine and wind for nine holes of golf. Winners receiving a golf ball for hidden holes were: Gussy Prichard, Marg Rushton, Barb Morris, Anne Blake, Gill Iddiols and Marlene Hall. Martha Campbell won the 50/50 draw.

Steve Dodd and staff provided a most enjoyable lunch, which was followed by our general meeting. Don't forget to start saving things for our garage sale, which takes place on May 8. More on this later.

Sign up time until the end of April will be 8:30 a.m. for 9:00 a.m. start.

Ladies Monday Night Golf will begin the season by holding a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on April 5 in the social centre. All are welcome. Monday Night Golf for nine holes will start on April 12 - sign up 5:00 p.m. for 5:30 p.m.

See you there.

Commander's Cup Curling Champs



LCol Hache presents the CE curling team with the 'B' Div. trophy.



LCol Hache presents the ATC curling team with the 'A' Division trophy.



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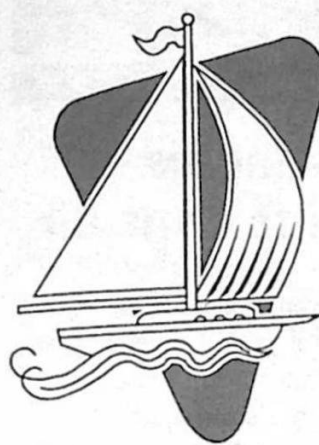
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Water is in the blood



By Hans Gassner, CFSA

Recently one alert reader asked me whether I, in fact, enjoy sailing. I'm stumped. How do you rationalize a dream that has been with you so long, it's become part of the personality scenery, like my Close-The-Dam-Cupboards neurosis?

When I was a kid growing up in what was then called West Germany, I wanted to be on the water, any water, so much I built rafts to navigate the massive flooded construction sites that dotted the Ruhr. It rained a lot, and Germans are always constructing. Poling myself through those muddy pits was the bright stuff of dreams.

Lakes were off limits, mainly because the pollution-borne poisons in them could kill you if you fell in. Fishing the Rhine was fun, if you enjoyed pulling up corroded "No Dumping!" signs (in German, this translates roughly to "Achtung! No Dumping!") If you were the romantic type, you could sit on the riverbank, any riverbank, and go misty-eyed at the sight of coal barges slowly chugging toward someone's bottom line. That is, unless the acid rain prevented you from seeing farther than approximately to the end of your melting umbrella.

In grade two or three, a bunch of us organized to build a Pirate Ship, just to "see what's out there."



"Hook" Gassner and his band of pirates at last year's 19 AMS Family Day. The crew dug up treasures on the Spit and sailed back to the dock!

We actually drew up plans, at least while our crayons lasted. Eventually we split apart over who would get to sit in the crow's-nest. I'm sure the German shipping industry heaved a collective sigh of relief when summer holidays dispersed the group to the colonies, like Majorca, Spain, for example.

Our family vacationed in Holland, where I received my first dose of real ocean. Anyone who has ever seen the North Sea will agree that it is not exactly The Pond at Pooh Corner. I went drowning there once, just a few feet from shore.

But love is blind, and I remained infatuated with that water thing. Then we emigrated to a place where I could play on the water without first booking an appointment with a skin disease specialist. That place was Canada.

Spending your leisure time on the water is a product of emotion, not reason, much like a decision to have children. If you think too much about it, it's probably not right for you. And for those of us who are not capable of thinking much about anything, it's the perfect activity.

If you're the type that sits on the beach at Goose Spit content just to watch the setting sun paint the horizon in 64-bit colour, then getting out on the water is right for you. You've got to see what's out there. You've got to build your own Pirate Ship.

That deep love of the water is what keeps me in a sailboat, for fun or terror. It's all the same, out there.

Note: Please be advised that building a Pirate Ship is in fact illegal in Canada and her provinces and territories, including Nunavut.

Dollar cost averaging: The secret to long-term investing



By Don Somers

In today's unsettled market environment, many people are trying to formulate a sound investment strategy. The key rules of successful investing are to "pay yourself first" and to have a long-term perspective and investment objective. The secret to reserving money for your future is to view savings as an expense. This means that you must put aside a pre-determined amount of money each month to pay yourself, just as you pay your rent, your loans and your bills.

A sensible approach recommended by financial consultants for protecting investors from having to time the market is to take advantage of dollar cost averaging. The expression "dollar cost averaging" may seem intimidating, but the concept is actually very simple. You must invest a fixed amount of money in an investment at regular intervals, preferably over a long period of time. By adhering to this strategy, your average cost will be lower than the average price over a given period, which could potentially translate into higher profits for you.

The principle of dollar cost av-

eraging is quite easy to understand. Because market prices fluctuate, individuals who invest sporadically may find the value of their investment either rises, falls or stagnates over a period of time. By investing regularly, market volatility is substantially reduced. You buy more units when the price is low, and fewer when the price is high.

One key advantage to this strategy is that the investor does not have to invest a large amount of money at once. There is no need to follow trends in the market, or to subsequently attempt to time the market, because investors are buying units consistently, and fluctuations will balance themselves out over time. This eliminates the temptation to stop buying when the unit price goes down in value, or to wildly invest when the units rise in value.

Dollar cost averaging is perfect for mutual fund investing. It is also ideal as a sound RRSP savings strategy because it is becoming increasingly difficult for many individuals to come up with a lump sum payment at RRSP time. As it is important to make your maximum contribution each year, contributing on a regular basis is a sensible investment strategy. Talk to your Financial Consultant today about the benefits to you and your retirement and investment portfolios.

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Monday Mornings Off Workshop Series

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Location: Base Aerobics Room
Cost: Free
Facilitator: Tom Girardin - Island Taekwondo Academy

Facials by Mary Kay

Date: April 19th
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Cost: Free
Facilitator: Eileen Comar

Making Fleece Headbands

Date: April 26th
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Cost: Supplies TBA
Facilitator: Wendy Lunge

Making Hanging Baskets for Sun or Shade

Date: May 3rd
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Cost: \$16.00
Facilitator: Jennifer Harrison - Little River Garden Centre

Reflective Writing - A Tool for Stress Management

Date: May 10th
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Cost: \$30.00
Facilitator: Sharon Colling, MSW

Survival Skills for your Car

Date: May 17th
Location: 120 Kinnikinnik
Cost: Free
Facilitator: Brenda Ouelette

New Employment Program

The CMFRC is pleased to offer an Employment Program designed especially for military spouses. Whether you're thinking of going back to work, pursuing a career or educational goals, starting a home-based business, or just want to explore your options through personal development workshops, this program will help you tap into your full potential. It will also provide opportunities to develop essential skills necessary for an effective job search.

The CMFRC is proud to support you in striving for your employment, educational, and career goals. As a military spouse you have a wealth of life experience that is extremely valuable and greatly enriches our community! For an appointment contact Michelle O'Neill at 339-8290.

Programme en Français - Il y a des changements dans air

Le CRFMC est très fier de vous présenter la nouvelle Coordonnatrice du Programme en Français - Danielle Bernier. Elle nous apporte plus de 10 ans d'expérience en administration et en gestion, beaucoup d'énergie, de dynamisme, d'enthousiasme, un bon esprit d'équipe et un très bon sens de l'humour! Depuis son arrivée dans la Vallée, elle a occupé les postes de coordonnatrice du Centre d'Accès Internet à l'Association Francophone de Campbell River (1998 - 1999) et de Directrice Générale à l'Association Francophone de la Vallée de Comox (1997 - 1998). Danielle est conjointe de militaire depuis plusieurs années et elle nous amène beaucoup de connaissances, ainsi qu'un lien solide félicitations Danielle et bienvenue parmi nous! avec la communauté francophone. C'est avec beaucoup de plaisir que nous l'accueillons dans notre organisme. Félicitations Danielle et bienvenue parmi nous!

Nouveau Programme d'Emploi

Michelle O'Neill est fière de vous annoncer qu'elle occupe maintenant le poste de Coordonnatrice du Programme d'Emploi à temps plein au CRFMC. Ce programme est offert en français et en anglais et est spécialement conçu pour répondre aux besoins des conjointes militaires en matière d'emploi. Si vous voulez discuter de vos besoins et soucis face à la recherche d'emploi, si vous avez le goût de retourner aux études ou sur le marché du travail, faire un changement de carrière, de démarrer une entreprise ou tout simplement si vous voulez explorer vos options, soyez à l'aise et venez me rencontrer. Ma porte est grande ouverte!

442 Squadron's Outdoor survival tips



By LS Zane Babineau

With the summer quickly approaching, everyone is looking forward to all the great outdoor activities our area has to offer, such as hiking, fishing, mountain biking, camping... the list goes on. All are sure to be great fun for everybody. However, have you ever thought: "What if something goes wrong?" You and/or your friends are hurt, lost and hungry. Do you know how to prepare yourself or what to do in emergencies like this? If not, here are some survival tips to go by.

To plan properly for survival you must first understand what you are up against. There are seven enemies of survival - pain, cold, thirst, hunger, fatigue, boredom and loneliness. Everyone has experienced these but very few to the extent that they have threat-

ened their survival. In a survival situation, the feelings of pain, cold, etc., are no different from those experienced normally, only more dangerous. With these feelings, as with fear, the more you know about them and their effect on you, the better you will be able to control them, rather than letting them control you.

Pain

Pain is nature's way of making you aware that something is wrong. Once given into, pain will weaken the drive to survive. If kept occupies, your mind has the ability to mask pain.

Cold

Cold is a much greater threat to survival than it sounds. It not only lowers your ability to think, but also tends to lower your will to do anything but get warm again. Cold is an insidious enemy; at the same time that it numbs the mind and the body, it numbs the will. Because it is hard to move and you want to sleep, you can forget your goal - to survive.

Thirst

As with pain and cold, thirst can be almost forgotten if the will to survive is strong enough. Without an ample supply of water, one cannot survive for more than a few

days. Insufficient water can dull your mind, cause serious dehydration and may lead to hypothermia.

Hunger

Initially, hunger is a state of mental attitude rather than a physical requirement. Hunger pain itself is not detrimental to one's health, however, over a period of time, reduced energy levels and the inability to rationalize will be noticed.

Fatigue

Even a very moderate amount of fatigue can extensively reduce mental ability. Fatigue can make you careless - it becomes increasingly easy to adopt the feeling of just not caring. This is one of the biggest dangers in survival. The confused notion that fatigue and energy expenditure is directly related may be responsible for many deaths in survival situations. Certainly, there is a real danger of over-exertion, but fatigue may actually be due to hopelessness, lack of a goal, dissatisfaction, frustration, or boredom.

Boredom and Loneliness

These are two of the toughest enemies of survival because they are unexpected. When you're all alone, nothing is happening and the expected does not occur, these

feelings creep up on you. The result usually is hopelessness and the lack of will to survive.

Now that you know what you are up against, you have to know what to do in case of an emergency, remembering that your goal is to sustain life while waiting to be rescued. When in a survival situation there is a certain pattern for survival that must be followed. This pattern for survival is to be followed in the order it is given to be effective.

First Aid

Perform ABCs of first aid on all, including yourself. Treat all non life-threatening injuries only after you have completed the ABCs on all survivors.

Fire

Building a fire provides you with heat, the ability to cook and boil water, psychological comfort and a signalling device if kept burning.

Shelter

Provide shelter of adequate size for all survivors i.e. tent, snow cave, man-made hoochie, etc.

Signals

Ensure all emergency signals are readily available and that everyone is familiar with their operation. If no one has any signals, you could make some using things

around you. Remember your fire is a signal.

Water

You require water to survive. Ensure you treat the water either by boiling it or by adding a water purification tablet to it. Boiling or water treatment takes 20 minutes. Note: Contaminated water will cause dehydration through vomiting and diarrhea creating an undesirable first aid emergency.

Food

We can live without food for long periods of time, in some cases three weeks. The rule of thumb in a survival situation is that you do not eat anything for the first 24 hours. All fish, birds and animals in Canada are edible (some livers may be highly toxic). It is recommended that all meat be cooked at a rate of 20 minutes per pound. Some plants are highly toxic and others are deadly poisonous. Do not eat any plant, or any parts of, that you are not familiar with.

The thing to remember is to think safety at all times. Make sure that you tell someone where you are going, how long you will be away and what time you expect to return.

Be safe... Be prepared... Be careful out there.

New WGCA Animal Control Officers

Wallace Gardens Community Association would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Animal Control Officers, Cpl and Mrs Bech. They can be reached on their pager number at 703-9009. Please leave your phone number or voice mail on the pager and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sir Cedric says...



By Lt Waugh

The squadron has been gearing down slowly after the mad rush of the T-GEX and all those important Y2K flights. The end of the fiscal year is upon us and the last hour has been turned into jet noise. Maj Benell has come and gone quickly through the O.T.U. Still with us, and to stay (hooray, hooray), is Lt Jay Steele who has been a huge help on the ice. Just a few more months and you'll have all of the Lt jobs (like this one).

The squadron said goodbye to a few very familiar faces a few weeks back. We all wish the very best to Judy Spars, Lynette Jesson, Steve Nichols and Peter Keizer. The entire squadron wishes you well on your new roads to be travelled.

The Commander's Cup is coming up and it should be good. The Knights have lulled the competition into a feeling of security that will only be ripped from them like candy from a baby when the big tournament starts. "Il lance et compete!"

A warm round of applause for Maj H. He just received an extension for his flying career to help out the Bolivians with their crazy T-33 flying. Hey Maj, will you actually get to see their glass cockpit? Is there such a thing? And, if there is, could you swap one for one? You could take 102 and 119 for just one glass cockpit!

Unfortunately for all the fat kids, summer is just around the corner. That means that Squish and Streak will find themselves in the Cool Pool more often than not. Oh well, California was sweet while it lasted. I hear that those close to the weight limit (what is it now anyway - 85 lbs?) will be weighed every month. Anybody got the number for that Jenny Craig weight loss clinic? I'm sick of Slim Fast every day. They are going to have to lower the wind limits for flying here in Comox. Anything over five knots will blow the remaining pilots across the Pacific. Now even Scrapy looks like a big guy.

Anyway, time to oil my joints and hit the gym. Oh look, I'm out of Cling Wrap. I hear that if you encase your body in Cling Wrap and work out, you can lose 10 lbs. quickly. Any takers?

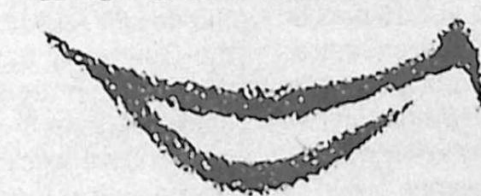
407 Crew 2's Ode to Norway

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A new crew, we heard, would be soon on their way to relieve us at last, we all screamed "OKAY!" We toasted the Vikings, and tipped a few Buds The Blue Lagoon beckoned, so we jumped in hot mud. We thought we'd be home in the next day or two But we got let down by that number five crew. They limped into tow, engine three in the bag, Sixteen days on the road, we're all starting to drag. They hijacked our crew and the phone lines were burning All the folks back home asked, "Are you ever returning?" Twenty days on the road, all our laundry's real dirty. Hey, count yourselves lucky, it could have been thirty! As I think of the trip, while outside it's raining I'd go back in a heartbeat - it sure beats ground training.

The End

IT'S ALL IN YOUR SMILE



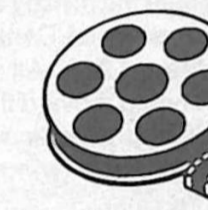
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Wallace Gardens Community Association Council Meeting



Teen Dance

Where: Community Centre
When: Saturday, 17 April
Time: 6:30 - 10:30 pm
Cost: \$1.00/members
\$3.00/non-members
For more information please call Mona Baird at 339-4627



Children's Video Afternoon

Sunday, 18 April 1 - 3 pm
Cost for popcorn & drink: 50¢/members
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For more information, call Yvon Bertin at 339-7522

Teen Video Night

Saturday, April 3 from 7 - 11 pm
Where: Community Centre
Cost: Free
For more information, call Mona Baird at 339-4627

April Sock Hop & Pajama Party

Where: Community Centre
When: Saturday 10 April
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Cost: Wear your favorite pj's and get in free! or 50¢/members, \$1.50/non-members
For more information, please call Pat Taylor at 339-4400

Adult Craft Club Topiary Tree

Create your own unique topiary tree to beautify your home, Sunday, April 11 from 7:00 - 10:00 pm. The cost is "free" to Wallace Gardens members; \$3.50 drop-in fee to non-members.

A list of materials required can be found in the Wallace Gardens office Mon - Fri 7:30 - noon; or call Jane at 339-8211 (8571). Happy Crafting!



Canada Day 1999

Call for Volunteers!!!

This is a call for all those individuals who would like to help organize this year's Canada Day festivities. The format will be different from last year's activities in that there will be no fireworks display, the activity time frame will be shortened and is tentatively planned as a 19 Wing event only. A meeting for all those who wish to get involved and help out will be held at the Griffin Pub at 1830 hrs on Wednesday, April 7th. If you have any questions or require more information, please call the WGCA town clerk at local 8571 between 0730 - 1200 hrs. Hope to see you there!

Council Meeting



Where: Community Centre
When: Monday, 12 April
Time: 6:30 pm
All Are Welcome!



Baseball / T-Ball

Spring is here and it's that time of year again! Wallace Gardens is looking for coaches for the upcoming baseball/t-ball season. The kids have fun and learn about the game at the same time. If you would like to donate a few hours each week to the children of your community, please contact the town clerk at 339-8211 (8571) Mon-Fri 0730-1200 hrs.



Easter Family Bingo

Supports the SPCA

Where: Community Centre

When: Easter Sunday, 4 April

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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Troupe

de Danse Franco-Hol

Quantité

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01 - 08 - 15 - 22 mai, 1999

Heure

Entre 10h00 et 12h00

a admettre

Le 14 avril, un seul accompagnateur

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Francine Cassez et Marlene Gauthier

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Pour plus de renseignement, appelez Emile 339-4008.

Avis de changement
Veillez noter que l'Association Francophone de la Vallée de Comox a un nouveau numéro de télécopieur: (250) 334-8203.
Notice of change
Please note that the Comox Valley Francophone Association has a new fax number: (250) 334-8203.

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Reunion 507 Sqn RCAR

The 507 Lions Air Cadets Sqn in Kentville Nova Scotia is planning its 50th anniversary reunion for May 1999. To develop a contact list, any past members, officers and associates are urged to contact Sgt. R. McMahon at 902-765-1494 ext. 3840, or fax 902-765-1522 or E-mail 434sqn@qlinx.com, attn: Sgt. McMahon.

125th Anniversary 29 June - 4 July Mitchell, Ontario

Greetings to all present and former Mitchell residents! 1999 has arrived and in a few short months the Town of Mitchell will be celebrating its Homecoming Reunion. Many activities and events are planned, some of which require pre-registration and prepayment prior to 15 May. For more information contact Homecoming Reunion, P.O. Box 609, Mitchell, ON, N0K 1N0 or peljgen@townshipwestperth.on.ca

If you've ever spent a summer in Vernon, B.C. then you better check out...

Vernon Army Cadet Camp 50th Anniversary
celebration website at www.vacc.armycadet.com
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Or call us toll free at: 1-877-388-VACC
See you in '99 July 30 - Aug 1

35th Grad Reunion at Delbrook Senior High

The Grad Reunion Committee of Delbrook Senior High School of North Vancouver, Class of '64, is planning a 35th grad reunion on the May long weekend (21 & 22 May 1999). Any former grads, teachers and friends of grads interested in attending please contact:
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25th Anniversary

Otter Sqn of RMC will be hosting the 25th anniversary celebration of the UTPNCM program of both the military and civilian universities of Canada from 7-9 May, 1999. All UT graduates should forward their current address and particulars via one of the following to receive further info:
L'escadron Ottawa du CMR organise une réunion pour célébrer le 25ème anniversaire du programme des PFUNOs dans les collèges militaires et les universités civiles, du 7 au 9 Mai, 1999. Pour plus d'information, tous devraient envoyer leur adresse par la suite:

Phone: (613) 541-6000 ext 6084 or Ccdt Tourond (613) 549-4356. CSN: 270-5011 ext 6084.
E-mail: utclub@rmc.ca
Fax: (613) 353-7394.

100th Anniversary Selkirk, MB Reunion

From 17-21 May 2000, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the raising of Strathcona's Horse. All serving and former members of the regiment are invited to attend a weekend of festivities, which will include the presentation of a new guidon.
For further information and registration, please contact:
Regimental Association (Alberta Branch), Box 30004 Chinook R.P.O. Calgary, Alberta, T2H 2V8

100th Anniversary Canadian Forest Service

The Canadian Forest Service's Pacific Forestry Centre in Victoria, BC is interested in contacting former staff to join in celebrating the Centennial of the Canadian Forest Service. Whether student, technician, scientist, administrative support, engineering and maintenance services worker, or management, please contact us with your name, address and telephone number.
Contact Dennis Beddows, Rod Maides or Tina Kerr, by phone: 250-363-0600, Fax: 250-363-0775, e-mail: ckerr@pfc.forestry.ca
or mail to: 506 West Burnside Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 1M5 for information re planned events.

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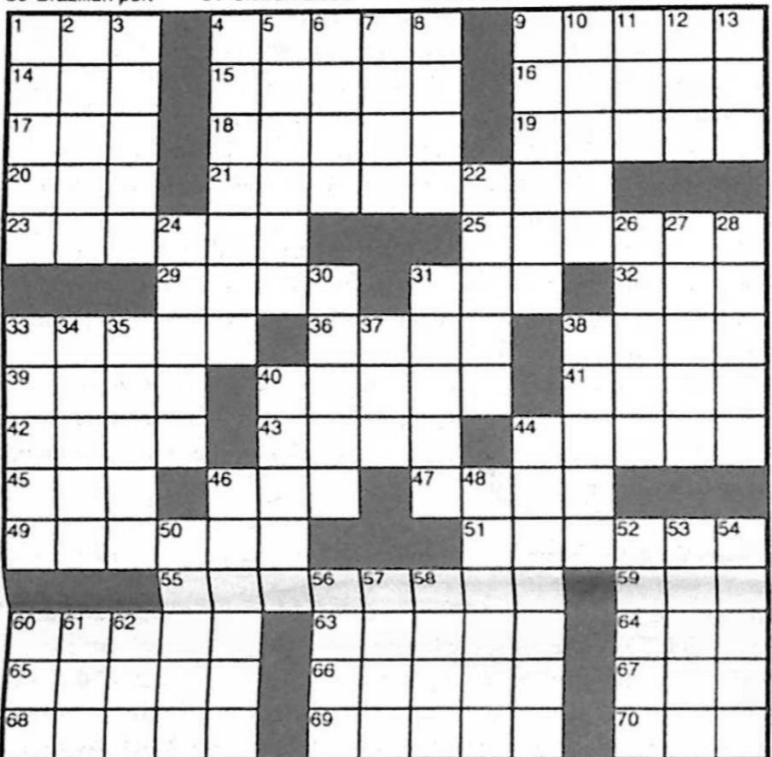
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More on military pay

By LCol M.W. Haché

There is much information floating around related to what military personnel will soon be receiving in their pay. It is very easy to mistakenly believe that we received a large pay raise. This is incorrect. The fact, as briefed to the leadership by the National Defence Headquarters staff who put the package together, are as follows (all figures are pre-tax):

Prior to any work by SCONDA it was recognized that military personnel salaries had fallen behind their public service counterparts, and that this had to be addressed. Non-Commissioned Members had fallen behind by 6.7% and Officers by 14.7%. This was addressed through a series of incremental pay adjustments starting in Apr 96. RESULT: NCMs will receive their final installment of 1.13% in their mid-Apr pay, and Officers a .64% installment. It is anticipated

that the remaining 7.02% owed to the Officers will be paid out by the end of 1999, as opposed to Oct 00 as originally planned.

In recognition of the special nature of military employment, the "military factor" in our pay has been increased.

RESULT: Beginning in Apr 99, NCMs will receive an additional 3.5%, and Officers and additional 2.5%, increase in their pay for the "military factor." This should be reflected in our end-Apr pay at the latest.

In addition to the military factor, and pending final resolution of the Public Service pay issues (for which further adjustments will be made to our pay to maintain the comparability), there was between 2.1 - 2.5% (will vary slightly depending on rank) added to our pay as an economic adjustment.

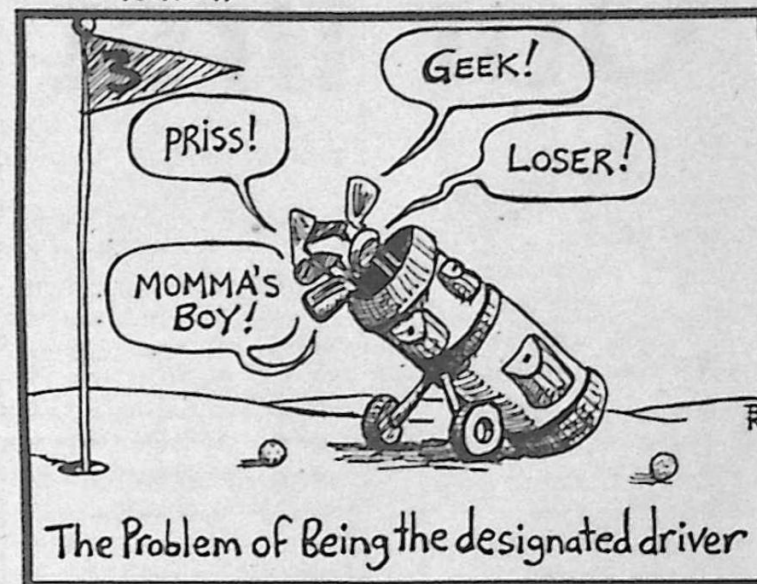
RESULT: In addition to the one

time 1.13% NCM/64% Officer installments in April, there will be an ongoing increase of approximately 6% for NCMs and 5% for Officers in our monthly pay. A final (minor) adjustment will be made once the Public Service pay issues are resolved.

Examples (pre-tax/gross income): Cpl annual increase - between \$2,616 to \$3,216. Capt annual increase - between \$5,616 to \$8,448.

A Defence wide message, CANFORGEN 018/99 251401Z Mar 99, contains further details and includes information related to other Quality of Life recommendations. Further Commanding Officers and Base Headquarters have a copy of the official briefing package provided by NDHQ. The official pay scales should be published shortly and these will be the final authority for our pay.

FREAKSHOW



The Problem of Being the designated driver

Junior Ranks Calendar

- 1 April (TGIF) - Food: FISH and CHIPS, Sport: DARTS
- 9 April (TGIF) - Food: CHINESE, Sport: CRIB
- 16 April - The Band Eagle Talons is playing starting @ 2100. There will be no TGIF.
- 23 April (TGIF) - Food: BURGERS, Sport: EUCHRE
- 30 April (TGIF) - Food: STEAKS, Sport: POOL (9 ball)
- Every Sunday is movie night.
- Wing Night: Every Tuesday 1700 - 2100



Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 17 Courtenay (334-4322)

- Dance: every Friday evening, 8:00 p.m.
- April 02 Country Cousins
- April 09 Vested Interest
- April 16 Island Country
- April 23 Swinging into Spring (DJ)
- April 30 Norm's Combo

PLEASE NOTE: The Branch will be closed on 4 April. New addition: Hot dogs, smokies, bratwurst now available daily.

Branch 28 Cumberland (336-2361)

Every Wednesday, Bingo 7:00 p.m.
Hall rental: non-members \$75, members \$50, kitchen use \$25.

Branch 160 Comox (339-2022)

- 2 April Duke & the Night Life
- 9 April Highway 19
- 16 April Ventura Highway
- 17 April Honours & Awards Night (limited number of tickets)

Mondays...Ladies Auxiliary Drop-in Bingo (Upper Hall doors open 6:30 p.m., Bingo 7:00 p.m.)

Officers' Mess Ladies Club Calendar of events

- April 21 Hands-on Gardening Night
- May 19 Great tips for the Barbeque season

WOs' and Sgts' Ladies Social Club Calendar of events

We cordially invite members to come out and join in the fun and participate in the wide variety of events we offer.

- April 19 Earthquake Awareness
- The above session is not restricted to members, it is open to anyone who is interested.
- May 17 Spring Craft
- June 21 Dinner/Sport Night

We look forward to seeing you. For further information, please call Carla Calmes 890-0672 or Debbie Yelf 897-0106.

Dog Morsels

By Gerry Gerow

Manstopper

by Joel McMains
(Howell Book House, Macmillan Publishing, New York. \$34.95)

If you've ever wondered about training your dog for protection work, or simply if the power and grace of a canine guardian fascinates you, Manstopper leads you through the process, emphasizing safe handling practices every step of the way.

Joel McMains, a former police officer and a professional trainer, takes you inside the mind of trainer, agitator and dog, offering an exciting, compelling look at how a canine becomes a manstopper. McMains has written several other books on training and obedience. One of these, Companion Obedience is also in my library.

Everything on the subject is well covered and excellently presented. Should you train your dog yourself, or hire a professional? Should you start with a puppy or buy a trained dog?

These and many other questions are answered. If you are only marginally interested you will find many answers here to the questions that are in your mind.

This is a 256 page, attractively bound, hardcover edition well illustrated with over 90 black and white photographs. It was published last year and, if you can't find it on the shelves, they will be

able to order it for you. Alternatively, go to the Howell web site on the Internet at: www.mcp.com/mgr/howell

Bull Terriers Today

By David Harris

(Howell Book House, Macmillan Publishing, New York. \$41.95)

A breed book is a breed book. My library contains 75 of them on some 55 different breeds. They are all more or less the same and this one is average.

Like all breed books, its appeal is mainly to those who are interested in owning, or already own, a Bull Terrier. Harris traces the Bull Terrier's history from its rough and ready origins to its present status as a unique member of dogdom.

There are chapters on choosing a puppy, feeding and exercise, health care, the breed standard training, showing and breeding.

Canada has not been neglected and several well-known Canadian breeding kennels are discussed.

David Harris has raised and shown Bull Terriers for over 30 years. Everything you could wish to know about the Bull Terrier is here in this comprehensive, 176 page hardcover edition. It comes in an attractive jacket and was published in May.

You may have to ask the bookstore to order it for you.

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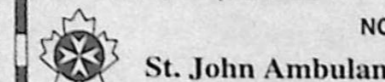
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Wounds & Bleeding



You can cut yourself using dangerous equipment at work or doing something as simple as washing the dishes—so it's important to know how to treat bleeding wounds.

- Cover the wound with a clean, preferably sterile, dressing. Wear vinyl or latex gloves if available and apply direct pressure to the wound.
- Help the injured person sit or lay down. Elevate an injured arm or leg to reduce blood flow.
- If blood soaks through the dressing don't remove it. Add more dressings and continue to apply pressure until the bleeding stops.
- If bleeding continues, get medical help. Help the injured person lay on his or her back and elevate the legs 30 cm (12 in.).
- Know what to do. Call your local St. John Ambulance office for more information on first aid, CPR and health promotion.



Our first Routine Orders

By Capt Mathias Joost
1 CAD Air Force Heritage and History

On 1 April 1924, Wing Commander W.G. Barker, Acting Director of the RCAF, issued the first routine orders for the new organization. This document is an interesting one not only for the names, but also for some of the small points and what are now minor mysteries contained in it.

These routine orders list 59 officers and 42 "other ranks." Thirty-three of the original officers reached "air" rank while six became the head of the RCAF, either as Director, Senior Air Officer or Chief of the Air Staff. Of the names on the list, perhaps the most famous is that of William Barker. His active duty as Director was to last only until 18 May 1924, when he was replaced by Group Captain J.S. Scott, newly returned from the RAF Staff College. Scott continued in this position until he retired in February 1928. He returned to active service in 1939 as a training officer with the BCATP.

Lloyd Breadner took the wheel from February 1928 to April 1932. He then served again as head of the RCAF, succeeding George Croil as Chief of the Air Staff. It was Breadner who saw the RCAF

through the first difficult years of World War II from May 1940 to December 1943.

Wing Commander J.L. Gordon went on to serve as Senior Air Officer of the RCAF from November 1932 to May 1933. In 1931, he became the first RCAF officer to attend the Imperial Defence College. George Croil served in a wide variety of positions, including RCAF Liaison Officer with the British Air Ministry, before becoming the first Chief of the Air Staff as an Air Vice Marshall in 1938.

In the "other ranks," there are some remarkable promotions. Aircraftman 2 (A.C.2, affectionately known as acey-deucey) H.H. Atkinson went from this rank to that of Warrant Officer 1 (CF-CWO) in one day, two others went to WO2 and 15 to Flight Sergeant. What was the reason behind these remarkable promotions? Simple.

All airmen were automatically released from the Canadian Air Force (CAF) on 31 March 1924. Those who wanted to, had to re-enlist at the rank of A.C.2. Then they were promoted to their former ranks on the same day.

Perusal of the CAF Routine Or-

ders of 31 March 1924 shows that not all of the promotions in the new RCAF ROs were to the previous rank. Newly promoted Sergeants McAsian and Tyrrel were Acting-Corporals when they were discharged from the CAF while Sergeant Greenhalgh had been a Corporal.

A number of personnel did not re-enlist in the RCAF. When the rates of pay for the RCAF were issued, a number of ranks were at lower levels of pay than in the CAF. Unable to get this changed, some airmen decided to leave rather than accept the reduction in pay.

The serial numbers beside the names of each NCM also appear strange. However, there is a pattern to these numbers. In CAF Routine Order 18/24, 22 March 1924, the administration section states that "other ranks" will be issued numbers in blocks. The allocation of these blocks was:

Air Force Headquarters: 1-200;
RCAF Station Vancouver: 201-400;
CAF Station High River: 401-600;
RCAF Station Winnipeg: 601-800;
RCAF Station Ottawa: 801-1000;
RCAF Station Dartmouth: 1001-1200; RCAF Station Camp Borden:

1201-1400.

In a few rare cases, the new RCAF serial number corresponded with the old CAF one. WO1 Atkinson's, F/S Aldridge's, correspond; however, WO2 Johnston was 1707 previously. Many of the old serial numbers could not be re-assigned to the previous user as the CAF numbers ranged to almost 1700, with most being in the 1500-1670 range, while the RCAF went to 1400 and was based on unit of service.

Interestingly, the serial numbers issued did not accord to rank in some cases. The more prestigious lower numbers did not always go to the senior person. While WO1 Atkinson received #1, there are several instances where a person of lower rank had a lower serial number than a superior. For example: Flight Sgt Aldridge #2, WO2 Johnston #9, Sgt Moon #601, Flight Sgt Gorham #611, Sgt Thompson #4, Sgt Brooks #7, Sgt Greenhalgh #13, Flight Sgt Evans #14.

Another question that arises is what happened to some of the numbers. At RCAF Headquarters, we have the numbers 1, 2, 4, 7 and

9. It may be that the missing numbers belonged to Corporals and maybe even Aircraftmen. In the case of Sgt Moon and Flight Sgt Gorham, the senior other ranks on a station was not guaranteed the lower number.

The style in which the names of officers are listed compared to those of the other ranks is also interesting. Officers are initials and then surname, other ranks surname then initials. Then there is F/L A.L. Johnson, who was employed at Canadian Vickers. This may have been to gain experience at aircraft construction, as the orders for Vickers Viking IV had been completed in 1923 and the order for Canadian Vickers Vedettes would not start until mid-1926.

The first routine orders for the RCAF are filled with history. The names include some of the most famous ones in RCAF history.

There are little puzzles and interesting contrasts. In them we can see the routine orders of today. We also see military personnel employed with civilian contractors and taking courses overseas. Have things really changed that much?



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