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## Battle of Britain 60th Anniversary

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Britain was commemorated Sunday 17 September with a parade at the Heritage Air Park, 19 Wing Comox. Approximately 300 people including veterans, Air Cadets and serving members of 19 Wing participated in the event.

A total of 47 Canadians from the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Royal Air Forces' Fighter, Bomber and Coastal Commands died in the epic battle that saw a numerically superior German Air Force defeated in its attempts to control the skies over Britain.

Legion member lays a wreath



Retired Wing Commander Duke Warren delivers his address to the spectators and members of 19 Wing's parade contingent.



Cadet Sgt Darren Penley of 386 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets lays a wreath at the Cairn.



RCNA member Bill Georgeson pays his respects.



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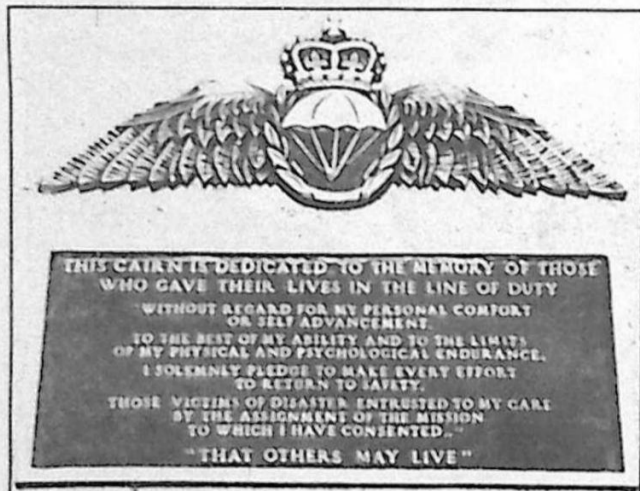
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# Commemorative Cairn



(L-R): WComd Col. Bill Neumann, Cairn Organizer MWO Andy Morris and Stonemason Brian Stevenson.

The recent presentation of a stone cairn, to the Canadian Forces School of Search and Rescue, was a combined effort between Yoho Stone and local mason Mr. Brian Stevenson. The entire project was a result of volunteer labour and donated island grey granite quarried from the Yoho Glacier near Sayward. The idea and concept came from Mr. Stevensons' desire to show his appreciation for the work done by all personnel involved in the role of search and rescue throughout Canada. Mr. Ron Percival, President Yoho Stone Inc. of Campbell River, provided all the granite material and cutting of larger pieces. This project was just one of the cairns that have been built by Brian and are representative of his artistic impression in stone.

The staff of CFSSAR, as well as all former and serving rescue personnel wish to thank both Brian and Ron for their outstanding and gracious contribution. Those visiting 19 Wing can view the cairn at the main entrance to the School of Search and Rescue.

## Rescuers Parachute to Downed Aviators

Two SAR Techs parachuted from a Comox-based Buffalo aircraft to a pair of seriously-injured men 25 km west of Clearwater on 22 September after the men's De Havilland Beaver float plane crashed next to a lake. Two locally chartered helicopters were used to evacuate the men to medical help. One man remains at Kamloops' Royal Inland Hospital in stable condition, while the other was transferred to New Westminster's Royal Col-umbian Hospital where he is listed in serious condition.

The injured men, appeared to have been attempting an approach on Broken Hook Lake as part

of a Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans sponsored fish-stocking effort when the accident occurred. After crashing in the dense brush, one of the men, used a Satellite phone to call for assistance. Victoria's Rescue Coordination Centre then dispatched two 442 Transport and Rescue Sqn Buffaloes, which circled the area several times before homing in on the aircraft's ELT. The two SAR Techs then parachuted from one of the Buffaloes, reaching the injured men within an hour of the initial distress call.

After landing in a small clearing with fellow rescuer MCpl Derek Rogers, Cpl Morgan Biderman said the

priority was to get the injured men away from an "extremely dangerous" crash site. "The plane's electronics were still working when we got there and the fuel pump was sending aviation fuel everywhere. There were also a couple of oxygen bottles lying around so there was a big risk of a fire or explosion."

The newly-qualified Biderman, who received his SAR jump wings in July, says the rescue was complicated by the fact that the pilot was still strapped into the seat of his twisted aircraft and had to be pried free for evacuation by the two chartered Yellowhead and Canadian helicopters.

One of the Buffalo pilots, Capt Frank Cannon, says the speed of the rescue was due largely to the aircraft's functioning ELT. "The crash scene was practically invisible from the air. We could have spent weeks looking for them if their ELT hadn't gone off and they hadn't had a satellite phone available."

Cannon and his crew were among approximately 80 Canadian Forces air and ground crew concluding an 11-day search for missing pilot Ernie Hesse when they received the call at Kamloops search headquarters in Hesse was flying his Piper PA-24 aircraft from 108 Mile House to Lethbridge, Alta. when he disappeared.

# The End of an Era

By Capt Marty Zimmer

This month marks a historic event for 442 Squadron, the end of all flight training on the Labrador helicopter.

The Squadron's Operational Training Flight (OTF) which trains Labrador pilots and flight engineers for Canada's Search and Rescue Squadrons, is nearing the completion of the last official Labrador pilot conversion course, Serial 001.

Prior to 1984, Pilots and Flight Engineers were trained at their home units. This resulted in lengthy delays in qualifying aircrew and, coupled with the lack of a formal training program, produced non-standard flying procedures among various squadrons. To solve this problem, an OTF was formed in that year to teach all aircrew to a single standard. Comox was chosen for the location of the school due to its mountainous terrain and mild temperatures allowing for year-round flight training. Two helicopters were subsequently attached to the OTF to provide 442 Squadron with the required number of training aircraft and a back-up capability in the event of a major disaster on the West Coast.

During its 16 years of operation, the OTF has taught 62 pilot and 35 flight

engineer courses, training a total of 297 aircrew for Canada's SAR Squadrons.

"The Labrador has been the workhorse of Canadian search and rescue since the early 1960's," said LCol. Grant Smith, Commanding Officer of 442 Sqn. "Thousands of people owe their lives to the aircraft and the skills of the crews who fly them. It's something we're very proud of."

The flight instructors at the OTF will be among the first in the air force to complete their conversion training on the new Cormorant helicopter. Following four months of flight training, beginning October in the UK and Italy, they will fly the first Cormorants home to Comox near the end of January 2001. 442 Sqn is planning to be fully operational with Cormorants holding "stand by" by August 2001.

Although the conclusion of the Labrador training is the end of an historic chapter in Canada's air force, it also marks the beginning of a new era in Canadian SAR. The Cormorant is expected to provide Canadians with an advanced and capable SAR aircraft well into the 21st century.



Pilot Course 0001

Back row (L-R): Capt Zimmer, Maj Mayhew, Sgt Davenport, MCpl Waugh, Capt Paul, MCpl Picard. Front row: Students Capt Lafond, 103 Sqn; Capt Toone, 442 Sqn; Capt Bouchard, TRSET; Capt Boulanger, 103 Sqn.

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# Cuts for Cancer

The Emergency Services personnel from 19 Wing are literally putting their heads on the chopping block (or at least their hair), in support of Cops for Cancer and the Canadian Cancer Society. This All Ranks function will be taking place on Friday, 29 September at the Junior Ranks Club from 1730-2000 hours. Raffle tickets are available at \$1.00 each for the opportunity of a lifetime — win the coveted chance to shave their heads!!!

Raffle tickets can be purchased in various locations on the Wing, including the Dental Clinic, Hospital Records and Hospital Orderly Room.



Vince Nelson, Jeff Manney, Debi Stahn, Doug Desrochers, Derek Amos and Lisa Sheppard are just six of the eager participants taking part in the upcoming Cuts for Cancer.

# Military Occupational Structure Analysis, Redesign and Tailoring - MOSART

The last decade has been one of transition in the Canadian Forces. The world has changed and with it so have the demands on our national defence capability. Within the CF we have examined the challenges we believe we will face in the new century and are transforming ourselves to meet those new requirements.

Defence Planning Guidance (DPG) 2000 provides the updated policy interpretation of the 1994 white paper into a single defence mission composed of eight major defence objectives

and eight change objectives, the latter derived from the future-oriented strategy for 2000.

The DPG states in-part that the defence team will generate, employ and sustain high quality combat-capable, inter-operable and rapidly deployable task-tailored forces. Change objective 6, states that defence is to position itself as a rewarding, flexible and progressive workplace that builds professional teams of innovative and highly skilled men and women dedicated to accomplishing the

mission. This statement is key in ensuring the availability of quality personnel within the CF.

We know that demographic changes and labour market factors make it increasingly difficult to attract and retain new personnel. Rapid technological advances, new business management practices and the demands of the future require different military doctrines, operational and organizational concepts, and policy frameworks.

Changes in the military occupational structure

(MOS), that is, the arrangement of jobs into occupational groupings to facilitate the control, training and management of personnel resources, may be required to keep pace with the changing demands of officers and NCM jobs.

The military occupational structure analysis, redesign and tailoring (MOSART) project is designed to investigate whether the current MOS supports the CF mission or not, and if necessary, how it might be changed to do so more effectively. Included in

the review and analysis will be evaluations of existing MOS policy and principles, occupational structure flaws and inefficiencies, potential changes to address such flaws and implication of changes to the MOS envisaged under a re-focusing on a broader career field concept.

The MOSART project will engage a large segment of service members in identifying areas for improvement.

The project will be conducted over several years with regular progress re-

ports available to personnel on the intranet site located at <http://hr.dwan.dnd.ca/mosart>.

The success of MOSART, and ultimately, the re-configuring of the MOS, will depend on the active participation and support of representatives from all managing authorities and branch advisors as well as individual service members, all of whom are encouraged to take part in influencing the CF of the future.

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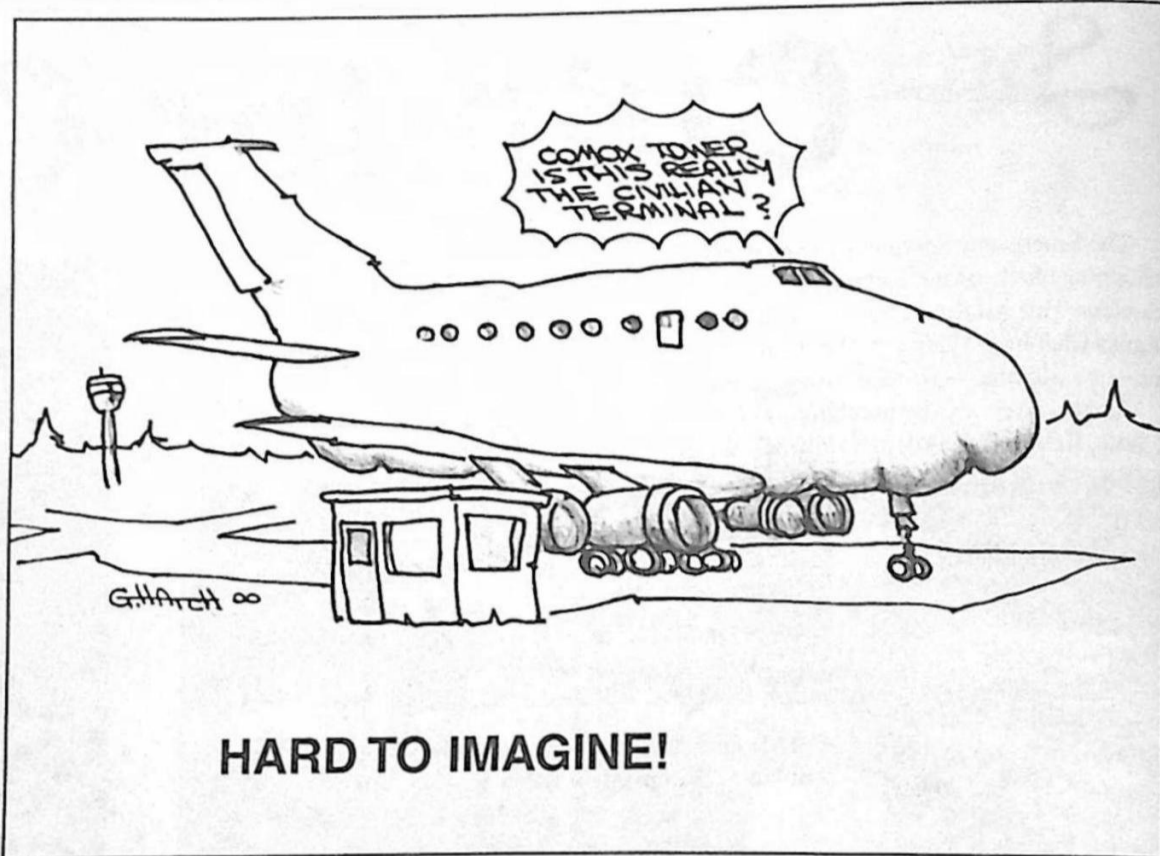
I trust that you had a wonderful summer travelling on holidays, on posting, or locally enjoying friends, family and the opportunities of the local area.

Many of the activities that you likely participated in were the result of the efforts of numerous volunteers: July 1<sup>st</sup> at Air Force Beach; Nautical Days; the Filberg Festival; Music Fest; Market Days; REXSPO, or adventure training outings. Being able to use our many base clubs and facilities such as Tee Pee Park, Glacier Greens Golf Course; kayaking; sailing, etc. would not be possible without the efforts of numerous volunteers. Their efforts are often overlooked and I want to use this opportunity to acknowledge the time these dedicated volunteers have given in support of these activities.

Now that the fall is here, there are many opportunities for others to volunteer their spare time and effort to worthy causes. Besides the recreation and hobby clubs, there is the United Way Appeal which is ready to kick off and there are plans being made for numerous Christmas activities. No Sno Fest will be held in February; the VPI Reunion is in May; the Annual Charity Golf Tournament in June and the Armed Forces Day/Air Show on 29 July 2001. Some of these activities take many months of preparation and all of them could use your help.

Please think about it!

LCol M.R. Spooner



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The campaign will commence on 2 October and will run concurrently with the Comox Valley Campaign until 3 November.

The United Way is an extremely worthwhile organization. More than 10,000 people in the Comox Valley benefit through the 27 local agencies of the United Way, and 19 Wing personnel are amongst those people who receive the many benefits.

The 19 Wing goal for this year is set at \$18,500 and, by working together, we can achieve it. By giving as little as \$1.50 each per month for the year we can meet this goal and help many people less fortunate than ourselves.

The OPIs for the 2000 campaign are MCpl Luc Labrecque (local 8384) and Capt Aziz Bhaiwala (local 8111). However, it is the energy and enthusiasm of the section/unit representatives or canvassers and your continued support which will really make the difference.

#### Help us to help others!

Some examples of the local charities that your donations will support are: BC Children's Hospitals; Arthritis Society; Canadian Diabetes Association; CNIB; Red Cross; Boys and Girls Club and Comox Valley Ground Search and Rescue.

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# WTIS Happenings

By Maj Bryski, WTISO

In no particular order, here is a summary of some events that WTIS personnel have experienced in the past month or so. I have chosen not to concentrate on the business end of things in order to increase the likelihood of you reading it!

### Adventure Trg.

So you've all seen the picture in the Echo and Record and may have heard yours truly on the air waves (yet again) about the WTIS Adventure Trg to the Comox Glacier 13-15 September. However, here is the behind-the-scenes story. Expedition Leader Cpl Rod Russell and his deputy Cpl Steve Wain did an outstanding job leading five rookie climbers on the trail to the Comox Glacier. The trip started with excellent preparation and dividing up of group stores back at 19 Wing - although somehow Cpl Russell's pack ended up weighing 10 kg more than everyone else's! The trip started in true Canadian road-trip fashion - with a stop at Tim Horton's. After a bumpy one and half-hour ride to the trailhead, we started the 2400-ft, six hour climb to our base camp at Frog Pond. Everyone lost at least 3 kg in sweat and thought we should have packed lighter. It is remarkable the things that people say after they have exerted considerable energy. We were all amused by quotes such as "We are now higher than the lower part of the mountain on the other



Cpl Mason filling his bottle with refreshing Glacier water. The label appropriately reads "Icefield water."

side!" or "Yah, I think we are higher than we were 10 minutes ago." After some good laughter and a healthy dose of exercise, we settled in for good night's sleep, serenaded by the infamous frog - yes there is a frog.

Day 2 saw the assault on the summit. More funny quotes were heard and Rod was still carrying the heaviest pack. We reached the summit four hours later. The weather was overcast during the ascent; however, it cleared nicely for our 3-hour rest. We could see the Comox Valley, Mount Washington, Port Alberni and the Pacific Ocean. What a view! It was the first time that our expedition leader had experienced the view in his three climbs. We had lunch, dedicated the Terry Fox Box and all inscribed our names into the new logbook. To cap off the experience, we were

given a fly-past of two T-Birds thanks to the Sir Cedric flyers - LCol Bosse and Capts Hanson, Ricard and Summers.

The descent was uneventful except that yours truly lost his wedding ring. NOT GOOD! Amazingly, while climbing the Glacier two days later, Capt Rick Smith, 407 Sqn, found it. THANK YOU RICK! Mother Nature gave us a sprinkling of BC sunshine the next day and, by late afternoon, we were all trying to keep our eyes open as we parted for home. In all, it was an outstanding experience that is highly recommended for those of you who have yet to do it. One gets a new perspective of the glacier once one has seen the view. Thanks to Rod and Steve for their leadership and efforts in expanding our horizons!



What you can't see is the 800ft drop immediately behind us! (Maj Bryski, Cpl Paradis, MCpl Pegg, Cpl Wain, Cpl Russell.)

### Personnel - Comings & Goings

All new WTIS personnel posted in this APS were welcomed at the annual corn roast, hosted this year at Sgt Karl Finlay's. The theme was the Olympics. The host set the tone by wearing the authentic Roots jersey that is worn by Canadian Olympic athletes who win a medal. Fittingly, Cpl Ed Paradis, claiming his legs had recovered from the glacier hike, wore a helmet with Mercury wings. I think he was hop-

ing that the winged-helmet would lighten the load! Everyone had a great time and the new WTIS'ers were extended a warm welcome. Thanks to Karl for hosting the party and Cpl Mike MacEdward for bringing the hot tub! MCpl Clint Mercer is back from Rotation 6 in Yugoslavia; just in time to say farewell to Cpl Randy Kopetsch who left in August on Roto 7. Rick Krinbill has just left for a new job in Ottawa primarily to join the love of his life, Judy. Good luck Rick. Last heard, the

Client Services crew is now raiding Rick's office!

### Achievements

In her very first running competition, Cpl Lynn Melanson finished first in the Military Women's category of the Comox Valley Half Marathon held in early September. Well done Lynn! She was trained by Michelle Robichaud, FSR Fitness staff, who heard Lynn say at the finish line that this was her first and last race. Lynn's time 1:44:43 qualified her for the CF Nationals 15 October in Toronto. Apparently, she is now reconsidering. Never say Never.

The WLog Ball Hockey team retained its title as the Commander's Cup Champs, defeating arch-rival 407 Demons in a thrilling overtime win. Most of the team was filled with WTIS personnel and was captained by our very own Sgt Mike McKinney. Well done guys! The PT periods show their merit yet again.

### New Arrivals

Over the past year, there have been five new arrivals that have made proud parents of the following WTIS personnel: Brian (CCIS Mgr) & Colleen Clancy a boy, Lewis; Cpl DJ (Commec) & Cpl Dan Gagnon a boy, Jacob; Cpl Joan Warley (Crypto Sp) & Cpl Scott Klien (Line Cell), a girl, Morgan; Cpl Chantal Serre (Commec) & MCpl Stuart Neill a boy, Eric and Capt Brent Thompson (TIS OpsO) & Pat, a girl, Payton. Congratulations to all.

## STRATHCONAS TAKE TEA WITH PRINCE CHARLES

By Lt. Laura Oberwarth, APAJffO, CTC Gagetown

DNEWS - LONDON — MCpl Rudolf Borkovic of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) had no idea that by the end of the afternoon, he'd be joking with Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne and even offering him some friendly advice for one of his sons.

Despite the constraints of royal protocol, Prince Charles's September 17 visit to the 18 soldiers of the CFB Edmonton-based Strathcona Mounted Troop turned out to be quite informal and intimate.

The Strathcona's were in London during September to mount the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, the official entrance to the royal palaces. They now have the distinction of being the first non-British cavalry regiment to ever form that world-famous ceremonial guard.

Mounted on big black horses borrowed from the British army, the Strathcona's were stationed at the front gate of Horse Guards, an 18<sup>th</sup> century building lo-

cated in central London down Whitehall from the Houses of Parliament. Their first parade occurred on September 8 in front of hundreds of spectators.

Over the years, Prince Charles has spent time with his regiment but for the mounted troop, meeting their colonel-in-chief in London while they performed world-famous public duties was a once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

"It was very rewarding," said MCpl Borkovic, originally from Hamilton, Ont. "I mean, everyone to a man was amazed that [Prince Charles] had talked to us for that long and was that personally a fellow. You didn't feel like you were an outsider. You felt like you were just talking to a man off the street, a distinguished man."

The visit began with the troops lined up next to their horses in the stables at Hyde Park Barracks, the home of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment. The Strathcona

Mounted Troop was based there for the month.

As the Canadians stood stiffly to attention, they saluted their colonel-in-chief as he approached each of them in turn. In return, Prince Charles shook each soldier's hand and greeted him.

Photos were taken outside and "from there on, we carried on to the mess," said MCpl Borkovic. "It was pretty funny actually. We were having tea with Prince Charles - something we aren't really accustomed to. Usually, it's the regiment formed up on the parade square and he'll talk to 10 guys for 10 seconds and carry on. But, here we actually had a chance to speak with the man."

MCpl Borkovic said he was amazed that Prince Charles could converse easily on any topic. "If you started a conversation off, he could just run with it and converse intelligently on that topic with no problem at all, and [he is] a very, very personable fellow."

At one point, Lieutenant-

Colonel Jim Ellis, the commanding officer of the Strathcona's put MCpl Borkovic on the spot about his habit of driving Harley Davidson motorcycles.

"It was pretty funny... (the CO) kind of remarked on that in a funny manner," said MCpl Borkovic. "Prince Charles took that up and started talking about motorcycles and how his son - I take it he meant [Prince] William - is taking on an interest in motorcycles. I told him that I used to ride those weed-whackers on steroids myself at one time and chose a Harley Davidson as I matured."

That particular conversation didn't end until MCpl Borkovic advised Prince William's father that his son should also get a Harley, cut out the mufflers, and go with straight pipes!

Regardless of whether Prince Charles takes MCpl Borkovic's advice, he made a lasting impression on the Canadian soldiers.

"It was the highlight of the trip," said MCpl

Borkovic. "You know the first big highlight was the first guard, of course, but then this is kind of a capper for the whole thing."

WO Chris Seefried, the troop warrant officer of the mounted troop, spoke to Prince Charles about two interests they have in common: horses and fly-fishing. "Everybody had their own photo taken with Prince Charles, and everyone shook his hand; he talked to everyone - joked with them. It's just unbeliev-

able - surreal. I didn't expect that," said WO Seefried.

Founded in 1900 by financier Lord Strathcona, the then Canadian High Commissioner to Britain to fight in the South African War, the Strathcona's are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their participation in that conflict. The mounted troop, first formed in 1923, was reformed in 1975 and performs its musical ride each summer in front of tens of thousands of spectators.



HRH Prince Charles chats with Cpl Scott Walker of The Lord Strathcona's Horse. (Photo: Sgt Ian Fieldhouse, MOD)

## Letter to the editor

The following letter of thanks was received by 19 Wing Comox 18 Sept and is re-printed with the permission of the author, Mr Ken Howard of Victoria. Mr Howard was medically evacuated from British Columbia's rugged West Coast Trail on 4 July by a Labrador crew from 19 Wing's 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron: LCol Grant Smith, Capt Stu Irvine, Sgt Lowell O'Keefe, Sgt Pierre Miron and MCpl Robert Dumonceau.

To Gordie, Jen and Mike on the trail.

To the SAR crew who lifted me to safety. And to the Qu'as Group of First Nations, Parks Canada and CFB Comox organizations who brought you all to my rescue. I wish to say thank you. Thank you for the professionalism that brought you so quickly and effectively to my rescue.

It remains amazing to me, and humiliating too, how quickly I descended from

strength on that beautiful morning a few weeks ago on the West Coast Trail to practical paralysis. The bug which brought on my illness, is distressingly not yet identified. Whatever it was, it took only a few short hours to steal all of my energy and my body's ability to accept the water you tried so hard to feed me.

From this "basket case," my mortal gratitude to each of you for what was truly a life-saving operation on your parts, most wonder-

fully effected. While I am but poor witness to the actions you took on my behalf, I wish to bear strong witness to another side of your efforts. The human kindness I felt from each of you brought a calmness and encouragement as sustaining as anything else you could have done. From the moment you arrived and took me in your hands, I knew I would be okay. Thank you and thank you again,

Ken Howard, Victoria

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# What in the world is NDT?

By Lt. Meagan McGrath

**Non-Destructive Testing (NDT):** Aims to discover fatigue or irregularities of aircraft structure and aircraft components before catastrophic failure of aircraft.

The mandate of the Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) section is tremendously important to the airworthiness of the aircraft at CFB Comox, and at bases across the nation. The members of the NDT section devote their working hours to searching for cracks in airframe structure and components that may put the lives of an entire aircrew at risk. Several methods of NDT are employed in the shop, depending on the part and the most practical inspection method that can be applied to the part. The following are various types of inspections conducted by the 19 AMS NDT section members:

**Liquid Penetrant Inspection (LPI)** is a type of inspection that requires the test component to be bathed in various solutions. The piece is then placed under an ultra violet light. The solution tends to collect in small (or large!) cracks that may exist on the part. The solution is sensitive to ultra violet light and fluoresces when exposed to the special type of light.

**Magnetic Particle Inspection (MPI)** is a method of inspection that utilizes the science of magnetism. Iron filings and a magnetic ring are used to indicate the presence of cracks in the material being inspected. The material is bathed in a solution containing iron filings; which in turn are magnetically attracted to the part. When the test piece is placed in the magnetic ring, any cracks in the piece will cause a disturbance in the magnetic field of the part. The iron filings are drawn to these disturbances, indicating the presence of an irregularity within the part.

**Ultrasonic Inspection** utilizes sound waves to detect irregularities in a test piece. A probe that emits sound waves is moved over the surface of the test piece. The sound wave penetrates the part and is returned to its surface (kind of like a boomerang). The presence of cracks is indicated on the screen of an electronic device that acknowledges disturbances in the return sound wave.

**X-ray Inspection** is fairly self-explanatory. Parts being tested are x-rayed to determine the existence of cracks. Cracks often appear as fine, hair-



MCpl Edmundson and Cpl Brown preparing the X-ray machine for testing of an aircraft part.



Cpl Wilson testing a wheel rim using the eddy-current testing method.

like black lines on the x-ray photo.

**Eddy Current** is another method of determining the presence of cracks. A probe that generates a magnetic field is moved over the surface of the test component, creating an electrical current within the part. Any electrical current disturbances that might be caused by cracks in the part are indicated on the screen of an electronic device.

Currently, the NDT shop is undergoing a period of transition. Many of its members are still working toward their qualifications in the NDT trade. In fact, Cpl Bruce Wilson and Cpl Paul Burton were recently in ATESS Trenton participating in courses to hone their ultrasonics and eddy current skills, respectively.

The technicians in the shop must be adept at all five of the different types of NDT, so that they may be able to detect irregularities in the material used in aircraft structures and aircraft components.

A significant role and an important contributor, the NDT shop must be commended for their hard work in supporting the airworthiness of the aircraft at CFB Comox.

were being modified. The return to normal flying schedules by 414 will give those members of NDT who are working toward their qualifications the opportunity to have extensive hands-on training.

NDT shop members must be able to inspect large structures and components, such as wheel-rims, and small items such as bolts. A recent example of the work that NDT carries out was the monitoring of disbond corrosion on the Auroras' GPS antenna mounts. Although the inspection did not reveal any major problems, it is these types of inspections that keep aircraft and their crew up in the air.

Certainly, the NDT shop is vitally important to the safety of the aircrew who fly in their inspected aircraft. Not only does the shop provide a sense of security among the aircrew in the aircraft, but they also contribute to the peace of mind of the families of the aircrew members.

These days, the section is looking forward to the return of regularly scheduled flight hours by 414 Sqn. The squadron has been down for a bit while the ejection seats in the T-Birds



## Fire Prevention Week October 8-14



"Fire Drills: The Great Escape!" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2000, the final year of a three-year public safety campaign to increase the number of people who develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

Each year, too many people fall victim to the perils of home fires because they are uninformed or ill-prepared. "The Great Escape" has been a powerful means of teaching and practicing home fire escape planning.

### The History of Fire Prevention Week

The history of Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 9, 1871. This tragic conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2000 acres in 27 hours. The origin of the fire has generated speculation since its occurrence, with fact and fiction

becoming blurred over the years. One popular legend is that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary's barn on fire and starting the spectacular blaze.

On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA), the oldest membership section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day, deciding to observe the anniversary as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. This was expanded to Fire Prevention Week in 1922. The non-profit NFPA, which has officially sponsored Fire Prevention Week since its inception, selects the annual theme for Fire Prevention Week. In Canada, the first national Fire Prevention Day proclamation was issued by the

Governor-General in 1919. The earliest known provincial proclamation of Fire Prevention Day was by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council of Ontario in 1916. Fire Prevention Week was first proclaimed by the Governor-General in 1923. Presidential proclamations in the United States have closely followed those in Canada.

It may seem odd that the date of Fire Prevention Week in Canada should be determined by the anniversary of a fire in the United States. But from the beginning, it was apparent that a united effort between Canada and the U.S.A. would give the work greater impetus. To this end fire prevention organizations in both countries have always supported a common date at federal, state, provincial, and municipal levels. An early sign of this spirit of cooperation was in May of 1919, when the NFPA held its 23rd annual meeting in Ottawa at the invitation of

the Dominion Fire Prevention Association (DFPA), the federal Department of Insurance, and the federal Commission of Conservation. On this occasion the NFPA and DFPA both passed resolutions urging governments in the United States and Canada to support the campaign for a common Fire Prevention Day. These resolutions contributed to the decision to issue the first Canadian proclamation in the fall of 1919.

The Saturday ending Fire Prevention week is Fire Service Recognition Day. It expresses appreciation for the many public services rendered by members of the Canadian fire service. Fire Service Recognition Day was first incorporated into the Governor-General's proclamation of Fire Prevention Week in 1977.

With tremendous help from fire safety advocates throughout North America, Fire Prevention Week continues to be a success each year.

## Semaine de la prévention des incendies – du 8 au 14 octobre

La Semaine de la prévention des incendies est célébrée chaque année au Canada durant le mois d'octobre. La Semaine de la prévention des incendies est l'occasion idéale pour les services des incendies de faire connaître au grand public : a) les programmes de sécurité incendie et de prévention des incendies; b) la façon de réagir correctement en cas d'incendie.

Le chef du service des incendies, Capt. K.B. Brooks, a déclaré que, le thème de cette année - Exercices d'évacuation : sorties sécuritaires permet aux services des incendies de mettre l'accent sur l'importance d'effectuer régulièrement des exercices d'incendie - A la maison et au travail.

En outre, le service des incendies recommande à toutes les familles de passer régulièrement en revue les mesures de sécurité suivantes :

Les feux liés à la cuisson des aliments sont la première cause d'incendie à la maison. Utilisez donc

l'appareil de cuisson approprié et gardez toujours un couvercle de casserole A portée de la main. Si un feu se déclare dans un chaudron d'huile ou de graisse mettez le couvercle dessus pour couper l'entre d'air, n'utilisez jamais d'eau pour essayer d'éteindre un feu alimenté par de la graisse. Les feux causés par de la graisse on de l'huile de cuisson sont ceux qui se propagent le plus rapidement et qui font le plus de dégâts.

Veillez à ce que les briquets, les allumettes, les chandelles et les matières combustibles soient gardés hors de la portée des enfants.

Assurez-vous d'avoir un nombre suffisant de détecteurs de fumée, que ces derniers sont en état de marche et qu'ils ont été installés au bon endroit.

Vérifiez si les extincteurs d'incendie fonctionnent bien et que vous savez comment vous en servir.

LE FAIT DE SUIVRE CES CONSEILS VOUS PERMETTRA DE SAUVER DES VIES.

## Verdict reached in Court Martial

By Mich Gillett

DNEWS - The final chapter of a book on responsibility for the death of young combat engineer was written September 19 with the Court Martial of Warrant Officer Stephen Gordon.

The 48-year-old career soldier pleaded guilty September 19 to negligently performing a military duty imposed on him under Section 124 of the National Defence Act at a Court Martial held at CFB Petawawa. He was reduced in rank to Sergeant and ordered to pay a \$3000 fine.

On September 25, 1998 at 1:45 pm Sapper Gilles Desmarais, 23, was a member of a work party nailing corrugated metal sheeting to the trusses of the shed being built at Camp Maple Leaf, Zgon, Bosnia. Seconds later, members of the work party watched in horror as he tumbled off the roof and hit the ground in a heap.

Despite immediate medical attention, the young combat engineer, a native of the Sudbury area, was declared dead 70 minutes later. The cause of death was electrocution. It is not known if Sapper Desmarais came in contact with the wires or if the electricity arched to him.

"I just wish I had climbed up on the roof and seen it (the wires) myself. When I saw that soldier on the ground it was all I could do to help myself from falling on my knees. I should have checked. It was not sufficient enough for me to pass on the options," WO Gordon said, apologizing to the Desmarais family.

"But that is what I did. In hindsight I should have checked that all the right decisions had been made, but I had moved on to other duties and the project continued without moving the wire."

An agreed upon Statement of Circumstances showed that the construction of the storage shed stemmed from a desire to clean up the compound. Contingent, Battle Group, Camp and 24 Field Squadron authorities considered Camp Maple Leaf untidy, disorganized and inefficient.

A key element in the clean-up of the engineer compound was the construction of a woodshed to provide protection for lumber and engineer stores against weather damage. WO Gordon, a combat engineer, was senior non-commissioned officer of 24 Field Squadron. As Camp

Sergeant-Major, he was tasked to make sure the space they had available was used effectively without interfering with the camp's defensive plan or other unit boundaries.

WO Gordon was the link between the soldiers and officer commanding 24 Field Squadron, a sub-unit of CFB Petawawa's 2 Combat Engineer Regiment. He was responsible for all matters concerning the welfare and safety of his troop.

A Statement of Circumstances read in court by Military Prosecutor Major Andrew van Veen, who wanted WO Gordon reduced in rank to Corporal, shows construction on the shed began September 10, 1998, after the officer commanding approved a construction plan. From that day on, WO Gordon visited the site daily and even suggested the poles supporting the three wires be moved.

The local hydro company was willing to move the poles, but not right away because their workers were putting in power at several different villages. There was talk about shutting off the power, but that was not an option because the line serviced too large an area.

The hydro company offered to move the lines for

20,000 Deutsche Marks. The estimate was considered to high and not accepted. On Sept 24, a civilian electrician at the camp advised 24 Field Squadron's electrical generating technician there were 10,000 or more volts in the lines.

Reading from the statement, Major van Veen said, "On the evening of 24 September 1998, (the technician) approached and informed WO Gordon there were 10,000 volts going through the lines and the wires were live."

"WO Gordon replied that he had already passed the concerns on to Capt. Ives. WO Gordon did not subsequently advise any one as to the voltage present in the wires or effect any other follow-up."

The tragic incident has also claimed the military careers of two other 24 Field Squadron senior supervisors, Major Nak-Yun Paik, squadron commander and Captain Ian Ives, squadron second in command. Both were given severe reprimands. Capt. Ives voluntarily left the military and Major Paik was reduced in rank to Lieutenant.

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Celebrated in Canada every October, Fire Prevention Week is a wonderful opportunity for Fire Departments to promote:

(a) fire safety and prevention programs

(b) how to react correctly in the event of a fire.

Fire Chief, Capt K.B. Brooks, states "This year's theme - FIRE DRILLS. THE GREAT ESCAPE is a great way for our Fire Department to reinforce the importance of carrying out regular fire drills - at home and in the workplace." In addition, the Fire Department recommends that all households regularly review their fire safety practices: cooking related fires are the No. 1 cause of fires in the home.

Use appropriate cooking appliances and always keep a pot cover handy. In the event of a grease fire put a lid on it - never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Cooking oil or grease fires are the fastest spreading and most destructive.

Make sure that lighters, matches, candles and combustible materials are kept safely away from children; Check that you have the right number of smoke alarms; that they are all in good working condition and in the correct location; Check that fire extinguishers are operational and you know how to use them.

TAKING THESE STEPS WILL SAVE LIVES.



## Fire Prevention Week

## Personnel Support Section

By Gail Eggiman

While I am writing this article there are some adventurous (or crazy) RMS clerks crawling out of their tents atop Mount Washington somewhere. For the past week they have taken part in hikes to various lakes and valleys in the area. They were broken up into two one-day hikes and a two-day overnighter. By the size of the pack that Rob O'Connor was carrying, I would say he was taking

precautions that they might not find their way back for several days. He must have learned that while he was at CFSSAR. Cpl Denis Campeau is away on leave. He probably didn't want to challenge the mountain again. Hey, Denis, this time it was on dirt not snow! Next issue I hope to have the entire scoop from the mountain.

There is some minor construction going on in the

office. The Cashier cage and the Release office are having a complete makeover.

Poor Cpl Fran Gaudet has been trying to cope with her cashier job at a desk surrounded in claims, cheques and other paperwork. You might not recognize the new office, or Fran. She has been a faithful fitness nut lately, exercising and spending a lot of time at the water fountain and looks

great! Some of us wish we had that commitment. Cpl Margie Fisher is back. She said she didn't think there were any more places for her to go for awhile. I haven't seen her driving the "big truck" lately. Since her spouse got to drive it while she was away, he probably won't give it back. Welcome back, Margie.

We welcome MCpl Alma Ballington to the PSS. Her job is Taskings and she seems to be settling in quite nicely. I did hear her griping about the coffee, though. She said, "I only drink maybe one cup a day and when I go to get it, there is none!" Maybe she should "task" someone to keep the coffee pot full. (I know... that was a weak one.)

I don't understand that MWO Gauthier of ours! She tells us she missed her family while they were away on a month's holidays and after they return... she takes off to Ottawa! She complains about our weather here, but every time she goes back east, it's really nice here. Louise, is there any course we can send you on for our entire winter?

## Central Registry

"If you write it, we'll mail it; if you're searching, we'll try to find it"

By Gail Eggiman

Holidays are over! Back to the grind. My hubby and I took a drive down the Oregon coast. Their beaches are absolutely beautiful and the pace was nice and slow. Not so the #5 highway that just about ended our marriage the week before our 28th anniversary. Combined with his "hearing problem" and my supposedly "lack of navigation skills," one of us almost never made it home. He bought his absolutely necessary camouflage bird hunting jacket and Tank, our male chauvinist Lab, is now sporting a matching coat. Picture 250 lbs. of man and 100 lbs. of dog covered in tree material. The two of them together look like a whole forest!

Diane was away on holidays. She had a sister visiting from Alaska that she hasn't seen for quite a while. Everyone "patiently" waited for their duplicating for a week.

Vicky has her Mexico trip for next year booked already! Her husband had to be talked into the trip last year; but this year he brought home the vacation book. Now she tells me she

is attending a pre-retirement seminar. Should I be worried?

We've seen the last trail of air and sea cadet mail now that they have left the Comox Valley to go back to their homes and school. Despite a few complaints we heard about the noise of the airplanes or band practices, the young people that we met proved themselves courteous, friendly, and responsible.

The CE electricians changed our light bulbs in the office. I think they thought we needed to see the light but we really like staying in the dark. Occasionally people chat outside the mailboxes as if we aren't there and sometimes we pick up some interesting information!

I'm running out of helpful hints, but I could repeat #5 again because nobody is listening to me!

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# FINN BITS Retirement and SCAN

Death and taxes are certainties. So, though, is retirement. Early or late. But eventually. Retirement this month descended upon highly regarded CE electrician Isaac Lucas. A Newfie by birth and soul, Isaac spent seven years at CFB Comox. Isaac was celebrated at a well-attended luncheon at Glacier Greens Social Centre. Much fell in his way of parting gifts. WCEO, Maj Carrie Fortier, spoke, as did Simon Carly, an electrician whose apprenticeship to a large extent fell under the tutelage of Isaac. Simon

"welcomed the opportunity for a belated than you." All at CE wish Isaac well in his retirement. Other CE employees also eyeing retirement - if not necessarily in the immediate future - earlier in the month attended a likewise well attended two-day SCAN seminar at B22. Subjects included superannuation; taxation; Canada Pension Plan; Old Age Security; Financial Planning; Wills and Estate Planning; and Health and Nutrition by Capt Laplante of Wg Hosp. Even representatives of the 3000-member Evergreen

Seniors Club at the Florence Filberg Centre in Courtenay came to list and explain the sundry programs the club is offering. One CE attendee was Norm Rowland, of the Refrigeration & Mechanical Team, in whose judgement the SCAN seminar "was just great! I learned a lot. It's so important not to wait until retirement is actually upon you. To plan right, you must know well ahead of time not only what to expect but how to utilize your resources. How to invest your money, the traps to avoid."

The experience planted a thought in Norm Rowland's mind. "I could have used some of this 20 years ago. The SCAN seminar is for folks over 45. Why not have a half-day seminar for younger employees along a bit of the same lines? Show them the value of saving some money every year, the growth potential of capital? Of having insurance. You can die at 25 as well as at 75. But at 25 you may have a young family. I think such a seminar would be of great benefit."



Some SCAN CE attendees: (Back) Wally Berger and Andy Clark, Procurement. (Front) Bob Spencer and Dave Souter, Plumbing and Heating; Keith Clarke, Mechanical Shop.



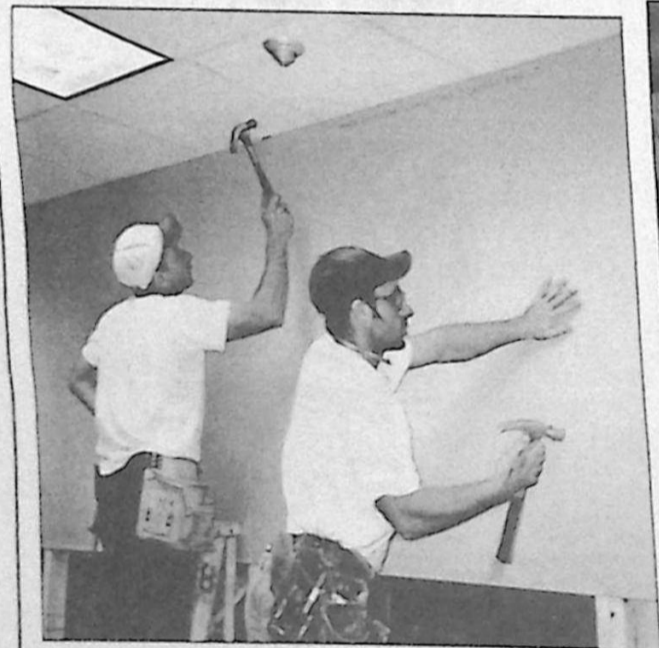
WCEO, Maj Carrie Fortier, hugs Isaac - and vice versa.

## Space and Privacy

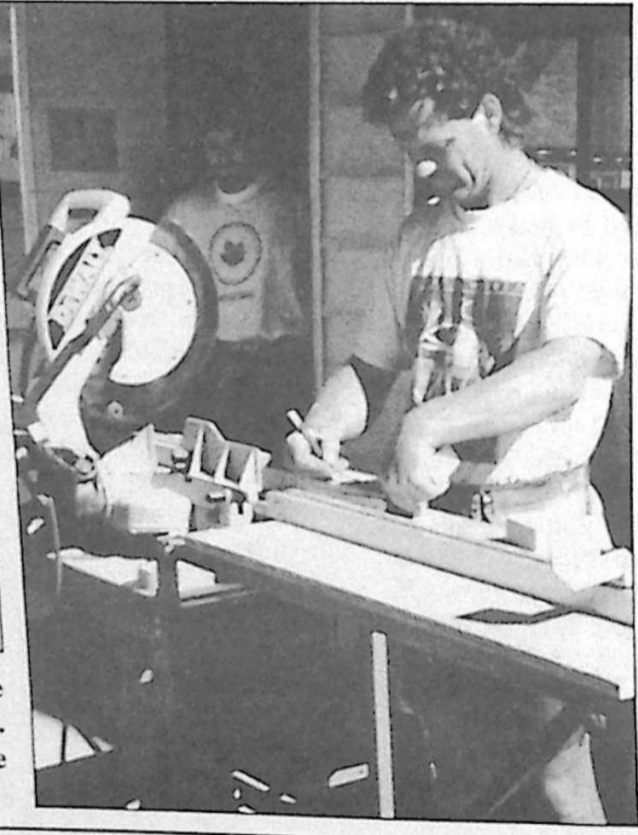
Long-sought modifications to one of CE's open-office areas, now underway, will result in better room and less noise interference for Gary MacGregor, 19 Wing Property Records Officer, and Capt Richard Chartrand, incoming Facilities Development Officer.

Property records for the Wing necessarily occupy much space, yet their proper storage is a matter of great importance. The remodelled area permits better room for shelving and filing cabinets.

For the occupants, the enclosed offices ensure a greater degree of privacy.



Hammers hit home as Structural Team's Lance Callera and Steve Darvault put up office walls. Carpenter Charles Turner meanwhile enjoys the sun.



## Short notice, quick response



CE plumber Dan Dupuis confers with driver of large backhoe.

Short notice took CE by surprise when the City of Comox decided it was time to pave Military Row.

A contractor was already in the process of changing the services in "the loop," the area around the PMQs, to city water, but some of the stretch by Canex remained 19 Wing responsibility. New water pipes would have to go in the ground before paving occurred.

Initiative and quick response by Airfield & Works and the Plumbing & Heating Team rescued the situation, leading WCEO, Maj Carrie Fortier, at a town hall meeting to award staffers of both shops a "Well done!"

Airfield & Works Team mustered nearly a full crew, while plumbers Dan Dupuis and Tony Morino took matters in hand for their shop. Plumber Bob Spencer acknowledged the assistance offered by the city's contractor. "They were very co-operative," he says.

Military Row still remains to be paved.

## Up to speed on EAP

No fault of theirs if many Base suprs, mils and civs, remain a bit vague on their exact roles vis-à-vis EAP. It has been a while since an update was last provided - years, in fact. Some may even be unaware that EAP stands for Employee Assistance Program, a joint management/union undertaking.

To remedy the situation, W Adm O, LCol G.F. Reaume, has sent out a memo to Branch Heads and COs, requesting assistance in encouraging suprs under their jurisdiction to attend a 12 Oct, 13:00 hrs, EAP power point presentation at the ARF theatre. The presentation will last approximately 20 minutes followed by a question/answer period.

Stéphany Gray, one of four Referral Agents at 19 Wing, will conduct the presentation. Any of the four will be ready to field questions afterwards.

But a far greater incentive should be the value of retaining valuable employees - ensuring continuity, a high skills level, and a positive attitude towards work. Most suprs/managers know that a drop in an otherwise competent employee's job performance may signal disruptive personal circumstances. Yet, suprs must be extremely wary of becoming involved in an employee's personal problems.

Which is where the EAP comes in.

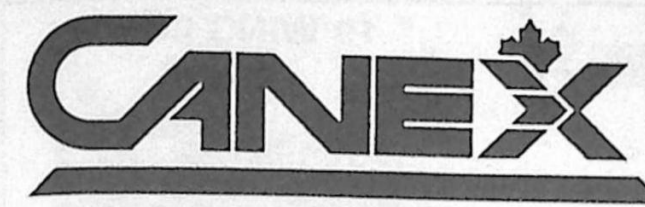
Which explains the importance of suprs becoming knowledgeable about their own roles as they touch upon those of EAP Referral Agents.

"The best thing a caring manager can do to show support to a troubled employee is to make the individual aware of the neutral, objective services of the EAP." ("Roadmap" DND - Navigating Through Life.)

Which, in a sense, explains all. Details will be provided 13:00 hrs, 12 October at the ARF theatre.



Airfield & Works crew with pipes ready to go in newly-dug trench.



# News

Our Birthday Bash celebration has come to an end. We hope you had fun participating in our events, activities and contests. Many thanks go out to Col Neumann for getting the celebration off to a good start with a Cake Cutting ceremony. Col Neumann also participated in the Dunk Tank event, and gave the countdown for our Pie Eating Contestants. Maureen Neumann was extremely pleased to be the first one to hit the target making her husband plunge

into the cold water. She must have practised. It turns out that she dunked him five out of six times!!

We would also like to extend our thanks to the following organizations for taking time out from their busy schedules to help make this celebration a huge success: Food Services who arranged for the cakes and pies; Transport for moving the Dunk Tank; Wallace Gardens for supplying the Dunk Tank; the Fire Department for filling the Dunk Tank and having

a vehicle display in our parking lot; the MPs for their vehicle display, also in our parking lot; all the participants in our events and activities; CANEX staff members who volunteered their help in running the events; everyone who entered our contests; and our valued customers.

Trish and John came out and washed several cars as well, which was a lot of fun, just watching them acting like they needed a supervisor.

October is fast approaching making Sue and Carol very anxious to get started with their much-anticipated holidays. Sue will be off to Las Vegas and Carol is going to Ontario to spend some time with her Mom. Manon is back to work af-

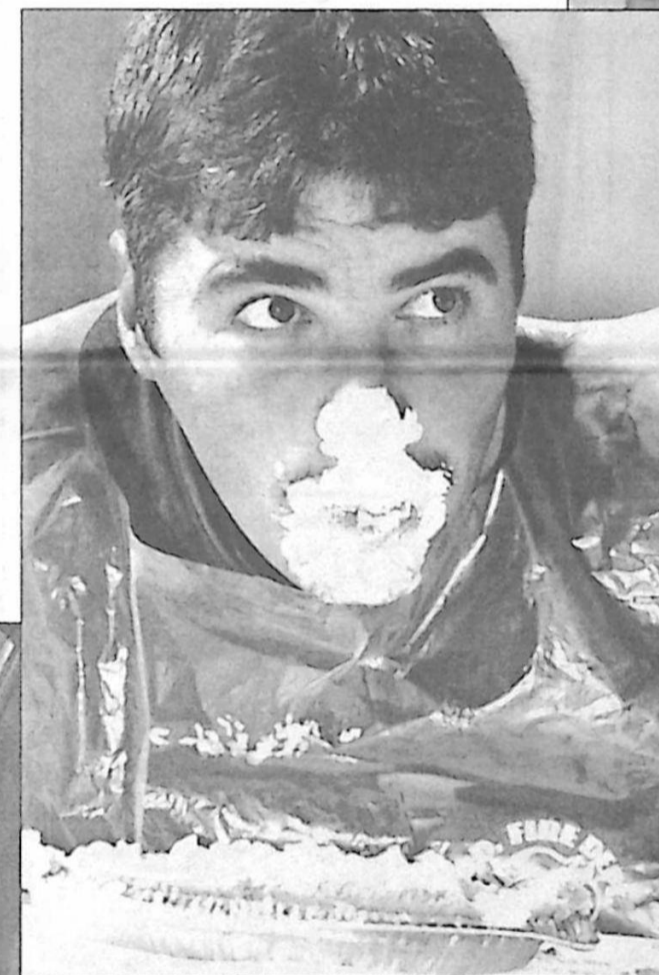
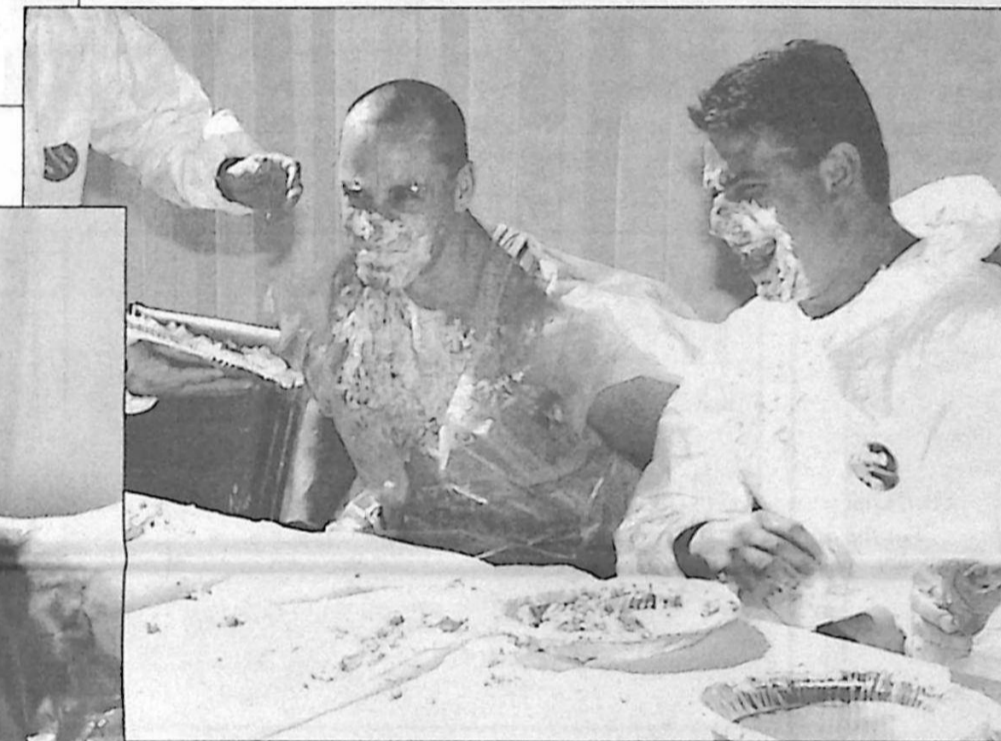
ter taking a few weeks off to spend time with her parents who are here from Ontario. We hope they are enjoying their stay, despite all the construction (destruction) that is currently underway.

We are celebrating two birthdays this issue as well - Gord on 30 September and Terry on 15 October. Happy Birthday to them both. We will be very diplomatic and not even mention how old (or ancient) you are! In celebration, watch for our Manager's Birthday Sale.

Watch out for the next issue of the Totem Times, which will have the answers to our contests and a list of the many winners.

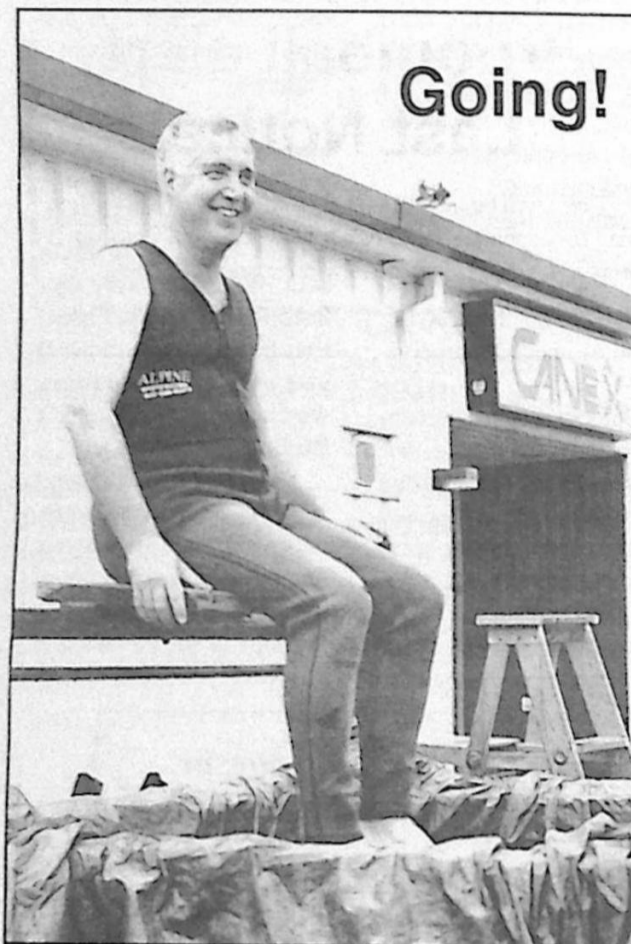
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## You gotta want it - to win it!

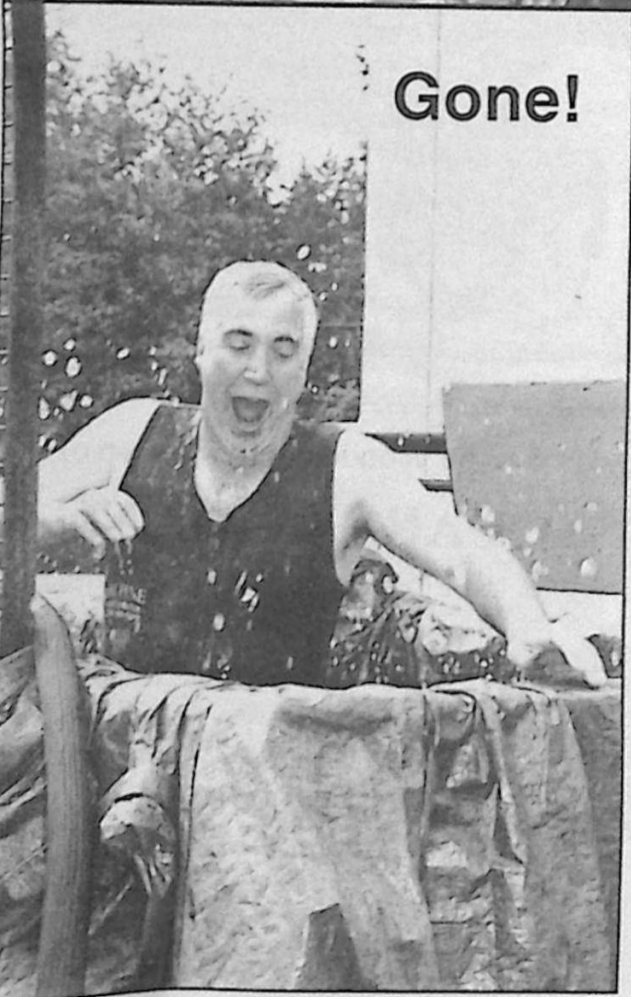
Wing Comd takes plunge at Canex Birthday Bash



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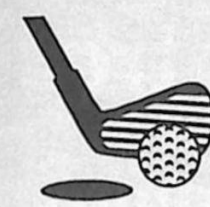
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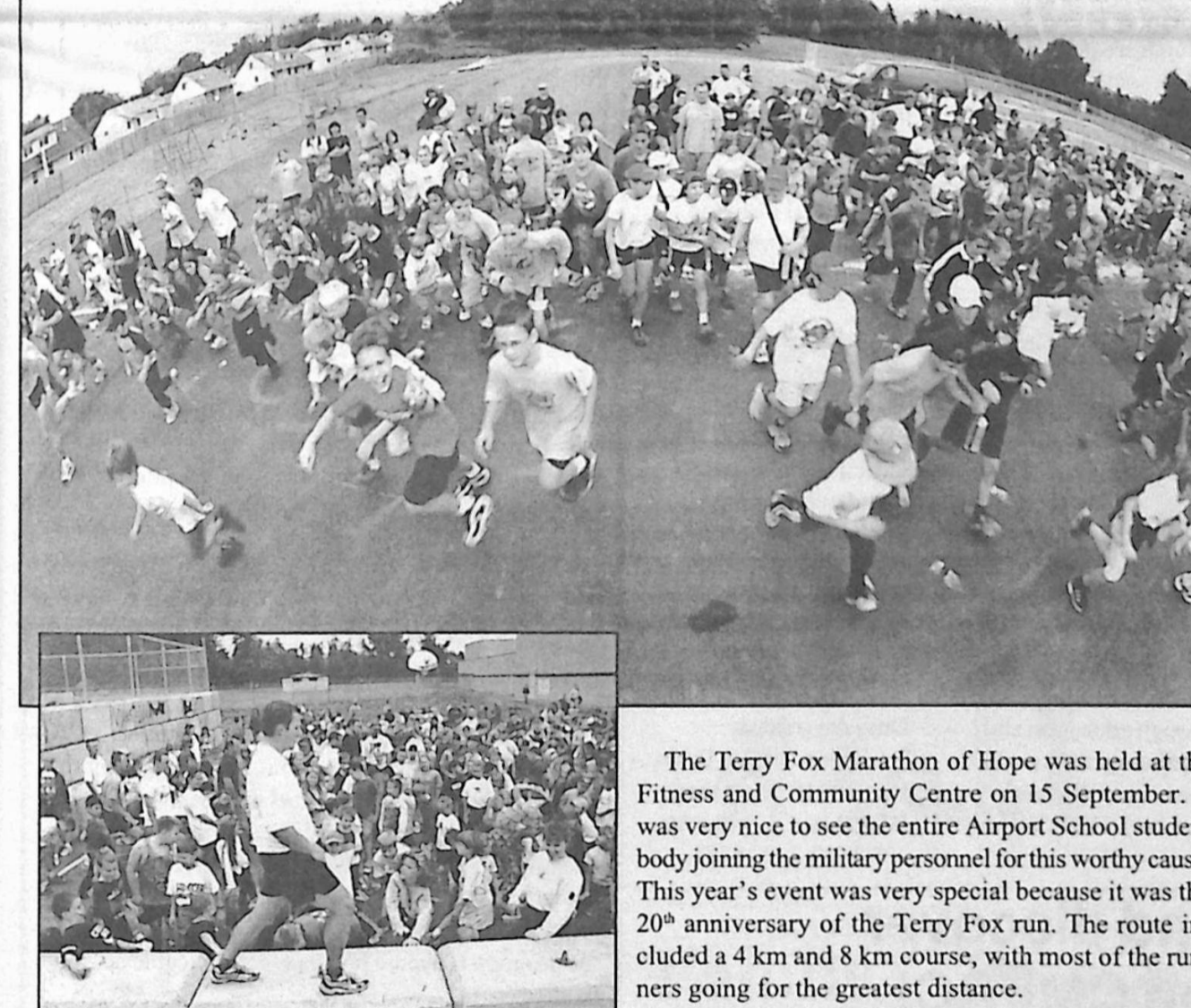
By Joyce Merrill

The third Annual Shootout got under way on September 19. Twenty-two teams played under blue skies and sunshine. The format was a scramble. When all the scores were tallied the team of the day was Irene Marshall and Anne Blake with a net 50! The 50/50 draw was won by Joyce Merrill.

Many thanks to Great Pacific Management for their donation of lovely prizes.

Terry Fox run

Photos by Wing Imaging



The Terry Fox Marathon of Hope was held at the Fitness and Community Centre on 15 September. It was very nice to see the entire Airport School student body joining the military personnel for this worthy cause. This year's event was very special because it was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Terry Fox run. The route included a 4 km and 8 km course, with most of the runners going for the greatest distance.

BUTT OUT

Smoking Cessation Program

Are interested in a healthier lifestyle? Would you like to stop smoking? If so, come to the 19 Wing Butt Out information session at Bldg 22, Rm 233 (Upper east wing) on Monday 2 October from 1300-1600 hours Open to 19 Wing military, DND & NPF employees, and/or their spouses/significant others

For more info: Sgt Brian Buttner @ 339-8211, local 8789.

Note: to participate in the Butt Out Program, you must attend the info session.

Rec Centre News

By Jake Plante

Broomball alert Last Notice!

There will be no whining after the fact! If you wish to play Broomball, e-mail Jake Plante prior to 6 October. If there is enough interest, ice will be made available.



Commander's Cup winners

WLog won the Floor Hockey tournament in fine fashion, going through the round robin undefeated and winning the final game against 407 Sqn with 30 seconds left in overtime.

The tournament saw only four teams compete: Admin, 407 Sqn, 414 Sqn and W Log. 442 Sqn and 19 AMS did not enter a team.

The Commander's Cup standings, after three completed events, are as follows: W Log - 16 pts, 407 Sqn - 15 pts, Admin - 11 pts, 19 AMS - 8 pts, 442 Sqn - 7 pts and 414 Sqn - 5 pts.

Inter-section Hockey starts soon

The first week of play starts 2 October with 442 Sqn against the 407 Sqn Demons at 1715 and WTIS taking on Log at 1845. Watch for updates - and maybe the odd funny photo or two.

Volleyball Season starts

The 2000/01 Ladies' and Men's Volleyball season is under way. If you are interested in playing, the teams practise Mon and Wed from 1600-1800 hrs at the Fitness Centre. All skill levels are invited to participate. Coaching for all levels is available.

Special Pro-D Day Public Skate

at Glacier Greens Arena Friday, 29 September 1300-1500 hrs (1:00-3:00 p.m.) Military dependants/DND employees: Children \$1.00, Adults \$2.00 Military members and Rec Pass holders: FREE Non-affiliate guests of Regular Members: Children \$1.50, Adults \$3.00

Pro-D Day Open Swim

Friday, 29 September 1300-1500 hours Open to all authorized members and registered Rec Pass holders.

Fitness Centre Hours of Operation

Effective 23 September Mon-Fri: 0730-2100 hrs Sat: 0830-1700 hrs Sun: 0900-2100 hrs Holiday weekends: 1300-1700

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# Comox Military Family Resource Centre

Centre de Ressources pour Les Familles Militaires de Comox

Phone: 339-8290

## Drug awareness seminars for parents

Parents play an important role in prevention. We cannot do a lot to stop the flow of drugs into our community and we cannot isolate our children from exposure to drugs. But we can do a lot to influence our children in ways that help them make healthy choices. Here are seven simple messages that can help parents.

**You are important in prevention**  
Research continually shows that parents are very important in prevention. When it comes to substance misuse, the quality of family life and relationships, which you can help determine, are among the most powerful protective factors.

**The perfect parent is a myth**  
The perfect parent is a myth because every family and every child is different; there is no perfect parenting model or method. But with intuition and effort, we can all find better ways to parent.

**You are your child's #1 teacher**  
Don't leave it up to

schools or to the community to teach your child to avoid drugs. Also don't be afraid to start talking with your children about medications, alcohol and other substances early.

**Your children need you**  
Children need to feel your love and reassurance and know that they have an important place in the family, and that home is a safe place to be. They will feel better about themselves knowing this. And when they have a concern about something like drugs, they will be more likely to talk to you about it.

**Don't be afraid to set limits**  
Children from homes with reasonable but firm rules and expectations are actually happier than those with no rules or structure. Be frank and honest in setting rules about alcohol and other drugs, and be firm in knowing where your children are, and when they are expected home.

**You are an important role model**  
You are your child's most enduring example. This is true in the case

of substance use and misuse. By acting responsibly in your own behaviour related to medications, alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, you are teaching your child an important lesson without words.

**There are no guarantees**  
Even if you do all you can a child may still move beyond some simple experimentation and misuse substances. Often in such cases the first response is one of guilt and self-blame. Remember: Your children are individuals and ultimately will make their own decisions. Parents can influence their children, but cannot control them. The first step in helping a child is to help him/her accept responsibility for his/her own actions. So have some patience with yourself and do not become paralysed with guilt.

The Comox Valley Drug Awareness Committee (CVDAC) is an active local group whose goal is to promote substance abuse prevention through education and community awareness. The committee has members from 19 Wing

Comox, the Comox Military Family Resource Centre, Comox Valley Echo, John Howard Society, RCMP and TREADS.

This fall the CVDAC's Parenting for Prevention seminars will be held at two local elementary schools. These seminars consist of a panel of Comox Valley professionals and parents looking at: How can parents prevent children from (ab) using drugs? What helps? What gets in the way? Discussion on the same topic is then opened up to small groups of parents. The evening closes with a reflection on what participants have gained from the evening and what they want to do next.

While the parents are spending time with the panel and in small groups the children will participate in some interactive learning games around substance abuse, view and educational video and have some fun.

For more information on Drug Awareness Activities call Sgt. Brian Buttner, 19 Wing Drug Education Co-ordinator, 339-8211 local 8789.

## Looking for Work?

### Employment Agencies Seminar

Human Resource Development Canada provides the Comox Valley with a rich resource of employment, career, and educational programs for unemployed and EI eligible individuals. Come out and benefit from presentations by a dynamic group of consultants and client advisors from the following three main agencies:

- Creative Employment Access Centre/The Job Shop
- Opportunities Career Services
- North Island Employment Foundations Society (NIEFS - for EI eligible clients)

**Date:** Fri. Sept. 29  
**Time:** 8:30 - 11:30am  
*Free daycare will be provided for military families. A refundable deposit of \$10 is required at registration.*

### "First Things First" Job Seekers Program

"First Things First" is designed for spouses who are seeking employment, or just thinking about getting started. The focus is to provide an opportunity for participants to meet weekly to exchange and learn from others' job search experiences and to develop skills based on a broad range of workshop topics such as:

- Building self-awareness and exploring self-interests
- Labour market information
- Skill assessment and exploring career options
- Creating dynamic and self-promoting resumes, cover letters, career portfolios
- Developing self-promotion skills and effective interview strategies
- Creating a comprehensive action plan

These workshops are interactive, group-oriented, and provide support and assistance to participants. This is a ten-week program and participants are expected to attend each session. The Employment Program Coordinator will meet with each participant prior to the starting date to discuss program goals and objectives in more detail. Free daycare is provided, however, a deposit of \$10 per child is required. This deposit will be refunded at the end of the program (daycare policies are applicable at registration).

**Date:** Every Wed morning from, October 4 to December 6  
**Time:** 8:30am - 12:00pm

The CMFRC Spousal Employment Coordinator, Michelle O'Neill, is available for one on one consultation and assistance with: Job and career exploration, self-employment options, educational opportunities, networking strategies, and the development of self-promoting tools for a proactive job search. This service is offered in both English and French and is free and confidential. For more info call 339-8211 local 7004.

### Creating calm

This workshop will explore the causes of stress in your life and provide you with the opportunity to effectively manage your stress and make it work for you.

**Facilitator:** Mara Pungente  
**Dates:** Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm  
**Fee:** \$10 per person for military families; \$15 per person for non-military families  
**Registration:** Call 339-8290  
**Location:** 19 Wing Fitness and Community Centre

### Genealogy for beginners

This workshop is a basic start. Genealogy for Beginners is for those who don't know where or how to start their journey into the past. Participants will start with the basics (pencil and paper) and then touch on how to use the Internet for researching genealogy.

**Facilitator:** Don Catling  
**Dates:** Oct. 4  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm  
**Fee:** \$5.00  
**Registration:** Call 339-8290  
**Location:** 19 Wing Fitness and Community Centre

## Learn to relax and discover your past at the CMFRC!

# Wallace Gardens Community Association News

## Community Council Meeting

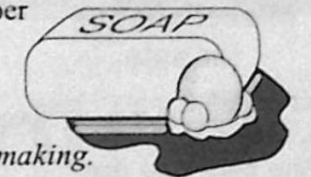
Wednesday, 11 October at 1830 hrs in Community Centre Conference Room  
All are welcome!

### Notification to MQ Occupants

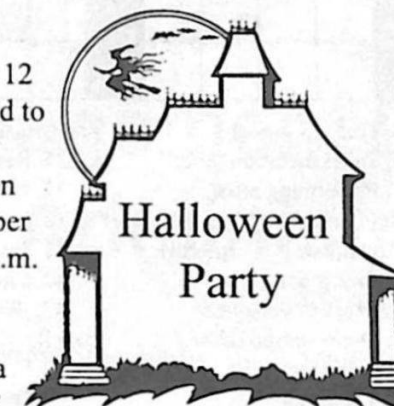
The 19 Wing Fire Department will be conducting Fire and Safety Visitations throughout Wallace Gardens commencing October 16. Each MQ occupant will receive notification of their scheduled visitation during Fire Prevention Week 2000 (October 8-14). All occupants are reminded that DND and CFHA Policy states that MQ occupants will receive Fire and Safety Visitations a minimum of once every four years.

### WGCA Ladies Craft Club

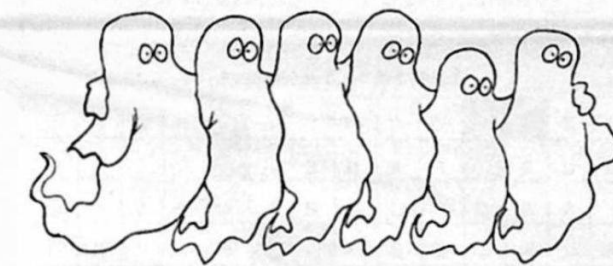
19 Wing Fitness & Community Centre (Craft Room)  
Sunday Evening - 15 October  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
**Beginner's Soap Making Class**  
Learn the basics of soap making. Melt and pour a variety of hand-made custom soaps.  
These make great gifts for the holiday season!  
For more info call Jennifer @ 339-7183



WGCA Members 12 & under are invited to attend the annual Halloween party on Saturday 28 October from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Community Centre LMPR. Activities include a "Haunted House," "Costume Parade," "Games" & "Treats." Come on out and enjoy the fun! Volunteers are required! Please contact the Town Clerk @ 339-8211 (8571).



**Note:** Membership will be checked at the door - if you are unsure whether you are a member of the WGCA, please contact the WGCA Office Mon-Fri 0730-1200 hrs.



1st Lazo Beavers, Cubs & Scouts are urgently looking for volunteers to fill the positions of the Group Committee and as Leaders for the Beaver, Cub and Scout groups. If you are willing to donate a few hours of your time, please call Acting Chair for 1st Lazo Group, Paul Gillmore @ 339-1158



### Family Craft Afternoon Sunday, October 15

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Community Centre Craft Room 19  
Cost: .50¢/WGCA members, \$1.50/Non-members  
For more info call Suzanne @ 338-2584



### Halloween Monster Sock Hop



All you little Ghouls and Goblins are invited to attend the Monster Bash Saturday, October 14 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the LMPR.

Prizes for "Best" & "Worst" costumes!  
Cost: .50¢/Member, \$1.50/Non-Member  
For more information, call Carla @ 890-0672 or Helen @ 339-5125



### October's Teen Dance

Saturday, October 21  
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Community Centre LMPR  
WGCA Members - \$1.00  
Non-Members - \$4.00

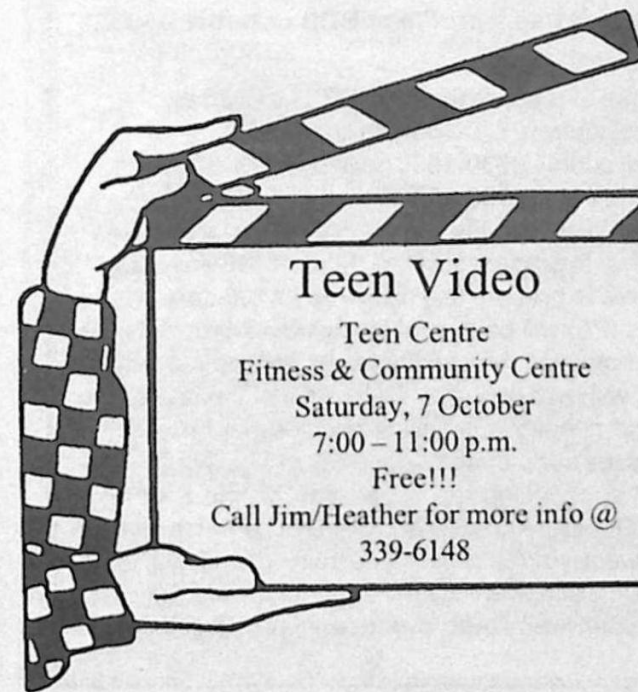
For more info, call Jim/Heather @ 339-6148



### Family Bingo



**When:** Sun 1 Oct from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Community Centre LMPR  
**Cost:** 25¢/Card Members, \$1.25/1st Card Non-Members; 25¢/additional cards  
Come on out and see if you can be a lucky winner! For more information, call Rhonda @ 890-7535 or Debbi @ 339-6317  
**\*\*Please note the time change\*\***



### Teen Video

Teen Centre  
Fitness & Community Centre  
Saturday, 7 October  
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Free!!!  
Call Jim/Heather for more info @ 339-6148

### Teen Crafts

Sunday, 22 October  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Craft Room, Community Centre  
**Pumpkin Painting**  
WGCA Members - No charge, Non-Members - \$2.00 drop in fee

Everyone must bring their own pumpkin (must be washed)  
For more info, call Wanda @ 890-2061



### Jazz/Hip Hop Lessons

WGCA is offering an eight-week recreational Jazz/Hip Hop program to be taught by Gemini Dance Studio instructor Jessica Nygren. Classes are tentatively booked to take place Thursdays from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. commencing 12 October through the 30 November.



Prices are dependant upon registration numbers, but would be approximately \$35.00/WGCA members and \$45.00/non-members. These classes require a guaranteed minimum of six students. Class ages are: 3 & 4 years, 5 to 7 years, 8 to 11 years, and 12 to 16 years. If you are interested in registering your child for this class, please contact the Town Clerk at 339-8211 (8571) before 5 October.



### Kids Recreational Soccer Program

**Ages:** 3 to 7  
**Times:** Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Airport Elementary School Field  
**Cost:** FREE! If interested - just show up!  
**Dress:** Running Shoes & PT Clothes  
For more information, please call Darryll Brake @ 339-6716

### The Salvation Army Courtenay Thrift Stores

#13 - 2966 Kilpatrick Avenue and 420 Fitzgerald Avenue  
**Phone: 338-8151**  
Where quality and friendly service work to save you money.  
**Remember, once a month is \$1.00 Day:** All adult clothing is \$1.00 and all children's clothing is 25¢.





Miscellaneous for sale

-Air Force female mess kit, size 4.
-Pine bunk bed (can be set up as 2 separate beds \$250. With mattresses & linen \$325.
-Hockey equipment: elbow pads size Jr. Lrg. \$15, skates size 8-1/2 Tack 650 \$60, skates Tack 352 size 6 \$45, CCM Supra Pants Sr Sm \$30. Call 339-9792 <2/2>

Sacrifice!

20-ft. Bayliner Trophy. Lots of features and extras \$8,000. Will consider trade for older motor home. Call Bob 338-1956/339-8211 loc 8748. <1/2>

Beat the Winter Blahs! In Puerto Vallarta: Villa del Mar studio w/kitchen. Sleeps 2 adults, \$375 per week. 3 weeks available. Book before Oct 12 for 2000 & save \$75 per week. For more details: Bob 338-1956/339/8211 loc 8748. <1/2>

Caprice Theatres in Courtenay is seeking a part-time management person. The applicant should possess excellent customer service skills. A knowledge of theatre operation, including projection experience, would be an asset. Please refer applications to:
Manager
Caprice Twin Theatres
1650 Cliffe Avenue
Courtenay, B.C., V9N 5N5

COURTENAY FLIGHT CENTER YOUR FLIGHT TRAINING SPECIALIST! 338-9814
or contact MWO CYRIL RODGERS LOC 8501, or CWO JOHN MERCER LOC 8723

Ex-Airwomen's Pot Luck Supper Sunday, 22 October 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. Comox Legion (upstairs) Donation at door Info: Pat 339-5829 or Jean 338-6872

Navy League of Canada - Cadet Alumni formed

Are you a former Cadet, Wrenette, Officer or Civilian Instructor from the following Nanaimo Cadet Corps: Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Amphion, Navy League Cadet Corps J.P. Bell, Navy League Cadet Corps Rear Admiral Finch-Noyes, or Navy League Wrenette Corps Jennie Bell? A group of former Cadets and Officers is going to re-live fond memories of their times in Cadets through an Alumni Association which is hosting a Meet & Greet on 22 October, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. at the Navy League Hall, 750 Fifth Street, Nanaimo. All former Cadets and Officers are encouraged to attend. Call (250)753-6154 for more information.

French Language Training

Public Service Exam French Course 2 nights per week, 3 hours per night. Jan 8 for 19 weeks till April 6. Exact evenings to be announced.

C-V Women's Newcomers Club

will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Filberg Centre, 411 Anderton Avenue, Courtenay. We welcome women of all ages who have resided in the valley for less than two years. The club is primarily a social club which offers many activities such as walking, golf, bridge, crafts, lunches, etc. FMI call Gaye at 339-9649 or Kathleen at 338-9658.

\$1 CARWASH

A 24-hour carwash is available to all base personnel. The Auto Club carwash is located next to Clothing Stores. Hot soap, hot wax and a cold rinse - all supplied for a loonie.

Ripple Rock Chorus Invites women who love to sing to join them Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. in the Mennonite Church Hall in Black Creek. Contact Connie Nickel 337-8826 for info.

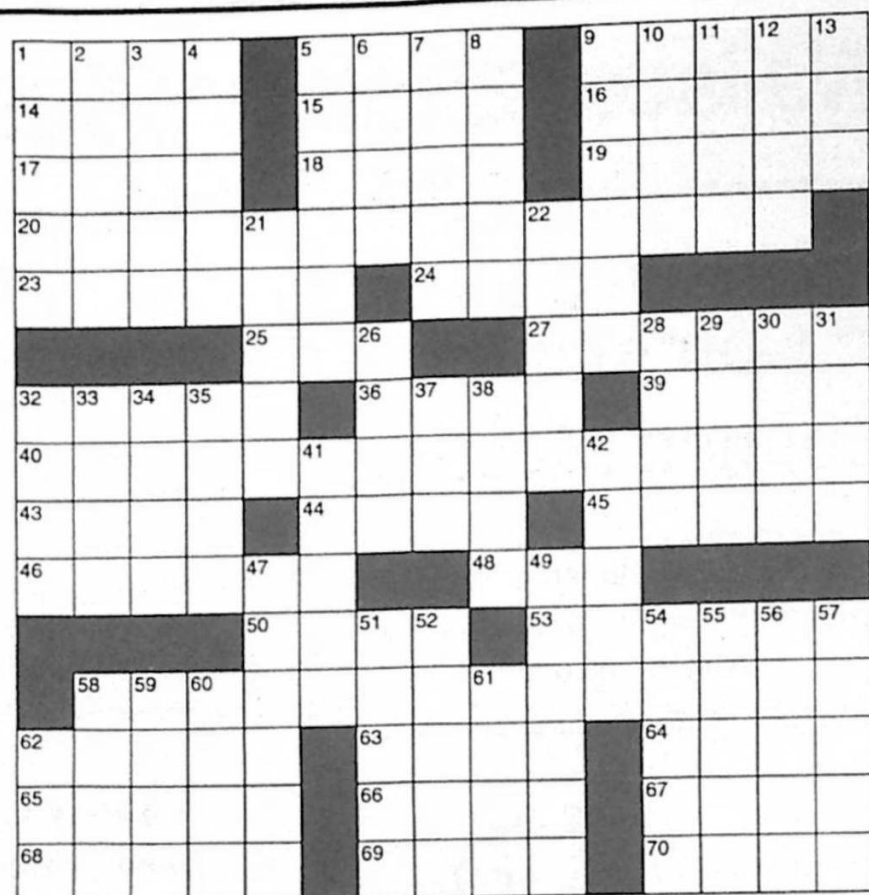
Comox District Concert Band Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the Band Room at Courtenay Junior School. New musicians welcome. Further info: Pat 339-5091

HARBOUR WOOD Comox

3 & 4 bedroom patio homes, conveniently located within walking distance to schools, hospital and bus. 10-minute drive to CFB or downtown Courtenay. Each unit includes:
-New fridge, stove & dishwasher
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Jake's Trivia Answers
1. Charles Radbourn, 60, Providence in 1884.
2. Cy Young, 751, 1890-1911.
3. Christy Mathewson, New York.



Clues ACROSS

- 1. Chest muscles
5. Fees
9. Type of fur
14. Rock band: Quiet
15. Semitic language
16. Beg
17. Look
18. Filippo \_\_\_\_, saint
19. Texans remember
20. "\_\_\_\_ Stranger," 1952 Bette Davis film
23. A butterfly or a dog paddle
24. Flatfish
25. Tax collector
27. Suitable for plowing
32. Moses' elder brother (Bible)
36. Fabrics
39. Earn
40. Vonnegut novel
43. Friends (French)
44. To indicate understanding
45. Frederick \_\_\_\_, French statesman
46. Gasped
48. Bandage brand
50. Redheaded country star
53. Passionate
58. 1953 Morton Thompson best seller
62. Confines
63. Urgent
64. God of fire (Hindu)
65. Elicit
66. Lyrics
67. Tai
68. Places for Boy Scouts
69. Comes across
70. Goidelic language of Ireland

Clues DOWN

- 1. On the theater
2. Type of skating figure
3. Hue
4. Takes dictation (abbr.)
5. Performing artist
6. In urine
7. Duke of \_\_\_\_ (plural)
8. Rice grass
9. More unoccupied
10. Quick tempo (abbr.)
11. Smile radiantly
12. The Dalai \_\_\_\_
13. Tokyo (alt.)
21. Just making it
22. Mr. Gordon's "electric" first name
26. Pre-college tests
28. Water (Spanish)
29. Low male voice
30. Falsehoods
31. Makes you green
32. Right now (abbr.)
33. \_\_\_\_ mater, one's school
34. "\_\_\_\_ Man," Hoffman (abbr.)
35. Remove
37. Honey maker
38. Location
41. Enwraps
42. Classical music
47. Removes, mainly by pencil
49. Lovingly hold
51. Bar \_\_\_\_, West Indies
52. Next to
54. Enzyme
55. English actress Samantha
56. Spanish babies
57. Cycle
58. Ryukyu Islands city (Japan)
59. Old Irish alphabet
60. Not permanent (abbr.)
61. A maple is one
62. Reciprocal of a sine

Last Issue's Answers

A grid of letters corresponding to the crossword puzzle answers from the previous issue.

FRENCH LANGUAGE TRAINING

The time to start French language training has arrived. Our tentative training periods are planned as follows:
Note: The 5-week course to prepare for the Public Service Exam (PSE) requires students to have or have had a profile of BBB or better or 3322 or better.

- c. 9 Oct - 10 Nov 5 week course to prepare for PSE 0730 - 1130 daily;
d. 13 Nov - 15 Dec 5 week block course 0730-1530 daily (Level 1);
e. 8 Jan - 9 Feb 5 week block course 0730-1530 daily (Level 3);
f. 12 Feb - 16 Mar 5 week block course 0730-1530 daily (Level TBA);
g. 2 Apr - 8 Jun 10 week course afternoons 1230 - 1530 daily (Level TBA)
h. 2 Apr - 4 May 5 week course to prepare for PSE 0730 - 1130 daily; and
i. 7 May - 8 Jun 5 week course to prepare for PSE 0730 - 1130 daily.

As usual, all Progress Levels (PL) will be available, including specific skills, refresher and GO/Col courses, however, the specific levels offered will depend upon the applications received, with a minimum of 6 students of the same level required to launch a course. Budget permitting, additional courses may be launched in the event that demand surpasses our planned schedule.

Interested personnel should apply using the application on the P drive at P:\ALLUSERS\LANGUAGE COURSE REGISTRATION.DOC. Please indicate preference for 5 week block, 10 week course or part-time training, and availability (work mornings vs work afternoons, and evenings).
DND military and civilian personnel and their dependents are eligible for the courses.



Francophone Association Folk dancing for children

Change in plans!

The local workshops in traditional French-Canadian folkdances are now set to start Saturday, October 21. From 10:30-11:30 a.m. workshops will be offered for children 6 to 8 years old and from noon to 2:00 p.m. for those 9 to 12 years old. The classes will take place in the multi-purpose room at the Lewis Park Recreation Centre, featuring a wonderful hardwood sprung floor. Two other sessions will be held:

Saturday, November 4 and Saturday, November 25 - same times, same location.

These workshops will be led by Sandy Gaudet, choreographer for Les Cornouillers. Based in Victoria, this dance troupe is regarded as one of the best folkdance groups in Western Canada. Sandy specializes in dance workshops for children and we invite all children to join in this rollicking good time.

The workshops are open to members of the Association francophone de la Vallée de Comox - the local Francophone Association - and the general public: amateurs and dance students.

Cost is \$12.00 per hour for members and \$15.00 per hour for non-members. Membership is only \$15 a year for individuals and \$25 a year for families. Become a member and enjoy 20% off on all our other upcoming

courses and events. Come and have a great time, learn a few French words, and hoot and howl along with the fiddle music! There are still a few places left but you must hurry. Call 250-334-8884 or come to 1491 McPhee, Unit 2 between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The Association's mandate is to promote the French language and culture in the Comox Valley.



Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 17 Courtenay (334-4322)

Dance: every Friday evening, 8:00 p.m.
Sep 29 Moon Shadow
Oct 6 Double Play
Oct 13 Switchback

Special Events:
28 Sep Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Entry fee \$5.00
30 Sep Fall Auction. Viewing 11:00 a.m. Auction starts 1:00 p.m.
15 Oct Oktoberfest

Branch 28 Cumberland (336-2361)

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

Branch 160 Comox (339-2022)

Mondays...Ladies Auxiliary Drop-in Bingo (Upper Hall doors open 6:30 p.m., Bingo 7:00 p.m.)
2nd Thurs each month LA General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
3rd Thurs each month LA Soup & Sandwich \$5.00 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday Night Dances 8-12 p.m.
Sep 29 Country Cousins
Oct 6 Alley Cats
Oct 13 Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance Upper Hall, \$5.00 per person. Band - Gord & Friends
Call Branch office Mon - Fri at 339-2022 for more info.

888 (KOMOX) RCAF WING



Air Force Association of Canada Calendar of Events

Pub Grub Fridays - Horse Racing, Darts, Cards.
Saturday Night BBQ tickets are \$8.00 each and go on sale each Sunday at noon. For all other events, tickets are on sale two weeks prior, Sunday, noon at the bar.
Fri Sept 29 5:30 pm Pub Grub/Jam Session, \$4.00
Sat Sept 30 6 for 7 pm Candlelight Dinner, \$15.00
Regular Force Members Welcome!

888 Wing hours:
Monday - closed
Wed, noon - 6:00 p.m.
Fri, noon - 1:00 a.m.\*\*
Tues, noon - 6 p.m.
Thur, noon - 1:00 a.m.\*\*
Sat, noon - 1:00 a.m.\*\*
\* Bar open on Holiday Mondays. \*\* Bar could be closed as early as 9:00 p.m. if there are no customers, at the discretion of the Bar Manager.

- 6. Who originally discovered chocolate?
a) The Easter Bunny.
b) The Aztecs and Mayo Indians of Mexico who made a drink from cocoa beans.
c) The Choc-o-Gram delivery company, founded in 1912.
7. What is Chocolate Date Cake?
a) The very best way to charm your sweetheart.
b) A cake recognized by its sugared nut and chocolate chip topping.
c) An aphrodisiac that puts you in the mood after one bite.

- 8. Which of these chocolate types really isn't chocolate at all?
a) Bittersweet chocolate.
b) White chocolate.
c) Milk chocolate.

Name:
Address:
Phone #:

Chocolate Everything

Cooking Quiz Trivia

Enter to win one of the six great new Company's Coming cook books that we have as prizes. Submit your entries to the Totem Times office. Cut-off date for entries is 19 October. All correct entries will be entered in a draw. Winners will be announced in our 26 October edition.



- 1. What is Velvet Lush?
a) Elvis in a jump suit back in the seventies.
b) The honeymoon suite at a popular Las Vegas hotel.
c) A scrumptious mousse-like dessert with a cakey bottom layer.
2. How do you "curl" chocolate?
a) Use the low setting on your curling iron.
b) Throw it down the ice, and holler, "Sweep, Sweep!"
c) Pour it on a smooth surface, let it set, then push with a scraper to form curls.
3. The recipe "Deadly Chocolate Trifle" is:
a) So good, you may get a life sentence just for serving it!
b) What James Bond serves when he has unwanted guests.
c) A decadent brownie and chocolate mousse dessert that's great for a crowd!
4. Fat-free Chocolate Cake is:
a) Being developed by NASA at this very moment.
b) What pigs eat when they fly through snow in July.
c) A guilt-free treat! Find it on page 46 of Chocolate Everything!
5. Ice-Cream Bombé can be remembered as:
a) One of the battles that ended the famous banana split wars.
b) The dessert that didn't go over well at your last dinner party.
c) A picturesque dessert featuring strawberry and chocolate ice cream.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST



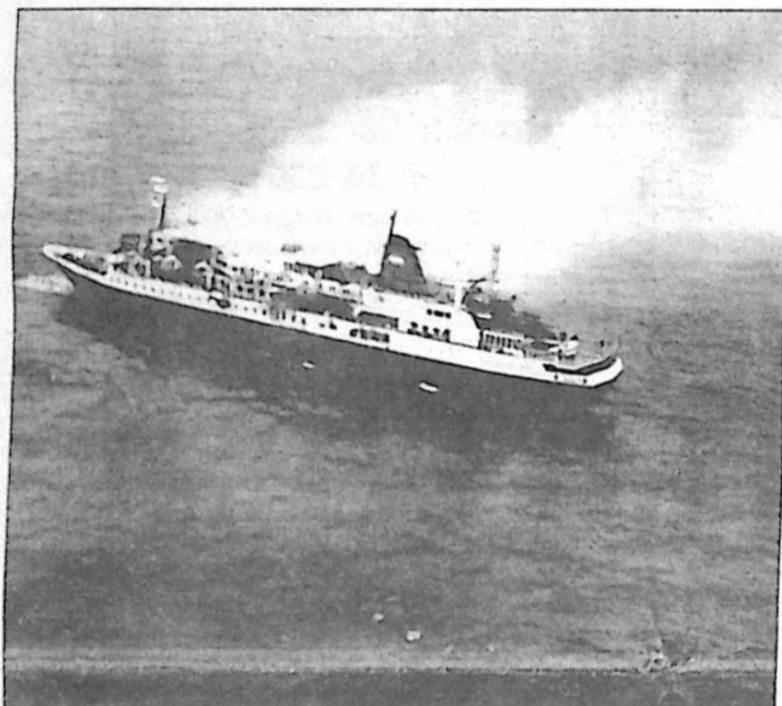
## TOTEM TIMES



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COST: PRICELESS



*MV Prinsendam* on fire at sea, October 4, 1980. 407 Sqn and 442 Sqn both participated in extracting and transferring passengers and crew to safety. The entire mission was accomplished with no fatalities. The *Prinsendam* later rolled over and sank while hooked up to be towed to port in Vancouver.

### Sunken Second World War sub British, not German

by Elizabeth McCarthy, Trident Staff Writer

The confirmed Second World War submarine found south of Peggy's Cove during the recovery operation of SwissAir Flight 111 is a deliberately sunk British sub and not a torpedoed German U-boat, according to Maritime Forces Atlantic (MARLANT) and the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO).

In a press conference earlier this month, BIO representatives showed stills of the wreck. They described how the footage, combined with historical research revealed the sub to be L-26, a pre-Second World War Royal Navy submarine that was brought to the area after the Second World War and sunk to serve as target practice for Royal Canadian Navy sonar trainees.

"It served at the beginning of the [Second World War]. It was still operational, but it wasn't used on patrols after 1943," says David Perkins, an independent historian contracted by Eco Nova, another organization involved in the discovery, to help identify the sub.

L-26 was initially discovered with the navy's assistance during the SwissAir recovery efforts in

September 1998. After a series of further visits to the area, the object was confirmed as being a submarine, which led to media speculation as to the identity of the vessel.

Throughout the process MARLANT, specifically the route survey office, a branch of Trinity that works closely with BIO, has remained involved to both assist and collect its own information for the navy. "Anything that's on the bottom we need to know about. We've been dealing with them, staying involved," says route survey officer Lt(N) Scott Moody.

The sub, which is planned to be used as footage for a television documentary and possibly as a dive site open to civilians, won't fall under MARLANT's responsibility but may possibly be used as a training instrument some time in the future.

"We may dive on it," says Moody, adding that the more likely naval use would be as a training object for their remote underwater vehicles.

The 72-metre long submarine was found at a depth of 52 metres.

## Rescue from the sea

On Saturday, October 4, 1980, both 442 and 407 Squadrons participated in the largest marine rescue operation ever on the West Coast. It all began at 2:00 a.m., when the cruise ship *MV Prinsendam's* engine room caught fire. At the time, the ship was approximately 125 miles southeast of Yakutat, Alaska. Because of the rapidly spreading smoke, a total of 519 passengers and crew members were forced to abandon ship. Many of the passengers were elderly and were not adequately clothed to withstand the cold climate. To make matters worse, some of the passengers had medical problems that required medication.

Fortunately, the oil tanker *MV Williamsburg* was nearby, and it responded immediately to the emergency. It had been steaming south from Valdez, Alaska with a full load of crude oil on board. The Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Juneau, Alaska deployed Coast Guard helicopters from Sitka and Kodiak, USAF resources at Elmendorf AFB near Anchorage were also mobilized. A USCG cutter, the *Boutwell*, was dispatched to the scene of the fire.

A request for Canadian assistance was relayed from Juneau to

our own RCC in Victoria. Shortly thereafter, two 442 Sqn Labradors, two Buffalos and a 407 Sqn Argus were enroute to Alaska.

After arriving in Yakutat, the two Labradors flew out to the *Prinsendam* and began to hoist survivors from lifeboats to the oil tanker. One of the helicopters had to return to Yakutat because of an in-flight emergency. The other one, (crewed by Capt Gary Flath, Capt John McLellan, MCpl Frank Amadio, MCpl Randy Bourquin, Sgt Al Williams, and MCpl BobLang), completed a total of 40 hoists of survivors during the day. Thirty-one survivors were hoisted to the *Williamsburg*, while nine were flown back to Yakutat when the helicopter's fuel was getting low. Despite the heavy seas, Capt John McLellan remarked later that landing on the oil tanker was similar to landing on a concrete runway.

The citizens of Yakutat set up an emergency reception centre at the airport for the survivors who were flown there by helicopter. Fifty-nine survivors were accommodated in this manner. Throughout the day, the 442 Sqn Buffalos were flying a shuttle service between Coast Guard Air Station

Sitka and Yakutat. On the way up to Yakutat, they carried fresh USCG helicopter crews and emergency supplies. Survivors were carried on the return trips to Sitka. In the meantime, the 407 Sqn Argus flew over the *Prinsendam* and took many pictures of the rescue operation.

By Saturday evening, all the *Prinsendam* passengers and crew members were either safely on board the *Williamsburg* or the cutter *Boutwell* or on shore. The *Williamsburg*, carrying over 300 survivors (it is normally capable of carrying only 29 crew members), returned to Valdez and docked on Sunday evening. Three 442 Sqn SAR Techs (MCpl Ron Holliston, MCpl Bob Mondeville and Cpl Chris Girden) spent 30 sleepless hours on board the oil tanker. They had been transferred on Saturday to the tanker by a USCG helicopter. The three of them helped to comfort the passengers and treated cases of hypothermia.

With the docking of the *Williamsburg* in Valdez, the rescue operation concluded. The fact that the rescue was accomplished without a single loss of life is a tribute to everyone involved.

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