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CFB/BFC Winnipeg
6 March 1991

BCOMD GENERAL SAFETY AWARD



Base Commander, Col H.C. Armstrong, presents the Base Commander's General Safety Award to Lt J.R.D. Talbot, BAME Unit General Safety Officer. BAME maintained the lowest accident rate for the period 01 Apr-31 Dec 90. Looking on are: J.P. Hickman, Asst Base General Safety Officer, Lt G.N.M. Herve, Aircraft Servicing Officer, LCol B.J. Meindl, Base Technical Services Officer, Maj P.J. Davies, BAMEO, and BAME personnel. Congratulations BAME!



Air Command Band to Feature Winnipeg Singer at Annual Concert

At the Air Command Band's Annual Gala Concert, it has become a tradition to feature exciting guest performers as part of the program. This year's show will be no exception. Winnipeg singer Staci Wuerch will join the band for a number of selections.

Staci Wuerch is a well-known Winnipeg performer who appears regularly with the Ron Paley Orchestra. She has also performed in Rainbow Stage

productions and local television shows such as "Big Sky Country" and the Variety Club and Lions' Club telethons. Chosen Miss Winnipeg in 1988, she went on to the Miss Canada Pageant, where she won the talent portion of the contest. A highlight of her career was appearing as soloist in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Calgary Winter Olympics. The program will also feature the 402 Squadron Pipes and

Drums, an audience favourite last year. The Air Command Band's own big band, the Commandairs, are also set to appear.

The concert will take place at Centennial Auditorium on Wednesday, March 27th at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$8.00 at the door, through Select-a-Seat, or through the band at 833-5266. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross Manitoba.

Staci Wuerch, a local Winnipeg singer, will join the Air Command Band at the Centennial Auditorium on Wednesday, March 27 at 8 p.m.



Police Beat

Our military housing is in all probability the most heavily patrolled area (per capita) in the City of Winnipeg. We are, however, vulnerable to acts by the criminal element and a Break and Enter expert can be inside your home in seconds, can ransack and leave your home with hundreds or thousands of dollars worth of merchandise within a matter of minutes.

During patrols of the community, some areas of concern have been noted which send out invitations to those within the criminal element. Some of these areas are curtains left open leaving portable TVs, VCRs, Stereos and other valuables in view for the criminally motivated individual who may

be passing through your neighbourhood. Please close your curtains and prevent this from happening.

The community is poorly illuminated, back yards are dark and big old trees cast large dark shadows. This provides prime conditions for the criminal element to work in. If you were to leave your back porch light on, this would reduce the chance of having your home entered and it would help the MPs during their nightly patrols. A photo cell adapter can be used with a standard lightbulb, allowing the light to come on automatically during low light conditions.

By following the above, you are helping in the policing of your community.

Items listed below are traditionally stolen. Mark as many items as possible regardless of value.

Check List

Home & Business

- Adding Machines
- Bicycles
- Binoculars
- Cameras
- Clocks
- Fishing Equipment
- Golf Clubs
- Guns
- Hand Tools
- Kitchen Appliances
- Metal Lock Boxes
- Power Mowers
- Radios
- Record Players
- Stereos
- Stereo Speakers
- Toasters
- Televisions
- Typewriters
- Musical Instruments
- Power Tools
- Antiques

Vehicle

- Mag Wheels
- Tape Decks
- Speakers
- Radio
- Hub Caps
- Battery

Engrave or Photograph

- Jewellery
- Silverware
- Watches

Stitch or sew identifying marks on

- Furs
- Clothing

Crime Prevention . . . it's up to you!

CFB Winnipeg Library New Book List

| TITLE | AUTHOR |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Cold Fire | Kooniz, Dean |
| Dazzle | Krantz, Judith |
| Forgiving | Spencer, Laverlye |
| The First Man in Rome | McCoullough, Colleen |
| Under Siege | Coonts, Stephen |
| Four Past Midnight | King, Stephen |
| The Lighthearted Cookbook | Lindsay, Anne |
| Double Income Families | MacFarlane, Lynn |



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WEDNESDAY
1:00-4:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS
1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Congratulations!



Lt (N) Kent Page, BTrgO/BCOL received his promotion effective 28 Jan 91, from Lt Col J. Forestell.

What Is Operation Identification?

Helpful Hints on Operation Identification

- Do not put decals on your doors or windows unless you have engraved your property.
- Be sure to make a record of your property. Keep it in a safe place.
- When engraving, hold the tool straight up, not on a slant.
- The engraving tool has a depth adjuster. Adjust to the hardness of the material you are engraving.
- For deterrent purposes, the identification number should be visible. A second hidden number can be applied if required.

What Number Do You Use?

Use a personal identification mark, a social insurance number, or Driver's Licence number.

Take the Offensive

Operation Identification is one basic step to prevent theft. Good lighting, good locks, and other security precautions can be taken to prevent crime in your community.

The engraving tool can be signed out at the MP Section, Whytewold Gate. For further information please call 833-5204.

Operation Identification



Royal Canadian Air Cadets 50th Anniversary

1991 is the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. A Sports' Day, Church Service, Drill Contest and a 50th Anniversary Banquet will be held the weekend of May 17th-20th. These activities will be held at the University of Manitoba, The Winnipeg Convention Centre, and St. Matthews' Church. All twenty-two Air Cadet Squadrons in Manitoba will take part for a total of 400 cadets.

Tickets for the banquet on May 19th at the Winnipeg Convention Centre are available . . .

A trained, energetic and patriotic youth is our country's finest asset. To them belong tomorrow and the world.

For further information on these events please write to:

**Air Cadet League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Committee
Box 1011
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3J 2K2**

All Ex-Air Cadets interested in having their name included on an Air Cadet information mailing list please forward data to above address.



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music reviews and syndicated columnist

Sweeney's Scene

To paraphrase the famous quote "It's too bad youth is wasted on the young" is a way of introducing this issue's Scene comment. The music scene with its constantly changing facade is aimed mainly at the youth market. New Kids on the Block, with their youthful good looks and string of hit product, might even appear old when compared to some of this week's chart makers. Tracie Spencer, who recently guested on Carson's TVer, is 15. She is in the top-20 with "This House"; 13-year-old Tevin Campbell just broke top-40 with "Round and Round"; Members of Another Bad Creation, who are currently hitting with "Iesha", range from 8-12. Adding to the youth movement are The Osmond Boys, yes that same Osmond family, with brothers

Michael (14), Nathan (13), Douglas (12) and David (11). The brothers, following in the same footsteps made famous by The Osmonds, Marie and Donny, have just released a self-titled album on Curb Records. And Mick Jagger rocks on!

Very Hip

Individually they are Bobby Baker (guitar); Gordon Downie (vocals); Johnny Fay (drums); Paul Langlois (guitar, vocals); and, Gord Sinclair (bass, vocals). Collectively they are known as Tragically Hip. "Road Apples" (MCA) marks a quantum leap over their previous material

which is due, in part, to the group's constant touring schedule.

Musically hip and rarely tragic, the quintet has assembled some top notch music with highlights going to the set opening "Little Bones", "Long Time Running", "Three Pistols" and "Fiddler's Green". Best bet for singles release goes to "Twist My Arm" which allows the group to stretch musically and lyrically. Solid vocal delivery and precision production highlight.

McGuinn is "Back from Rio"

Anyone who has ever heard The Byrds "Mr Tambourine Man" or "Turn, Turn, Turn" will

immediately recall the unique guitar sound. That sound, a jangling 12-string Rickenbacker, was played by founding member Roger McGuinn. McGuinn's musical history includes stints with the Lightholders, Chad Mitchell Trio, Bobby Darin, musical director for Judy Collins' third album and, along with Gene Clark, David Crosby, Chris Hillman and Mike Clarke, formed The Byrds. When The Byrds went their separate ways, Roger released some solo material, took part in Dylan's Rolling Thunder Revue, re-united with a pair of old friends to release material under the banner of McGuinn, Clark & Hillman and then 'kicked back for awhile' before returning full force.

"Back From Rio" (Arista) is a full-fledged return for McGuinn. The jangling Rickenbacker is front and centre, but for this, his 20th overall album (counting solo and group work) the multi-talented entertainer has locked into a hit groove that moves through "Someone To Love" which deals with a modern day romance; eavesdrops on a "Car Phone" conversation; and deals with haunting loneliness via "Suddenly Blue". McGuinn makes a serious contribution to

ecology through his paean "The Trees Are All Gone" and is joined by Travelling Wilbury Tom Petty, who co-wrote and duets on "King Of The Hill".



Roger McGuinn

Set is currently poised to break top-40 listings and with tracks like "If We Never Meet Again", "Time Has Come" and "Without Your Love" all holding the necessary ingredients to draw radio response, this cassette/CD should re-establish McGuinn as a musical force in pop music.

PPCLI BRAVO Company on Patrol at CFB Shilo

On the afternoon of 21 March B Coy departed Kapyong Barracks on their way to a week of patrolling at CFB Shilo. The CF Pickles, as well as providing a luxurious driving experience, also proved to have great potential as an All Terrain Vehicle as the OC, Maj "That trail doesn't seem to be on the map," Turner created a deception track plan that seemed to cover half of southern Manitoba. The coy eventually located its debussing point and the three platoons dispersed to their respective areas.

The area of operations was approximately 10 x 10 km. Each platoon within that area had a 3 x 3 km plot in which to position their patrol base. The object was for each platoon to mount recon patrols to locate its enemy platoon's base and, once found, to launch a fighting patrol to destroy it.

It quickly became apparent that though the distances seemed short on the map, a closer look at the profusion of contour lines and the consideration that the platoons were taking rucks and toboggans, that it would not be an easy time.

Six platoon, reacting lightning quick as usual, immediately sent out an eight man det to set up a forward patrol base from which to mount a number of recones. At the same time, Four platoon was moving to their second patrol base, while Five platoon was just trying to figure out if they were on base or off.

By day three each platoon had recon patrols out, none of which found their enemy's base. Four platoon was moving their main base to their third location, Six platoon repositioned their forward base

and Five platoon finally moved back on base.

By day four it was obvious that each platoon had set up their bases in the most remote corners of their areas. However, some intelligence did come from the phantom Coy HQ and each objective was at last located.

Fighting patrols were organized and dispatched, rucks and toboggans in tow. Of course all the raids were picture perfect. Six platoon's in particular was text-book. No glow stick got out of the kill zone alive.

There were quite a few lessons learned. In particular, not to give Pte "Charles Atlas" Davis the thunderflashes as they seem to have a return spring when he throws them. And don't ask Pte Dillan "Voice Procedure" Davies

for a locstat because all you'll receive as a reply is "in the tent".

The main lesson, however, that time spent on a recon is sel-

dom wasted, once again proved true.

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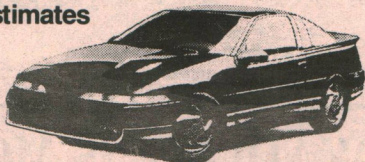
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| MARCH 1991 | | | | | |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | 1 Mini Franco Fun 9:30-11:30 | 2 |
| 4 Little People Playtime 9:30-11:30 | 5 Mom's Day Off 10:00-4:00 (Adult crafts South side) | 6 | 7 Mom's Take a Break 9:00-11:00 a.m. | 8 Mini Franco Fun 9:30-11:30 | 9 Children's Program 1:00-3:00 p.m. |
| 11 Little People Playtime 9:30-11:30 Adult Crafts 1:00-3:00 | 12 Mom's Day Off 10:00-4:00 Self-esteem 7-9 p.m. | 13 Support Group 10:00-12:00 How To Talk . . . 1:00-3:00 | 14 Mom's Take a Break 9:00-11:30 Thrift Shop drop off 10:00-12:00 | 15 Mini Franco Fun 9:30-11:30 Youth Bingo Lipsett Hall 7-9:30 p.m. | 16 |
| 18 Little People Playtime 9:30-11:30 | 19 Mom's Day Off 10:00-4:00 (Thrift Shop 10:00-12:00) South side | 20 How To Talk . . . 1:00-3:00 | 21 Mom's Take a Break 9:00-11:30 Adult Crafts 7:00-9:00 p.m. | 22 Mini Franco Fun 9:30-11:30 Pre-Teen Variety Night 7-9:30 Lipsett | 23 Children's Program 1:00-3:00 p.m. |
| 25 | 26 Family Outing Water Slide | 27 Family Outing Chuck E Cheese 11:00-2:00 | 28 Family Outing Regular and Bumper Bowling 1:00-3:00 | 29 CLOSED Good Friday | 30 CLOSED |

For more information call FSC North 837-8443
Please register early for all programs and child care

| South: 1822 Corydon Avenue | | | | | |
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| MARCH 1991 | | | | | |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | 1 Mom's Take a Break 9:00-11:30 | 2 Children's Program 1:00-3:00 p.m. |
| 4 Mom's Day Off 10:00-2:00 | 5 Adult Crafts 1:00-3:00 (childcare — North side) | 6 Little People Playtime 9:30-11:30 Support Grp 7:00-9:00 p.m. | 7 | 8 Mom's Take a Break 9:00-11:30 | 9 |
| 11 Mom's Day Off 10:00-4:00 (Adult crafts) North side 1-3 | 12 Thrift Shop Drop off 1:00-3:00 p.m. | 13 Little People Playtime 9:30-11:30 | 14 Thrift Shop Drop off 10:00-12:00 a.m. | 15 Mom's Take a Break 9:00-11:30 Thrift Shop Opening 1-3 p.m. Youth Bingo 7-9:30 | 16 Children's Program |
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For more information call FSC South 488-4161
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Division Scolaire de Saint-Boniface No 4 École Taché

Inscription à la maternelle
du
11 au 15 mars 1991

Les enfants en âge de fréquenter une maternelle publique FRANCAISE devront être inscrits du 11 au 15 mars 1991. Les enfants nés en 1986 seront admissibles à l'école en septembre 1991. Un certificat de naissance ou autre preuve d'âge devra être présenté au moment de l'inscription. Un document faisant preuve que l'enfant a été immunisé est nécessaire.

NEWS RELEASE

Silver coin minted for military forces serving in Operation Desert Shield.

Toronto — A limited number of silver coins commemorating the 1990-91 Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf are being minted and are being offered to all members of the forces and their families.

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Light or Lite can mean almost anything — light tasting, lower calorie, light coloured. Check the label for some explanation for the "light" claim. *Calorie Reduced* foods must provide no more than half the calories the food would normally provide, when ready to serve.

The fat story gets a little more complicated. *Low in fat* means the food provides no more than 3 grams of fat (slightly less than a teaspoon) per serving. There are no current regulations covering the terms medium, moderate, or high fat. *Low in saturated fat*, on the other hand, means the food has no more than 2 grams of saturated fat per serving. Also, no more than 15% of the total energy in one serving comes from saturated fat. For example, most vegetable oils would qualify as low in saturated fat, but some margarines would not. *Cholesterol*

free foods must also be low in saturated fat, but they have the added bonus of containing no more than 3 mg cholesterol per 100 gram (3.5 oz) serving. Foods *low in cholesterol* contain no more than 20 mg per serving, and they must also be low in saturated fat. Of course, cholesterol doesn't tell the whole story. A chocolate bar containing caramel or peanuts could qualify as being low in cholesterol, but it would not qualify as low fat. The moral of the story is, concentrate on using lower fat, leaner foods and your cholesterol intake will likely be reduced at the same time.

Fibre is a whole separate kettle of...well, cereal. Just when you thought you had fibre figured out, oat bran, soluble fibre and insoluble fibre came on the scene. When it comes to fibre the label might state *Source of Dietary Fibre* or *Moderate Source of Dietary Fibre*, which means the food has at least 2 grams of dietary fibre per serving. Check the package for suggested serving sizes if you want to compare

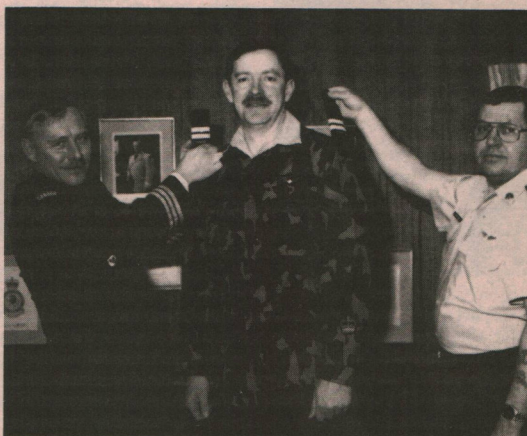
products. The proverbial apple a day, medium sized, would qualify as a moderate source of dietary fibre (if you eat the skin). Foods labelled a *High Source of Fibre* must contain at least 4 grams of dietary fibre per serving. One cup of raw blueberries would qualify as high fibre. A *Very High Source of Fibre* contains at least 6 grams of fibre per serving. One cup of peas, dried beans, or lentils would fit in this category. If you've fallen asleep counting grams of fibre, take heart. Canada's Guidelines for Healthy Eating take a simpler approach; emphasize cereals, breads, other grain products, vegetables and fruits in your diet. These foods are good sources of fibre. By eating more of them, you'll increase your fibre intake, especially if you choose whole grain products and eat raw as well as cooked vegetables and fruits. When in doubt, remember: an apple a day may keep the doctor away, but it's only a moderate source of fibre, although it is low in fat and cholesterol free.

73 Communications Group Headquarters Promotions

Capt Denny Williams got to celebrate twice in one week. Promoted to MWO effective Sunday 10 February 1991 then to Captain on Monday 11 February 1991 the CF ensured at least one MWO had a 100 percent shining record. Congratulations Denny.



LCol Coderre presents MWO Denny Williams with his new rank.



Capt Denny Williams receives his new rank from LCol Coderre and CWO Watkins.

51st Winnipeg Scout Group

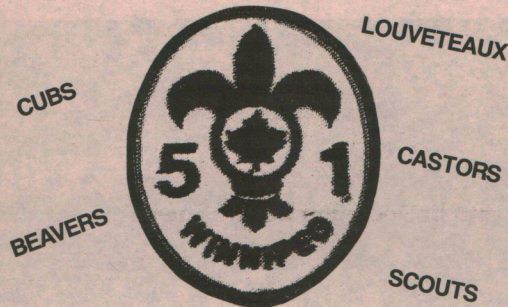
The 51st Winnipeg Group would like to thank all of those who helped support our Bottle Drive on January 26, 1991. Our next Bottle Drive will be held on Saturday, April 13, 1991. We will be collecting plastic and glass pop bottles, pop cans, beer bottles and beer cans. You can put this in a bag or box and leave it on your front step and we will pick it up on the 13th of April.

51st Winnipeg Cub Pack

The 51st Cub Pack is always looking for young boys between the ages of 8 and 10 years to get involved in the "Scouting Movement". The boys will earn badges and have fun at the same time learning how to do different things during Pack meetings and

activities, as well as at home. Some of the upcoming events that the Pack will be participating in are the Annual Bannatyne District Scout Display at Unicity Mall during Baden-Powell Week on Saturday, the 23rd; a Parent/Son Banquet on the 21st; a spring camp on the weekend of

March 23-24; the Annual Manitoba Scout Show on April 6th and much more. If anyone is interested in seeing our program, drop in at Building 21 Thursdays between 1800 and 2000 during our normal Pack meeting nights and talk with one of the leaders.



"BOTTLE DRIVE"

DATE: 13 APR 91

TIME/HEURE: 0900-1130

WHERE/OU: NORTH SITE
PMQs/LF NORD

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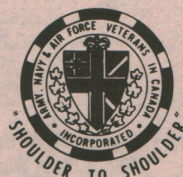
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Canadian Forces Air Navigation School Update



Members of Basic Air Navigation Course 9003 are the most recent graduates of CFANS (see photos). Brigadier-General C.G. Diamond, CD, Commander, Air Transport Group presented wings to the graduates at ceremonies on 14 Feb 91. After dinner at the Officers' Mess the graduates presented a clever video skit to entertain their guests. Amusing impressions of the casts of 'Cheers' and 'Star Trek' were performed. The scene of the 'Herc' cruising by selected Celestial Navigation Stars at warp speed was particularly funny. Everyone also enjoyed the interview with "a recent graduate" of CFANS. When asked about his military lineage the young man

said that he was destined to be a nav. His father was Capt Retired Nav, his grandfather was Capt Dead Nav and his great grandfather was Capt Al Watt!

The Fort Osborne Curling Club was the scene of this year's CFS/CFANS Curling Challenge on Monday 18 Feb. Initially, the CFANS teams were intimidated by what looked like a well seasoned group of curlers from CFS, until someone reminded them that at least CFANS had youth on their side. A team from CFS edged out Team #2 from CFANS by a statistically insignificant value to take the prize for the team with the highest point score. In fact the whole process by which the impartial Draw Master, CFS's Maj Doram, came up with the results is in question as the CFS team only played three games whereas the CFANS team played four. Another CFANS team took the honours for best illustrating novice curling skills. Despite a few sore muscles the next day, the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Monday 18 Feb was also the date for the first student training mission aboard the CT142 (see photo). This first flight was a low level mission conducted over the Lakes Region north of Winnipeg. The aim of the F1 is to familiarize the students with the training aircraft and to help them visualize the concepts of heading and drift. Each student has a chance to visually navigate the aircraft using mental dead reckoning



SANC 9100

Front Row: Left to Right, Capt Dana Sceerey, Capt Dan Blain, Maj P.J. Noonan, LCol T.F. Watt, Maj V.A. McPherson, Capt Ken Groen, Capt Mike Colpitts.

Back Row: Left to Right, Capt Mike Verville, Capt Les Rosiek, Capt Pete Lipohar, Capt Gary Sinclair, Capt Dwayne Fletcher, Capt Chris Pogue, Capt Joe Goodyear, Capt Dave Cochrane.

techniques and to practise low level radar interpretation and navigation.

On Friday 22 Feb a CFANS staff crew departed for Whitehorse for that city's annual Sour Dough Rendezvous. The trip not only provided proficiency training for instructors but the crew hosted a static display of the CT142 for the public. See our next edition for the follow up story and photos.



Basic Air Navigation Course 9003. Wings Graduation Ceremony.

Back Row (L-R) Lts Matt Stuckless, James Pierotti, Capt Chris Semeniuk (course director), Lts Dave Langille, and Derrick Hotte.

Front Row (L-R) Lt Steve Fraser, 2Lt Rolland Cright, Col H.C. Armstrong, LCol T.F. Watt, Lts Wayne Jarvis and Marco St-Hilaire.

Staff Air Navigation Course News

Well, as promised, this week's article includes a picture of SANC 9100, the first group undertaking the "new and improved" Staff Air Navigator Course. Also in the photo are the CFANS Commandant, LCol T. Watt; SANC Flight Commander Maj P.J. Noonan; SANC Course Director, Maj V.A. McPherson; and SANC instructors, Capts

Daniel Blain and Ken Groen. By the time you read this, the seven week course will be past the midpoint, the students breathing a collective sigh of relief. Although the academic workload is heavy, the course did find the time to participate in an afternoon of ball-hockey against the Aerospace System Course students. Although it was not a fair match,

with the ASC people having had many months of practice, we are happy to report that SANC **TROUNCED** ASC by a score of 5-0. Some SANC students have been overheard saying that next time they will try to find a Pee-wee team, to have a more challenging game.



ATTENTION All 402 Squadron Members Past and Present

402 Squadron will be celebrating their
60th Anniversary.

A Reunion and Celebration is scheduled for 14, 15, 16th of August 1992 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

402 Squadron invites Auxiliary units associated with 402 to also attend. These are:

- * No. 12 Army Cooperation Squadron (Auxiliary)
- * No. 112 Squadron (Auxiliary)
- * 402 (Fighter) Squadron
- * 17 Wing Headquarters
- * 2402 Aircraft and Warning Unit
- * 4003 Medical Unit
- * 5002 Intelligence Unit
- * 3052 Technical Training Unit
- * 3 Air Reserve Wing Headquarters
- * 3 Regular Support Unit

Preparations are under way so plan to attend now. Enquiries may be sent to

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Crew of the First Student Navigation Detail Aboard Gonzo.

Back Row (L-R) Capt McDonnell (instructor), Capt Vukets (copilot), LCol Watt (Comdt CFANS), OCdt Newbigging, OCdt Nemet.

Front Row (L-R) Maj McLeod (pilot), 2Lt Tarzwell, 2Lt Pitcher.



Manitoba/N.W. Ontario Militia District Sit Rep



Update — Children's Hospital Relay Run

We are now on the way to making the 5th Annual Army Run for Kids another success. Captain R.C. Lennox, of the 17th Medical Company from Manitoba/N.W. Ontario Militia District is the Run Committee Chairman for 1991. His ability to organize and motivate will be important in reaching the goal of raising an estimated \$15,000.00 for the Children's Hospital Research Foundation.

In the planning are two gigantic Flea Markets at Minto Armouries followed by the relay run in May. All proceeds from these events will go towards the Children's Hospital.

The run began in 1987 with a

team of 16 members starting from Thunderbay and finishing in Winnipeg. The run now takes place entirely within Manitoba. The route winds its way through more than 65 communities. The relay team will cover 1500 kilometers during the 24 hour a day, six day long run. Regular force and reserve members working out of Minto Armouries, augmented by members of the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry, will make up this year's team.

This annual event not only assists a very worthwhile cause, it also shows the people of Manitoba that regular and reserve mem-

bers of the Canadian Forces care deeply about the community they live in. It's hoped Premier Gary Filmon will again bid the runners good luck and good weather as they leave the legislature at the start of their journey. The run will finish with the entire team jogging onstage on the last day of the Children's Telethon, hosted by CBC. With the ability of Captain Brian Koshul, the District Public Affairs Officer, we should be able to score a good 10 minutes of live television for our runners once again. The CBC only gives us 45 seconds of air time, but somehow Brian steals the rest from them... we're counting on you, Brian...

Word Mightier than the Sword?

Members of the Armed Forces are presently in a strong media light with the high profile history making happenings such as Oka and the Persian Gulf war. Media attention is around us. *Anyone wearing a uniform is quotable.* At Public Affairs, we encourage the media to get to know the members of the Manitoba and N.W. Ontario Militia District. We also encourage our members not to be afraid when speaking with the media.

There are some basics to speaking with the media. Understanding your job function is the best way of being comfortable. We all have our own degree of understanding and experiences. If you overstep this, then you have a good chance of saying something wrong and looking poor. You must also understand that it is not your right to give your opinion. You are a soldier first... not a politician... giving your opinions on policy could

send you looking for another career (ever think of politics!!).

Remember this... there is no such thing as *off the record*... and if you are wearing that uniform... you are quotable.

If you have any questions about this, contact your District Public Affairs Officer — 2Lt M. Lagace 786-4329 (Tues/Wed evenings), or 786-4314 and leave a message.

Media Army Visits The Royal Winnipeg Rifles

The local media were well interested in the annual gas training exercise this past January when the Royal Winnipeg Rifles gathered at the Kapyong Bar-

racks gas hut for their annual training.

The Manitoba and N.W. Ontario Militia District unit had a great opportunity on the 27th of

January to "show their stuff". Local media interests have peaked lately and the Rifles were prepared to show Winnipeg how our soldiers will protect themselves against the realities of a gas attack.

Representatives from CKY, CKND, CBC, Prairie Pulse, the Winnipeg Free Press and the Winnipeg Sun came out in full force to observe how members of the Canadian Armed Forces adapt to being gassed with CS compound. In all, there were 14 reps present.

Media attention is not new to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. They have had occasion to make it on National News in the past two years and with the progressive attitude by their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel W. Kuebler, invitations are always finding their way to the press.

Just a final note... all members of the regiment passed their training with flying colors and none were caught on camera throwing away their lunches...



Lights! Camera! Action! The Royal Winnipeg Rifles grabbed the spotlight on the 27th of January during their annual gas training exercises at Kapyong Barracks. Media braved —25° C to spend a few hours observing and recording our training.

Photo by 2Lt Lagace

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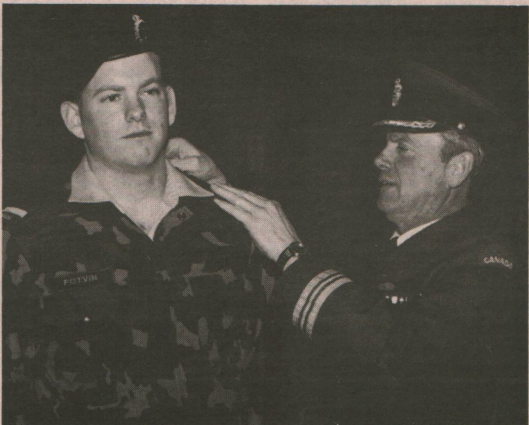
Cpl Carolyn Barnes (right) is presented with the Soldier of the Year award by LCol W.E. Sveinson CD1, Deputy Commander of Manitoba and N.W. Ontario Militia District, on the 29th of January, 1991, at Minto Armouries. Cpl Barnes won the award within her own unit, the 17th Service Battalion, for the year of 1990. She was described by one of her own peers as "gung-ho and well deserving". Congratulations, Cpl Barnes.

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Warrant Officer Bernie Martens (right) has his beret removed by Capt Steve Bowen of the Military Police, as Deputy Commander LCol W.E. Sveinson, of Manitoba and N.W. Ontario Militia District looks on. The ceremony took place on the 27th of January at Minto Armouries. Warrant Martens will now be wearing the traditional red beret of the military police for the 17th Service Battalion. Warrant Martens qualified as a Military Police member last summer in Meaford, Ontario.

Photo by 2Lt M. Lagace



Lieutenant Mark Potvin, Transport Officer of the 17th Service Battalion, received his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant on the 11th of December 1990. He received his promotion by his father, Major George Potvin, CD 2. Maj Potvin is a regular forces member attached with Air Reserve Training. Lieutenant Potvin will be completing his BA(hons) this spring at the University of Winnipeg.

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A Mess Loaded With "Spirits"!

A Mess Loaded With "Spirits"!

(Acknowledgment to Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Doug Nelson and Commander (Retired) Peter Gardner, who contributed greatly to the production of this article.)

Like it or not everyone has an inner fear of the unknown. Even the most sceptical are unwilling to spend a night alone in a place which has the reputation of being haunted.

I know very well, that what you are about to read will be considered by some of you, as a big joke, nonsensical... but for others, when they are talking about the Officers' Mess at Work Point Barracks in Esquimalt (British Columbia), they are as serious as they can be. Their eyes become big and round as they recall events surrounding these quarters. Jeering comments while they are relating their experiences, or those of others, are not welcome.

The point is that according to many officers, mainly from those who used to belong, or still belong to the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3 PPCLI), their mess is haunted. Many have had strange experiences, which cannot be fully explained.

Is it true fact, folklore or spirits? This article will not tell you, but one thing is sure, after reading it, you will ask yourself if you would like to spend a night (I rather doubt you will be able to sleep) in this building.

Brief History of the Building

This two-storey building was built in 1892 for the members of "C" Battery, the Royal Canadian Artillery. Many units have rotated through there, and in 1970, 3 PPCLI took possession of the building.

For many years, the end of the building closest to the water was occupied by the Commanding Officer and his family. Today, those quarters are being used as single officers quarters. It is this area of the building where most of the weird phenomena are supposed to have taken place. According to the majority of people who have been in this mess, the walls and ceiling constantly creak

and make a variety of noises.

Another interesting point about this edifice, which, by the way, is officially called Work Point Barracks Officers' Mess, and that is not related to the story; is the fact that until 1977, it was named The George R. Peakes Building, which is now the name of our National Defence Headquarters, in Ottawa.

Events That Have Taken Place

Many strange events have taken place over the years in this particular mess. Occasionally, some of the living-in members have seen objects moving or have found electrical appliances switched on or off during their absence, or a green smoke coming out of the heating pipes.

Perhaps the most common phenomenon, according to many people, has been the balls on the pool table moving by themselves, when absolutely nobody was around. Also, many officers have left their room for a short period of time with lights, radio, TV turned off. But when they returned, they were all turned on. Weird, wouldn't you say?

After witnessing such an experience, a resident Captain decided to make sure it was not a joke. He searched around his room, convinced somebody was just trying to make fun of him. His conclusion: "Nobody was around, or could have opened my door, so it was impossible for me to explain how it happened!"

But others have had scarier experiences. One of them is Commander (Retired) Peter Gardner, who lived with his family in the East end of the building for a little more than three years (1977-1980).

"Before I moved into that building, I had heard about the ghost rumours, but I didn't pay too much attention, maybe because I thought it was only a joke..." this is how everything started for this former member of the Canadian Forces, who quickly realized that there just may be some substance to the rumours.

A few months after he and his family had settled in, his mother-in-law, who is psychic, came to visit the family. "As soon as she arrived at our home, she told us

there was something mysterious about our house, an inexplicable presence was inside. Because of her fear, for the entire time she spent with us, she never used the main hall." With a smile, he added that she even preferred to use the front door to go to the backyard, in order to avoid the hallway.

"Myself, I was a little nervous. For example, at night time if I had to go to, or to pass through, the diningroom I always turned the lights on... just to be on the safe side. It may sound weird to say that, but my wife and I could feel that the "presence" was a sympathetic one."

On many occasions this family experienced mysterious occurrences: A few times they saw the spectre of a young boy running in the TV room; on three different occasions, each separated by a year, in the middle of the night, he smelled a fire. Each time they woke up their children and the other people in the mess, but each time there was no fire.

Perhaps the most intriguing event that took place in the Gardner's house happened in November 1979, when Anne, his wife, saw in the middle of the night an old man wearing a high-necked blue tunic talking to a young boy, dressed in a night shirt. "I can't believe it, she told me she was not even scared, she simply made sure she wasn't dreaming, and she fell asleep again, how she did that, I don't know, but for sure she is better than I am," said the retired officer.

Another officer experienced incredible moments in that same part of the building. He is a former member of the 3 PPCLI, who stayed many years in the building and who prefers to keep his anonymity, for obvious reasons. According to him, the Officer's Mess is truly haunted. His conviction



Front view of the CFB Cornwallis Officers' Mess.

is based on his own experiences with the supernatural. One night, he awakened to see an apparition of two ghosts. For over 15 minutes, he watched the ghosts standing at the end of his bed, and they seemed to be in deep conversation. Here is what happened.

"During the evening of the 8 or 9 November 1982, the officers and the non-commissioned officers of the Battalion had to attend a social meeting, in the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess. Around 21:30 h, and after I had had only one beer, so believe me, I was not under the influence of alcohol", he said with insistence, "I decided to return to my room which was located on the second floor, at the east end of the mess (which is the same one where Mrs. Gardner experienced her incredible manifestation)."

"I made a quick phone call to my parents, and soon after went to bed, and fell asleep almost im-

mediately." After a small pause, his tone changed as he continued: "Around 03:15 h or 04:15 h, I suddenly woke up... something weird that I couldn't explain at that time was happening. Somebody was in my room", he said with all the seriousness in the world. "First, I thought I was the victim of a good joke by my comrades, but that was not the case. I then realized that these people were all dressed in white. So I thought it was two men from Construction Engineering. But at this time of the night...?"

"As I said previously, my room was located on the second floor, so I never used my curtains, therefore, it was relatively bright in the room." At this stage of the discussion his voice level changed, and with emphasis he then continued. "After a little while I was fully awake, and I saw a man behind my sofa who was talking, but I couldn't hear anything. He was wearing an old military uniform similar to the one presently worn at our military colleges (which is also a high-neck tunic). The ghost was all the same color, white, almost transparent in some spots and opaque in others", he said. "I could only see half of his body. But I am sure that he was relatively tall."

"I was struck dead in my bed, all the stories I had heard about those ghosts in that specific area of the mess, and that I had laughed about, happened to be true, the proof was right in front of me!" he mentioned with emotion.

"I then turned my head slightly and saw the person the ghost was talking to. It was a little boy, about ten years old. He was wearing a night shirt."

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I carefully looked all around, my room was in order, I really was in my own place. After about 15 minutes, I decided to get out of bed. While I was walking toward the light switch, the ghosts continued to talk, as if nothing was bothering them. But as soon as I turned the lights on, that was it, no more ghost!"

"I went to see my neighbors to check if they had seen anything... no, I was the only one..."



The famous east side of the Officers' Mess where most of the phenomena occurred.

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1991 Prairie Region Curling

The 1991 Prairie Region Curling Championships were held in the Southport Curling Club at CFB Portage la Prairie from the 27 Jan 91 to 1 Feb 91 with a total of 8 teams participating.

A Meet and Greet Sunday evening was held for the curlers and staff to start off the week. A banquet was enjoyed by all on Tuesday evening.

A Round Robin Tournament was played 3 days to determine

the four top teams for the playoffs. The Round Robin results had CFB Moose Jaw in first with a 6-1 record, CFB Cold Lake second at 5-2 and CFB Winnipeg and Portage in third and fourth respectively with 4-3 records. CFB Winnipeg was awarded 3rd over Portage as a result of Winnipeg's Round Robin defeat over Portage.

In the Semi Finals CFB Portage defeated CFB Moose Jaw by a 9-3 score and CFB Cold Lake

narrowly got by CFB Winnipeg 5-4 in a hard fought battle with a last rock victory by the Cold Lake skip. The Final saw Cold Lake emerge on top over Portage 6-5 in another close match with the Cold Lake skip having to win the match.

CFB Cold Lake now goes on to CFS Carp to represent the Prairie Region at the National Championships.

CFB Portage once again

proved to be an excellent host for the week with all the curlers enjoying their hospitality and friendship. The many curlers who had participated in past Regionals all agreed these were by far the strongest and most evenly matched teams they had ever encountered.

Team members for CFB Winnipeg were Joe Klein, skip; Stan Schneider, third; Ron Brown, second; and Bruno Dostie, lead.

Spirits cont'd

"The following nights I hardly slept, and I kept my lights on. After a couple of weeks I asked for another room, not so much because I was scared, contrary to what my friends at the time believed, but because I wanted a bigger one; where, by the way, nothing ever happened."

Today, when this officer recalls this incredible event, one thing bothers him: that the idea to attempt to communicate with those spirits did not come to his mind.

After hearing about the experience of the above officer, which had taken place in November 1982, Lieutenant-Colonel Don Brodie, deputy commander of Canadian Forces Base Calgary, who was then the deputy commander of 3 PPCLI, became curious. He started to collect data on the numerous events which were said to have taken place. He also tried to pinpoint the exact date of each event, this is why in November 1983 he was ready to encounter anything. "Exactly one year plus one day later, none of the officers living in that mess were able to fall asleep. They felt there was a disquieting presence during the night", he said with seriousness.

Two very weird coincidences, don't you think? The exact same ghosts, wearing the exact same dress, even if each apparition was separated by many years, and both happened in the same room, weird, very weird!!! So is that mysterious night when nobody could fall in the arms of Morpheus!!!

Possible Explanations

A few explanations can be used to partly solve some of those mysterious phenomena, but many are still unsolved. Of course, the easiest explanation would be to say that everything is a tradition passed among the regiments that have been located there. But all the victims are strongly maintaining the opposite...

The billiard balls moving by themselves on the pool table could be explained by the frequent earthquakes that British Columbia experiences, but how about those balls that are rolling very fast...

In one publication released on the history of the base it is stated at a certain point, while commenting on the fact that there are ghosts in the Officers Mess: "A check into company records found that an old man had committed suicide and a young boy had also been killed. They had resided in the room."

According to Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Doug Nelson, Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt historian, "in digging in the unit's records we find, that some members of that Officers Mess committed suicide or were killed during the last 100 years. One of the most recent suicides happened in the early '60s. Also, one American in uniform even committed suicide, with a gun, in front of the building. In 1947," he continued, "the two year old son of an Artillery Officer, whose family lived in the east end of the mess was struck down by a delivery truck and killed just beside the building."

The possibility that this child (or another one that I haven't been able to track) as well as one of the adults who committed suicide or were killed, could be the actual ghosts who are "frightening" the occupants of the mess is very possible. Especially since ghosts, by definition, are the spectres of dead persons, appearing to the living!!!

If the only point that is bugging you is the fact that the adult ghost is wearing a blue high neck uniform, then you should know that British Army and Canadian Army prior to 1970, used to wear a patrol dress, commonly called "blues".

The ever increasing evidence surrounding these events, serves to enhance the beliefs of the existence of the supernaturals. There will always be the "doubting Thomases", but for myself, and many others, there exists a definite uncertainty in our minds. Are these incidents a result of the supernatural? Folklore? Coincidence?

Now, you know all the facts about this Officers Mess and with your previous knowledge on the spirits, you should now be able to make your own judgement on whether it is true or false. But let me give you a little advice — if

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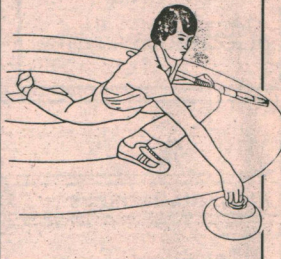
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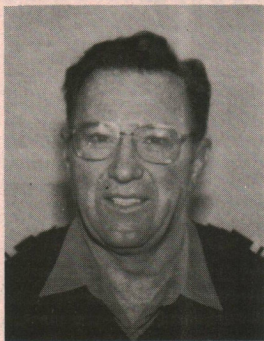
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There is a difference between the Christian who tries to lead the Gospel life and the neurotic person who enjoys self-punishment on some level of his uncharted psyche. The latter person is forever creating situations that generate some kind of



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punishment for imagined guilt; he is not growing toward a fuller realization of the person he really is as much as he is punishing the inner ghosts that he has never looked full in the face. An example is the man who is consumed with thoughts of his unworthiness and spends his energies in atoning for his deficiencies; he holds back from life in the process so he really never gets the chance to do anything that he could honestly feel unworthy about. All the time, of course, he is as unhappy as he is

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undeveloped, but that is precisely the reward that his dim view of himself demands. Far better in the long run, the lusty sinner who has something genuine about which to feel guilty — and who has real wounds to heal in himself and others. At least he is alive and his guilt is that of a man who knows that he is responsible for what he does to himself and to other persons. There is a person who can take atonement seriously. But taking atonement seriously is not the same as self-punishment or self-denial.

Healthy self-denial or dying to the self is that which is required in the deepest and most significant human activities that we know. Ask somebody who really loved another person and you will learn something valuable about the amount of dying that goes into keeping even the richest of loves alive. Sometimes — and probably because lovers live at such close range — there seems to be more dying to self involved

in making love grow than anything else. It takes dying to self to listen to another, especially when we think we have heard everything that the other could possibly have to say. A man or a woman must sacrifice to keep each other in focus as separate human beings whose rights and needs demand constant care and respect if their relationship is to flourish. Love does not take care of itself the way bluechip stocks do after a one-time investment; it demands constant re-investment of the self with no interest charges at all. Love does not just lie there; it needs life breathed into it at every moment, life that comes only from those who em-

brace the thousand private deaths of intimacy.

The same thing goes for having faith in other persons, or hoping in them. These are the vital parts of living, the only experiences that enable us to recognize ourselves as human beings — the pain that is the price for relationships that sign of the best that is in us, that is the suffering that redeems, that is worthwhile because it increases life.

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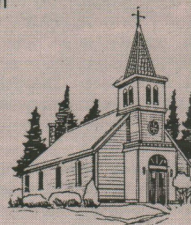
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Other Land Titles Offices in the province will eventually go onto the same computerized system, making it possible for the first time in Manitoba to search any parcel of property in the province from any of the Land Titles Offices in the province. It may even be possible to do more than search and to actually register documents at one Office affecting land in the jurisdiction of another Office. It is already possible, with the right computer hook-up, to search titles from the privacy of your home or office.

For those who are entering the Manitoba housing market for the first time, especially from other provinces, the process in Manitoba's Land Titles System will have some surprising and probably frustrating delays.

The greatest benefit of the computerization is said to be the speed at which documents can be entered for registration, checked and verified, and ultimately accepted or rejected. This process has in the past taken as much as 6 or 7 weeks, although it is currently down to 2 or 3 weeks. Once the computerized system is fully operational and the bulk of the titles are converted to electronic, the registration time from entry to acceptance should be a matter of days. However, this is still

slower than in many provinces which have same-day turnaround of registrations.

In the meantime, delays cause a multitude of problems. First, one who sells real property at present can expect that the sale proceeds will not be available for his use for a period of from 2 or 4 weeks after possession. This means that the seller of the property who is buying other property will have to borrow or interim finance the cash needed for the purchase which was to have come from the sale. Even where the seller is not purchasing other accommodations but rather is going into an apartment or home, the money which the seller may wish to invest, or to use for the security deposit and first month's rent for his or her new accommodations will not be available immediately.

The seller is entitled to request that his or her lawyer invest the sale money so that some interest is earned, but generally the rate of interest earned is less than the rate which is charged on the interim financing loan.

The delays have affected purchasers too. If a purchaser is arranging a new mortgage and not purchasing his or her property entirely by cash, the mortgage funds will not be advanced (or loaned) by the bank or other financial institution until registrations have been completed, 2 or 3 weeks after possession. The purchaser is therefore not starting to pay interest or mortgage payments to his or her bank until perhaps 2 months after possession. This appears to be a great saving to the purchaser. However, the fact that the purchaser's bank does not immediately lend them the money means

that the seller from whom they are buying will not be receiving the balance of the purchase price for that length of time. The Real Estate Board Offer to Purchase form as a result provides that the purchaser must pay to the seller interest at the same interest rate as the purchaser's mortgage from the possession date until such balance is paid to the credit of the vendor. Most lawyers acting for purchasers therefore collect the amount of interest which they expect will be payable, before the date of possession. This amount is usually equal to approximately one to two months interest. This interest will not be eliminated with faster registrations but it will be reduced.

Purchasers and those refinancing their mortgages can have a further problem with what is known as the commitment expiry date of a mortgage especially if interest rates are rising. Banks will approve a mortgage for a customer on the condition that the funds will have to be advanced by the commitment expiry date. That date is usually 60 days after approval but each financial institution has their own rule in this regard. In any event, if because of the possession date and the timing of registration, that date cannot be met, the customer may run the risk of losing the rate which was approved and may end up with a mortgage carrying a higher interest rate, if market rates have increased in the meantime.

If the registration of a mortgage has not been completed by the commitment expiry date, the only way to "save" that interest rate may be to requisition the funds to be advanced on the mortgage even though the

registered mortgage is not available. The financial institution will usually only advance mortgage funds on such circumstances, on the condition that the funds not be disbursed until the registered mortgage is available. Therefore interest will start to run on the mortgage but the funds will not be able to be used to stop interest from running on the balance of the purchase price and therefore, the purchaser ends up paying both types of interest for a time.

These delays have already been reduced somewhat since implementation of the computerized system, but it is hoped that these delays and the problems they cause will be further reduced in the near future, putting our registration system in Manitoba more in line with other provinces.

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