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DND TO REPLACE SEARCH AND RESCUE HELICOPTERS

8 November 1995

OTTAWA - The Minister of National Defence, the Honourable David Collenette, announced today the government's intention to proceed with the procurement of a new Search and Rescue helicopter to replace the aging fleet of CH133 Labrador helicopters that went into service in 1963.

"An efficient Search and Rescue service is fundamental to the thousands of Canadians who make their living in remote regions of this country, be it at sea, on land or in the air. The Labrador's age is making it increasingly difficult to provide Canadians with the level of service they have come to expect. In view of Canada's extensive coastline and vast land mass, this replacement project is considered a national priority," the Minister said.

Labrador crews have responded to an average of over 440 incidents per year and have rescued hundreds of people. Compared to modern aircraft, the Labrador has limited avionics, no night vision equipment and limited communications and navigational capability.

The Department of National

Defence has finalized its Statement of Operational Requirements (SOR) for the project to replace the Labrador fleet. The SOR will be released to industry through a Solicitation of Interest (SOI), in approximately mid-December 1995. This will enable industry to review the requirement so they can begin strategic planning and teaming arrangements. A formal Request for Proposals will then be issued in early 1996 asking the private sector to submit bids for either a purchase or lease option. The successful bid will meet DND specifications, recommend financing mechanisms and provide a maintenance component. It is anticipated that the Minister of National Defence will present his recommendation to Cabinet on the selection of a contractor by the latter part of 1996. Assuming a signed contract in late 1996, aircraft deliveries could commence in December 1998 and conclude in October 2001.

"Buying off-the-shelf or alternative delivery arrangements such as leasing of equipment and contracting out maintenance brings with it the potential to reduce the cost of major capital acquisition



CH133 Labrador

projects," said Mr. Collenette, "It will help us obtain value for taxpayers' money and still provide essential uninterrupted Search and Rescue service to Canadians through new and different forms of partnership with the private sector."

If the acquisition were made through outright procurement, the total project cost would be in the order of \$600M in 1995-96 dollars. The acquisition of new Search and Rescue helicopters was provided for in the February 1995 federal budget and is therefore built

into the existing fiscal framework. This initiative is an example of how the government is prioritizing spending and serving Canadians better by making efficient use of their tax dollars.

LE MDN REMPLACERA SES HELICOPTERES DE RECHERCHE ET DE SAUVETAGE

Le 8 novembre 1995

OTTAWA - Le ministre de la Défense nationale, l'honorable David Collenette, a annoncé aujourd'hui que le gouvernement entend acheter un nouvel hélicoptère de recherche et de sauvetage en remplacement de la flotte vieillissante de Labrador CH133, en service depuis 1963.

<<Un service efficace de recherche et de sauvetage est indispensable aux milliers de Canadiens qui travaillent dans les régions éloignées de notre pays, que ce soit en mer, sur terre ou dans les airs. Vu ses nombreuses années de service, le Labrador rend de plus en plus ardue la tâche de fournir aux Canadiens le niveau de service auquel ils s'attendent aujourd'hui. On place ce projet de remplacement au rang des priorités nationales, à cause de l'immensité du territoire et du littoral du Canada>>, a indiqué le Ministre.

Les équipages des appareils Labrador répondent à 440 incidents par année en moyenne, et ils ont porté secours à des centaines de personnes. Comparativement aux aéronefs modernes, le Labrador possède un matériel électronique de bord limitée, il n'a aucun équipement de vision nocturne et ses ressources

de communication et de navigation sont limitées.

Le ministère de la Défense nationale a achevé l'énoncé des besoins opérationnels du projet de remplacement de la flotte des Labrador. Cet énoncé des besoins sera communiqué au secteur privé, par le biais d'un appel de présélection, vers le milieu du mois de décembre 1995. L'industrie pourra donc examiner les besoins, entamer sa planification stratégique et faire les alliances qu'elle jugera nécessaires. On publiera ensuite une demande officielle de propositions au début de 1996, de manière à inviter le secteur privé à soumissionner en vue de l'achat ou de la location d'hélicoptères. Le soumissionnaire qui sera retenu devra respecter les spécifications du MDN, proposer des mécanismes de financement et assurer un service de maintenance. Pour ce qui est de la sélection d'un entrepreneur, on prévoit que le ministre de la Défense nationale présentera ses recommandations au Cabinet d'ici la fin de 1996. Si un contrat est signé à la fin de 1996, la livraison des hélicoptères pourrait commencer en décembre 1998 et se terminer en octobre 2001.

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TRAINING SESSION OUTLINES THE FLIGHT PLAN

By Capt Karen Mair

The combined Commanders' Training Session (CCTS) was recently held at Air Command Headquarters from 31 October to 2 November. Designed to provide our Group and Wing Commanders with an opportunity to discuss the major issues affecting Air Command more than 82 senior officers participated in the three-day training session.

There were many items on the CCTS agenda. Foremost was the Commander's Flight Plan. "This training session was the logical follow-on to my Flight Plan. The CCTS gave me the first opportunity to discuss this plan face-to-face with all of my Group and Wing Commanders," explained LGen Al DeQuetteville, Commander Air Command. "Nothing can take the place of face-to-face interaction, when you are trying to instill your vision in your force commanders.

Essentially three-pronged, the flight plan outlines LGen DeQuetteville's plan to maintain our operational course, stabilize the rate of change we are experiencing and invest further in communications.

The CCTS agenda included updates from the Air Command Excellence System (ACES), Project Genesis (re-engineering) and AFCCR (Air Force command and control review.) Over the three day session, our Group and Wing

Commanders also received updated briefings on ongoing air operations, flight safety, and personnel issues including everything from MOC briefings to Civilian Personnel issues.

Discussions during CCTS also touched upon capital equipment, Canadian Air Training Plan (CATP), the Aerospace Training Canada International (ATCI) and Project 2020 which is designed to visualize what the world situation will be in the 21st Century and how our Air Force should be positioned to meet those challenges.

In line with the Commander's emphasis on improving communications, time was also spent discussing Air Force history and heritage, our internal and external communications strategies and Air Force leadership issues.

Each session (morning and afternoon) ended with a discussion period which allowed for immediate feedback to and from the Commanders. "My personal hope is that commanders could return to their formations and wings and convey that Air Command has a solid plan to see us through difficult times and into an uncertain future and that we have a senior air force team committed and dedicated to executing this plan. The feedback gleaned directly from our field commanders will allow me and my staff to more finely tune our command focus and staff energies," said LGen DeQuetteville.

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The Voxair dated November 1, 1995 contained an error reference the toll free number to call and leave a message to family or friends serving outside of Canada. The complete article with the correct number follows. Our apologies.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE WING COMMANDER

By Col G.E. Sharpe

Many of you were recently involved in Remembrance Day ceremonies on and leading up to November 11. You may have been on parade or attending services in a variety of locations around

the city, or speaking to school children or other groups. However you marked this special event, I am proud of all the men and women of 17 Wing and CFB Winnipeg.

While Remembrance Day commemorates the sacrifice of those Canadians who have

gone before, let us not forget the link that we who are currently serving have to those brave and generous men and women who risked their lives, and in so many cases lost them, so that others could enjoy the rewards of freedom. What each and every one of us in uniform does today is directly connected to that sacrifice.

Unfortunately, the message routinely spread by the national media in Canada does not recognize that connection. In fact, they would have us believe that people join the military solely for free Priority Five trips.

Too many of us within the military listen to and believe this source of information. Well, they are as wrong today as they were in the 1930s when they declared peace was with us forever.

This country, and this world, still needs the dedication and service of people like you. People willing to give up the security and comfort of civilian life to accept the risks and trials of life in uniform.

When the time comes to deliver on the commitment to Canada and Canadians that each of us has made, I know that we will be there. However, I suspect that, just like sixty years ago, the "security experts" in the national media will be nowhere to be seen until afterwards, at which time they will come forward, criticize the sacrifices, praise the enemy, condemn the



Veterans from the War Amps and Hong Kong Veterans Association prepare to lay wreaths during the Remembrance Day service on November 11, 1995. (Photo by Cpl Pete Vaudry)



Sgt Dave Shaw of the Air Command Band plays "The Last Post" at the Remembrance Day service at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on November 11, 1995. (Photo by Cpl Pete Vaudry)

decision makers and call for a public inquiry into the entire military organization.

As we all know, Canada is the best country in the world in which to live. All you have to do to confirm this is to spend time in a place like Haiti or the former Yugoslavia. One of the reasons that Canada remains such a great place is the willingness displayed by the men and women of the Canadian Forces to serve to defend the freedom so dearly bought by our predecessors. To those who would paint the military today as anything less, I simply say you are wrong.

In today's world we have little, or no, realistic chance of converting our national media and I suggest the best route is to ignore them to the extent

possible. In fact, I believe we ought to be taking our message directly to Canadians where ever possible, without the inevitable negative twist we see from the poorly informed and disinterested middle men in the media. That is perhaps the greatest challenge that faces us in peacetime in this country.

Those of us in uniform today are helping to spread the right message. Those who contributed at Remembrance Day services sent a message. On behalf of your fellow Canadians, I thank you and wish you the best of luck as you continue in your commitment to Canada and Canadians.

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<<En achetant des produits disponibles sur le marché ou en adoptant d'autres solutions comme la location d'équipement et l'adjudication de contrats de maintenance, nous parvenons à réduire les coûts des grands projets d'immobilisation, a précisé M. Collenette. Nous pouvons ainsi utiliser l'argent des contribuables judicieusement, tout en continuant de fournir

aux Canadiens des services essentiels de recherche et de sauvetage, grâce à de nouveaux partenariats avec le secteur privé.>>

Si l'acquisition se faisait par achat ferme, le coût total du projet serait de l'ordre de 600 millions de dollars (en dollars de 1995-1996). L'acquisition de nouveaux hélicoptères de

recherche et de sauvetage ayant été prévue dans le Budget de février 1995, elle s'intègre dans le cadre financier actuel. Cette initiative témoigne de l'importance que le gouvernement accorde à la maximalisation des sommes qu'il recueille des contribuables, dans l'intérêt de tous les citoyens.

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Defence 2000 News

A BRAVE NEW WORLD

One of the only constants in the world of the Management, Command and Control Reengineering Team (MCCRT) has been change. And rightly so.

MCCRT is About Change

For openers, MGen George Macdonald has replaced MGen Al DeQuetteville as the head of our team. Organizationally, MCCRT has come together with CMRS to form what is currently labelled as "The Change Team." From now on MCCRT and CMRS will work together to promote D2000 initiatives and principles.

What is the Focus of MCCRT?

Reengineering. More specifically, MCCRT is harmonizing reengineering and renewal efforts across DND and the CF. It is also creating a headquarters structure at the strategic level (NDHQ) and operational level (navy formation, army area and air force group) that can operate effectively with 50 per cent fewer resources. Savings will be directed to maintaining our operational capabilities.

The task is enormous, but

DND senior management believes reengineering is the way to success.

Reengineering has been called a lot of things — "an idea whose time has come", "the latest buzzword" or "another word for downsizing". The reality is that it's not downsizing. Reengineering is simply the right thing to do in today's environment. We've all seen the handwriting on the wall. This is DND's response.

The Budget and the Cuts

This year, the defence budget is more than \$11 billion. Within four years, it will be reduced to \$9.7 billion.

By the end of March 1999, we must have 33,800 fewer Regular and Reserve Force members and civilian employees than we had in 1994.

Attrition will help us meet our personnel targets, but, inevitably, some jobs will have to be cut. Dealing humanely and sensitively with the people who leave, and ensuring that those who remain can do the work, are our priorities.

Working Smarter

Preserving and enhancing our operational capabilities despite these reductions is a major challenge. Managing and supporting our operational capability more efficiently and less expensively is the way to meet that challenge.

Reengineering/Restructuring

Rethinking how the department works from the ground up is not easy. Across the department people are asking, "Do we really need to do this and if we do, can we do it better?" — "Is there a way to make the workload more manageable?" — "Are there other ways to deliver services?" DND's senior leaders are committed to finding the answers to these questions. That's where MCCRT comes in.

MCCRT will drive the end-to-end reengineering, from NDHQ, through Command and subordinate headquarters, to the base/unit level. In addition to recommending a new headquarters structure for DND and the CF, it will propose more efficient ways to support our operational

capability.

The time lines are tight: * By the end of October, we should have a clearer picture of how the department is going to do business;

* By the end of December, we should know how we need to be organized to get on with the job;

* By January 1996, we'll be rolling up our sleeves to begin changing the way we do business; and,

* By summer 1997, a new command structure will be up and running.

Although 1997 may seem a long time away, the pace for MCCRT and the reengineering teams will be frantic in the 400 or so working days that are left.

"We're asking people to do in two years what it would normally take much longer to do," says MGen Macdonald. "It's an extraordinary challenge and it's going to take an extraordinary effort."

Some Decisions Have Already Been Made

There will be 25% fewer generals and colonels, and fewer executive level civilians. Command headquarters will be eliminated, with the present Commanders of Commands coming to NDHQ as environmental chiefs of staff. Their roles and responsibilities are being hammered out now.

NDHQ — where most of the resources are located — will be streamlined. Other headquarters will be reduced. Maritime Forces Atlantic, Land Forces Atlantic and Maritime Air Group will be co-located in one building in Halifax. Similar co-locations are being considered for other headquarters.

MCCRT has created 15 project teams to continue the renewal work begun in projects such as Op Renaissance (personnel services) and Op Excelerate

(materiel services). The teams will also work closely with army, navy and air force renewal teams working at the local level. Under the MCCRT umbrella, the teams will figure out what is needed to put the new headquarters organization into place.

Streamlining the System

A lot of the reengineered work will employ new information technology. "Our goal is to build the highway and the standards," says BGen Bob Martineau, Director General Information Services Operations and a member of MCCRT. Getting the diversity out of the system in the bottom layers will result in cheaper training and support costs.

One thing we know is that the new NDHQ will look much different. The current 38 buildings will be reduced to as few as four. That's what it will take to accommodate 7,000 people. According to Capt(N) Al Cormier, commandant of the Canadian Forces Support Unit, "One hundred and fifty percent of the people will have to move over the next few years, and some people may move twice as we reconfigure and downsize."

We Must Change

Given the deep cuts to DND and the necessity of delivering multi-purpose operational forces to meet ongoing demands, the department is simply unable to do everything the way it was done before. "We are still designed for a department of many more people," says MGen Macdonald. "That design just isn't affordable."

As the engine driving the D2000 philosophy, MCCRT's goal is a new design that is affordable, focuses on operational capabilities and recognizes the strengths and abilities of our people.



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435 SQUADRON AIR TO AIR REFUELLING "THE WONDER YEARS"

By Sgt J.D. Mackey

In 1991, in a different Air Force Galaxy called Wing Edmonton, a Big Bang occurred after DTHEM created the Air to Air Refuelling (AAR) capability on the Hercules aircraft and five new C130(H)T aircraft were purchased and introduced into the fleet. Three intrepid technicians (Sgt Jim Mackey, MCpl Don McRoberts and Cpl Troy Winder) began an undertaking of far reaching capability; setting up a technical expertise and repair capability for the AAR and related aircraft systems. Support was set up one year before spares were available, which required their continual

involvement in all aspects of AAR to identify and rectify all deficiencies. Four new members joined the team to provide support to AAR operations from Edmonton. While in Edmonton, a specialized building was constructed which unfortunately was never opened due to the move of the Squadron to Winnipeg.

Once in Winnipeg, after a short summer of being housed in 10 Hangar, the team was re-established in a new AAR facility. With a new vision for AAR support, an innovative training program was developed whereby the expertise was shared among a wider base of technicians. In

fact, over 40 technicians were trained as Pod specialists (Pod refers to the MK32b refuelling Pod which is one of the main components of the refuelling system). Again, to ensure that the expertise was shared, the original Lockheed trained personnel (AAR specialists) were disbanded and sent to the separate Aircraft Servicing crews. Now that the Servicing organization was capable of carrying out all the maintenance on the AAR system, the new shop could concentrate on developing a truly second line ability. Using mobile support equipment as a central location and having specifically designed shop modifications, the shop floor was transformed into an effective second line facility. 435 Squadron Aircrew and operators can be confident of the continued excellent support by Servicing maintainers, not only for AAR, but for SAR and transport as well. For they remain truly

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Welcome to the newest prospective young CFANS recruits. Course 9508 will start Tec Vocab training this week and I'm sure they're chomping at the bit. The happy halls of CFANS were made even happier lately with the graduation of courses 9407 and 9408. Congratulations goes out to all the grads with best wishes on their future postings.

Speaking of congratulations, Cpl Smalling of CFANS OR certainly deserves recognition for getting through one week without being involved in a car accident. In light of her two fender-benders in the two weeks previous she must feel positively giddy. And I'm sure Autopac concurs!

I am pleased to report that the



Sgt Mackey does a visual check on the 3600 gallon Fuselage Tank.



Techs work on the MK 32b Refuelling Pod in their new POD Shop.

CFANS hockey team has finally won their first game. Their strategy of lulling the opposition into a false sense of security seems to have been successful and now they say they are ready to pounce on the rest of the league.

Capt Chauvette was heard to state, "We want another shot at the Air Command Band and especially that obo player, revenge will be ours!" Stay tuned for the gripping re-match playing soon at a hockey rink near you.

Lt Niemczyk is riding high with the news of his flying currency lapsing soon. "It was really starting to cramp my social life, all those away trips, thank goodness there was someone around like Capt Nowak. He was willing to take all those flying hours off of my shoulders". Don't mention it Greg.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the "Niccors" have finally jumped through most of the hoops towards a "C" category instructor rating. Only Capt Guillette and Capt Morency remain to upgrade and theirs are imminent so welcome aboard!

Remember that Saturday, Dec 9 is the CFANS Christmas party at the Celebrations Dinner Theatre in the International Inn. Plan to arrive by 1800 with seating by 1830. The front left-hand corner of the tables have been reserved for us. There is no longer a dance scheduled for afterwards so start making alternate plans now! Dress for the dinner will be informal. I'll see you there. Until next time....

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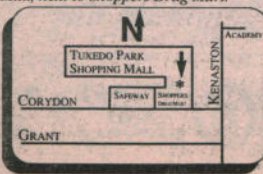
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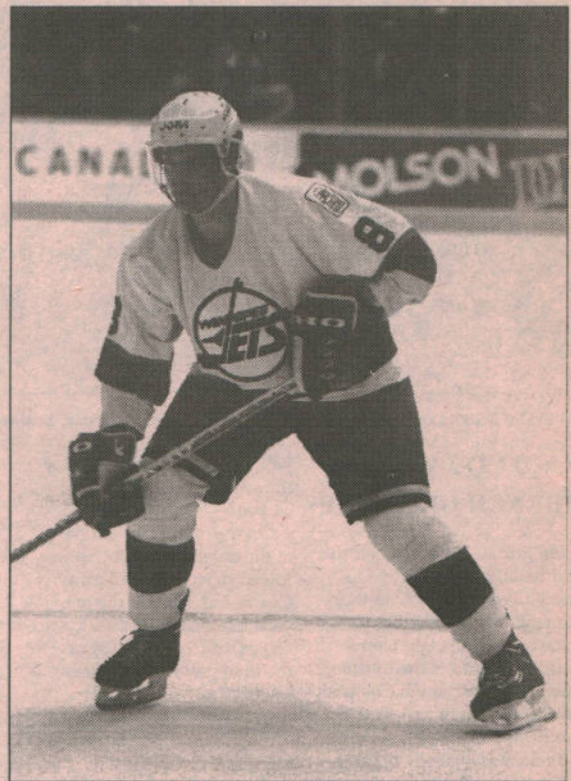
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The Finnish Flash, Teemu Selanne of the Winnipeg Jets skates across the blueline during NHL action at the Winnipeg Arena. Selanne and the Jets are playing exciting hockey in their final season in Winnipeg.

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Come out and see Teemu Selanne, Alexei Zhamnov, Keith Tkachuk, and the rest of the Winnipeg Jets battle Brett Hull, Dale Hawerchuk and the St. Louis Blues.



Teemu Selanne of the Winnipeg Jets. (Photo by: Cpl Dave Payne, 17 Wing.)

COUP AT CFRC WINNIPEG??



In the early days of November 1995, LS Mannequin attempted an unsuccessful coup within CFRC. The above picture depicts the coup leader completing just one of many tasks required by our Commanding Officer, LCDR Rick Hearn in a recruiting centre. Fortunately, this coup lasted only minutes as heroic CFRC staff tackled and subdued this fierce totalitarian individual. Immediately following this incident the "DUMMY" was dismantled and returned to 17 Wing supply. According to psychological experts, LS Mannequin suffered from (Acute Dysfunctional Infrastructure Syndrome), believed to be brought on by recent DND budget cuts.

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2 PPCLI held its annual French Grey Cup tournament on Friday, 10 November.

B COY WINS FRENCH GREY CUP

On Friday 10 November, the 2nd Battalion PPCLI held its annual French Grey Cup tournament. Although the day was bitterly cold, all eight teams performed well in the tournament. The final saw B Coy play against Cbt Sp in a re-match of the 1994 final.

In the first half of the game, B Coy found itself deep in its own half of the field, being forced to punt the ball away. Cbt Sp drew first blood when Cpl Tremblay returned the ball for a major score. A strong defensive play by B Coy prevented Cbt Sp from converting on the point after attempt. The remainder of the half was a tough defensive struggle setting the stage for the second

half. After 30 minutes of play the score was Cbt Sp 6, and B Coy nil.

On the first series of downs in the second half, Cbt Sp was forced to kick the ball away. B Coy found itself on the one yard line on a pass interference call in the Cbt Sp end zone. On the final down of the series, MCpl "The Fridge" Gartry, with strong support from the offensive line, forced the ball into the end zone for the touchdown. A failed point after attempt left the score at B Coy 6 and Cbt Sp 6.

The battle raged on, and the defensive effort by both teams was outstanding. The game was headed into overtime, when from mid field, Sgt "Punch" Genest unloaded a rope deep into Cbt Sp territory. The intended receiver, Pte Sagstuen couldn't grasp the

throw and the ball passed through his hands, and the hands of two defenders, only to be caught by Cpl Hurley, who took it in for the touchdown. Again the point after attempt was unsuccessful. The game once again became a defensive battle as B Coy was forced to work hard as time ran out for Cbt Sp. After 60 minutes of play, the final score was B Coy 12 and Cbt Sp 6. Victory celebrations were held afterwards in the JRC where the B Coy pennant was to be seen in the thick of the fray.

All players performed well this year and the level of play was at an all time high. Special mention goes out to Pte McDowell who played in the final with a broken hand. Congratulations to all involved for an outstanding effort.

UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTED TO 2 PPCLI

At Government House in Winnipeg on the 24th of October the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba presented 18 United Nations Global Citizens Awards to Manitoba residents on behalf of the United Nations Association to recognize outstanding contributions to global understanding, humanitarian work and peacekeeping. The ceremony was one of a series of events in Canada and around the world to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The recipients included medical workers, teachers, missionaries and one group - the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

The Second Battalion was recognized for its many years of peace keeping work dating back to the United Nations police action during the Korean War. During that conflict the Battalion was awarded the United States Presidential Unit Citation for its courageous stand at the battle of Kapyong in 1951. Since that time the battalion has deployed on several successful Peacekeeping missions, although none of them has been as desperate as Kapyong. Four of the deployments were to the United Nations Force in Cyprus where the Battalion assisted in bringing stability to that troubled island and the most recent was to Croatia with the United Nations Protection Force. The Croatian tour was particularly notable for the action at the Medac Pocket where the Battalion interposed itself between the warring factions to halt the violence and atrocities in the area.

The Battalion was the only nomination from 17 Wing in Winnipeg and was accepted for the Battalion by a representative group of all ranks. Following the presentations there was a brief reception for all of the recipients and guests hosted by the Lieutenant Governor. In all it was a very enjoyable event for everyone who attended; it was especially satisfying to be recognized for all the years of effort and sacrifice by the many past and present members of the Battalion. The award is now hanging in a place of prominence in the Battalion Headquarters where it is visible to everyone in the course of their duties.

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Dear Colonel Sharpe,

Winnipeg's Biggest Garage Sale Ever! was an unqualified success. With over 700 volunteers participating, it was truly a day of caring and sharing.

At the end of the day, 43 teams representing workplaces, volunteer groups and fraternal organizations raised over \$50,000 for the 68 agencies funded by United Way. Considering the very fair prices asked, that represented a lot of sales! We are very pleased with the media coverage the sale received which helped bring out 14,000 adults who, in turn, brought thousands of kids! A real cross-section of Winnipeggers were shopping: this sale seemed to offer something for everyone.

Air Command played such an important role with this event! Through the efforts of Major Jim Baldaro and Captain Rick Green, dozens of volunteers were mobilized. We were grateful again this year for the use of Lipsett Hall which was used to store donations from the public. Using your trucks and crews, these donations and many others throughout the community were delivered to the convention centre.

Your staff also entered the sale as a team. They raised \$4,283.00, which was more than was raised by any other group. They called upon their friends in the Klingon Empire to lend a hand, much to the delight of shoppers of all ages. I've enclosed a photo of some of the folks on this rather interesting looking sales team. We were delighted that the Air Command Band was able to join us to entertain the throngs of shoppers. They are truly outstanding musicians! Both the team and the band were featured on the television news coverage of the event.

We're not sure how successful this project would be without the support of 17 Wing. We certainly hope it will be possible for Captain Green to be part of the organizing committee again next year and that the entire crew will be able to participate once more.

Again, a most sincere thank you!

Regards,
Marg Wedlake, Campaign Communications Manager

United Way Garage Sale

The United Way Garage Sale was held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on Saturday 28 October and by all accounts, it was an overwhelming success. The volunteers had a great time selling all the "treasures" donated. The total amount raised was an astounding \$55,000 double last year's amount. 17 Wing and AIRCOM personnel had a large part in its success and sold \$4,300.00 from their tables, which will be added to the total raised by DND.

Over 45 persons volunteered and the Garage Sale Coordinator, Capt Rick Green noted that special thanks should go to the Wing Transportation Squadron. Dispatcher Cpl C.L. Allard worked especially hard to coordinate the transport of donated items and tables and from Wing Supply, 1 AMS and Lipsett Hall. Drivers Cpl S. Carigne, Mr W. McKenzie and Cpl S. Klassen also provided much needed assistance helping the volunteers loading and unloading.

BEAM ME UP SCOTTY



Capt Rick Green (kneeling centre), and CFANS pilots, Capt Steve Andre, Capt Michele York, and Lt Greg Niemczyk, are caught consorting with the Klingon Empire. Actually they were all, Klingons included, manning a CFB Winnipeg table at the United Way's Garage Sale on 28 Oct 95. The base group raised over \$4200, more than any other group at the sale. (Photo by Marg Wedlake, Winnipeg United Way)

As well, thanks for the great support provided from 1 Air Movements Squadron. Sgt G. Tanney and Cpl M.C. Lavoie worked especially hard to ensure there was storage space available for public donations and teams for loading and unloading.

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Recruit Training, Basic Officer Training and Senior Leaders Training to merge at new CF Leadership and Recruit School in St-Jean in 1996/97

Over the course of 1996/97, recruit training, basic officer training, the Senior Leaders Course (SLC) and its affiliated Senior Chiefs Course (SCC) will become the responsibility of one new school located at the Megaplex in St-Jean. This new establishment will be called the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS) and will stand up in September, 1996. It will be formed by amalgamating two schools, the Canadian Forces Recruit School (CFRS) in St-Jean, and the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School (CFOCS), presently located in Chilliwack, BC.

Budget cutbacks and the continuing search for efficiencies are the two major driving factors behind the amalgamation of CFRS and CFOCS and the reassignment of SLC training responsibilities. The February '95 federal budget called for the closure of CFB Chilliwack, and led to the proposal that CFOCS relocate to St-Jean, alongside the CFRS. It quickly became evident that further efficiencies could be gained by combining the headquarters and administrative support elements of these two schools.

One ongoing problem at CFOCS is the low productivity of the training staffs during the fall and winter periods when demand for basic officer training is low. The answer was found in assigning SLC training to the CFOCS staff.

SLC will be conducted during the fall and winter months, while continuing a limited amount of concurrent basic officer training. The staff will then concentrate solely on basic officer training during the spring and summer months when the demand peaks sharply. This proposal became all the more attractive when the 30 percent personnel reductions for CFRETS were announced in September. After consultation with the senior leadership of the CF, both officers and NCMs, Major-General Desloges, the formation commander, approved the amalgamation.

Many senior non-commissioned members had expressed grave reservations about the assignment of SLC training to the BOTC cadre at CFLRS. They were concerned that leadership positions would be taken away from NCMs and given to officers in the new infrastructure. This is not the case. While a major will command the SLC company, the current SLC infrastructure will be closely mirrored in St-Jean. The captain's position will become the company 2IC and the nine SLC syndicates will be headed by warrant officers. The chief instructor for SLC will be a MWO, assisted by a WO. The quality of the SLC training will be maintained at its current high standard.

Amalgamating the Recruit School and the Officer

Candidate School into CFLRS and assigning responsibility for SLC training to the BOTC cadre of this new school will generate savings of 41 military positions and 2 civilian jobs, which equates to savings of \$1.9 million per year. The BOTC/SLC cadre at the new Leadership and Recruit School will consist of three companies, two for BOTC and one for SLC. The recruit training cadre will also have three companies, making a total of six training companies in the new CFLRS.

The Officer Candidate School in Chilliwack is scheduled to close out in mid-August 1996, and the first BOTC serial to be conducted in St-Jean will be in January 1997.

The last SLC to be conducted in Borden is the May 1996 serial. CFLRS will conduct its first SLC serial in November 1996.

The expected throughputs at the CF Leadership and Recruit School are:

- Senior Leaders Course: 500 students per year, one-third francophone;
- Senior Chiefs Course: 50-60 students per year in one serial, conducted in English only;
- Recruits: 4,000 per year, including 700 naval reservists, one-third francophone;
- BOTC Part I: 1,000 candidates per year, including 100 naval reservists, one-third francophone; and
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When Master Corporal Marie Brown returns back to Canada following her six month peacekeeping tour with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda, she might want to consider taking a vacation in L.A. and trying her luck on The Price Is Right.

MCpl Brown, from Weymouth, NS and employed at CFB Gagetown, is in Rwanda as the Local Purchase Officer, meaning she spends her days in the crowded, noisy Kigali marketplace.

Less than a year and half ago, her stomping grounds were littered with corpses, the victims of genocide. But now, the marketplace is alive (a little too alive on Wednesdays when cattle and goats for sale roam the streets) with the hustle and bustle of buying and selling as Rwanda regains her feet.

"My first day in the market was somewhat intimidating," says Marie. "There's so many people, lots of activity, the language is strange and with my fair complexion, I quickly

became the centre of attention whether I liked it or not."

In her combat boots and uniform, blue beret and with her weapon slung over her shoulder, MCpl Brown causes more than a few heads to turn as she makes her rounds.

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"At first, people would stop, stare and not know what to do. I don't know if it's because I'm a woman and a soldier or not, but I suspect that it does play a role in their reaction. Much to my surprise, I found that I am the one who continually breaks the ice with a smile, a wave and a handshake. Sometimes that takes them even further aback, but they warm up very quickly then try to sell me something."

Very quickly indeed. Now three months into her tour, Marie has friends throughout the market. "All the shop owners know me by name and if they don't have what I'm looking for, they send out a runner to find it. Of course, you have to be careful. I

learned my lesson in my first week when I couldn't find any batteries. One store kindly sent out a runner to get some - he returned twenty minutes later and I bought the batteries for \$20. Continuing on my way, two stores down I found the same batteries for half price and much to my chagrin, that they had just been sold to the runner. Not to be outdone, I went back to the first store and demanded half my money back and got it, with a smile

from the shopkeeper who now undercuts his neighbor."

Shopping in Kigali isn't as easy as visiting Canadian Tire. "Here, it generally takes about three days to get anything. First, you have to find the right store. The sign outside may say "Tires" but inside you'll find flowers in a shop that also sells radios and dresses and whatever else they can get their hands on. They rarely have what you want, but always "know a friend who knows a guy who once saw someone with just what you're looking for." Incredibly, a day later it shows up and then you spend the next two days haggling over prices. It's exhausting but worth the effort when you finally get a fair deal."

Every Wednesday, the chaos of the market turns into pandemonium with a heightened frenzy of bartering for anything from cattle, chickens and goats to the occasional donkey. "The sights and smells of the market on Wednesdays are sometimes overwhelming. You certainly have to watch your step and

when they say that their meat is fresh, they aren't kidding. Most people walk the goat home that will make that evening's meal."

"The most dangerous thing about being in the market is being ripped off in price. I've never felt threatened except against some very sharp shopkeepers, but now I've had enough bartering practice that I think I could hold my own on The Price Is Right."

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THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

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My original intention for this article was to pass on what I thought was the perfect present to give this Christmas. I wanted to help out the few of you who leave your shopping until 24 December.

In order to get some good ideas, I asked some of my friends to tell me their all-time favourite Christmas present.

The first person I asked was my best friend. She is an expert on these topics. However, when I asked her, she drew a blank. "Tess, I need some time for that one."

Then, I decided to ask around and that's when I received boring answers like "my GI Joe", "my easy-bake oven".

I thought that maybe I was asking the question in the wrong way so I decided to rephrase it.

The next day I called an old university buddy and I said, "Mary, what are some things that make up for the really hard times in life. I mean what makes everything really worthwhile?"

My colleague answered, "You know when it's late spring and you take a walk just after sunset and it's a little nippy but it's also warm at the same time and the wind picks up and blows in your face and moves your hair. And you can smell summer coming? I like that."

Hey, you know, she's right. While we're on the topic, I like it when dogs kind of tilt their head to the side when you're talking to them. They have this expression like they're trying to figure you out. I also like sunny days in the winter and how it makes the snow twinkle. I also like the crunching sound snow makes when you walk on it. I love getting letters in the mail. I like the smell of bacon cooking in the kitchen when I wake up on Sunday morning.

There's nothing better than the smell of fresh-cut grass, being the first to open the newspaper, the memory of my first date, an ice cold beer in a chilled mug on a hot day, the smell of campfires, bogeys, no lines at the Canex, going downhill on your bike, finding the big dipper, the complexity

of spider webs, the dentist saying "okay, I'm just about done," two days left until the end of a course.

Or, how about getting the closest parking spot to the door, knowing that home is just around the corner, sunrises, Fridays at 1630 hrs, when the boss is on leave, the smell of a match after it's extinguished, fresh sheets, an overtime goal, being snugly warm in bed and hearing it raining outside, the excitement of youngsters on Christmas Eve.

I finally came to the conclusion that the best presents can't be bought on 24 December. The best presents are not for sale.

The Christmas of 1986 was the last one we shared with my father. He was terribly ill at the time and I remember watching him opening his presents. Perhaps it was intuition, but I remember wondering if we would all be together next year. This got me to thinking. I was aware of how much he meant to me. I wondered what he was thinking as we all sat together opening gifts in the living room.

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My father happened to catch me looking at him. We said nothing, but in his eyes was a look that said that we were both thinking the same thing.

I realize now that being together as a family, feeling safe in the comfort of home, the smell of pine in the air and experiencing such a holy

season amongst those who love you is the best gift I have ever received.

My prayer is that all of you experience the gift of friendship, family love, the smell of Christmas cookies baking, many hugs, and the sense of PEACE in your heart this Christmas season.



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JUDO CLUB

By Brian Knudsen

On October 28, the 17 Wing Judo Club participated in the first competition of the season, the 10th Annual Brandon Open. The club, in its third year of operation, began classes this year on September 11, so members had plenty of time to get into shape after the off season.

This year the 17 Wing Judo Club has approximately 100 junior and adult members, making it one of the largest clubs in the province. Eighteen members went to the tournament in Brandon as competitors and brought back fourteen medals. In addition, the club's Head Sensei, Brian Jones (fourth degree black belt), and Sensei Kelvin Francis

(second degree black belt) were there to coach the team, assisted by two brown belts, Dana Larose and Tim Dittrick. Club President, Sensei Steve Broughton (first degree black belt), was a referee at the tournament.

In Judo, as in other fighting sports, competitors are grouped according to age, sex, experience and weight. Within each of these categories, gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded. On occasions, categories must be grouped because of small numbers of competitors. When this happens, the result is that some competitors have a much tougher set of matches than others, fighting opponents that are heavier or more experienced. Some of our competitors had matches like this in Brandon, and we are proud of the spirit they showed.

The categories and participants (with apologies to any competitors whom we have inadvertently omitted or reported incorrectly) were:

- Girls -40 kg: Sarah Warrack
- Girls -45 kg: Maren Marks (gold) Jazmyn Cudney (bronze)

- Senior Women -66 kg: Maria Forester (silver)
- Boys -35 kg: Zak Cudney
- Boys -45 kg: David Onyebuchi
- Boys -50 kg: Kevin Neal (bronze)
- Juvenile Boys -46 kg: Barry Knudsen (silver)
- Juvenile Boys -54 kg: Chris Warrack
- Juvenile Boys -74 kg: Ken Kohinski (silver) Bryan Kjartanson (bronze)
- Juvenile Boys -74 kg: Tyler Hunt (bronze)
- IJF Junior -65 kg: Richard McArthur
- IJF Junior -78 kg: Charles Murray (gold) Ken Haines (silver)
- Senior Novice -60 kg: Craig Smith (silver)
- Senior Novice -71 kg: Brian Knudsen (bronze) Ken Haines
- Senior Novice -78kg: Charles Murraray (gold)
- Senior Advanced -65 kg: Richard McArthur
- Senior Advanced -71 kg: Dan White (silver)

Dan White also won the award for the club's outstanding competitor. He was narrowly defeated in a

spectacular match for the gold against a brown belt from the University of Saskatchewan club.

The club is extremely proud of all its competitors. As usual, the club's representatives fulfilled the Sensei's hopes that they would fight hard and show poise regardless of the outcome of matches. The Senseis feel that the judoka who lose their matches are still winners if they have learned something during the competition.

Coming events for the 17 Wing Judo Club include several more competitions. In November there are tournaments in Dryden and St. Boniface. In December there is the University of Manitoba Open. There will be in-house grading of junior belts. Two of the senior brown belts are training and studying for their first degree black belt (Shodan).

Anyone wanting to learn more about the club is welcome to visit during classes, which are Monday and Thursday nights, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Lipsett Hall.

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