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NEW OPERATIONAL AIR FORCE HQ IN WINNIPEG

By Capt Neil Kinley

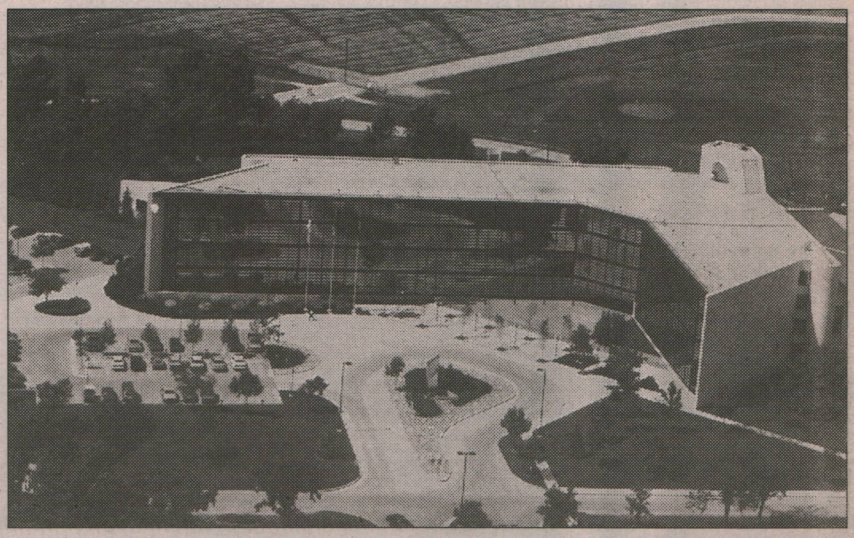
The bad news for Winnipeg in Budget 1995 was reduced considerably with Paul Martin's new budget, tabled on March 6, 1996. It was announced that the new operational Air Force headquarters would be taking over the spaces vacated by Air Command HQ in Winnipeg in 1997.

In respect of the rich heritage of Canada's air force, the new headquarters will be named 1 Canadian Air Division. It will amalgamate the headquarters functions of the four group headquarters: 10 Tactical Air Group in St. Hubert PQ., Maritime Air Group in Halifax, Fighter Group in North Bay, Ont., and Air Transport Group in Trenton, Ont. This new headquarters will be set-up in 1997 as the group headquarters are closed.

Approximately 100 personnel will move to Ottawa with the Commander of Air Command, who will assume the duties of the Chief of Air Staff. Another 100 personnel will be allocated to other headquarters, principally the navy and army operational headquarters. 1 Canadian Air Division will form with 300-400 personnel in Winnipeg, down significantly from the 750 employed at Air Command HQ.

The Canadian NORAD HQ will co-locate with 1 Canadian Air Division in Winnipeg. The Regional Operational Control Centre will also move from North Bay, as greater savings can be made and the necessary infrastructure is available in Winnipeg.

As a result of the closure of 18 Wing Edmonton in 1994, support to the Canadian Forces School of Survival and Rescue (CFSSAR) has been difficult and costly. As a result, the survival training element of CFSSAR (about 5 staff) will move to Winnipeg in 1996, where they will conduct winter land survival training for DND. This transfer will also permit further unit efficiencies through an amalgamation with the Canadian Forces School of Aeromedical Training (CFSAT).



1 Canadian Air Division to move into Air Command Building

The end result of the budget will see Winnipeg make some gains in personnel, but will still see a net loss as a result of Budget 95 and the closure of Air Command HQ. By 1997, CFB Winnipeg will have approximately 2,240 military and 410 civilian positions, including 1 Canadian Air Division, Canadian NORAD HQ, and 2 PPCLI. These numbers are not cast in stone, as more savings could be made in the delivery of support services.

---BUDGET 1996---

By Capt Neil Kinley

When Canada's Finance Minister, Paul Martin, rose in the House of Commons on March 6, 1996 to deliver his budget, most expected the Department of National Defence to once again bear the brunt of reductions. When all was said and done, DND did get hit with significant reduction, but not as severe as many predicted.

Martin's budget called for a $800 million reduction in the Defence budget. We will see a $200 million reduction in 1997-98 and an additional $600 million reduction in 1998-99. The cuts bring Canada's National Defence budget to $9.25 billion in 1998-99, from $11.8 billion in 1994-95.

The reductions will be achieved through "cuts and deferrals in planned capital equipment expenditures, reductions to infrastructure and reductions in selected activity levels." In fact two-thirds of the cuts will be made from the capital program, affecting a dozen major projects and thirty more limited projects. The cuts will delay the government's plan to replace Canada's aging Sea King helicopters by one year, and could end plans to purchase or lease Upholder class submarines from the United Kingdom.

The budget also called for the formation of a single operational Air Force headquarters in Winnipeg, to be named 1 Canadian Air Division. This will see the amalgamation of headquarters functions of 10 Tactical Air Group, Maritime Air Group, Fighter Group and Air Transport Group. An operational contingency support headquarters will be formed at Trenton, to plan the support of deployed air units.

Infrastructure is also affected, as CFS Debert, N.S. will be closed in 1996. Upgrades in communication equipment make this closure possible, which will result in annual savings of $4 million.

The budget also calls for the reduction of CFB North Bay to a detachment. By 1997, the Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters and its Regional Operations Control Centre will be co-located with the operational level headquarters in Winnipeg. The North Bay detachment will support NORAD's Sector Operations Control Centre.

There are also some changes coming to the tactical helicopter world. As the CH-146 Griffon comes on line, other helicopter fleets are retired, and the bases announced in previous budgets close, the reorganization of tactical helicopter operations is required. This will result in the amalgamation of several helicopter squadrons in 1996, and the redistribution of their resources to achieve maximum operational capabilities and efficiencies.

The budget did not call for any further reduction in personnel. Plans still call for DND to have 60,000 military personnel and 20,000 civilian personnel by 1999.

DEFENCE HIGHLIGHTS BUDGET 1996

CFS DEBERT CLOSED IN 1996
CFB NORTH BAY REDUCED TO DETACHMENT BY 1997
PURCHASE NEW MARITIME HELICOPTERS DELAYED ONE YEAR
1 CANADIAN AIR DIVISION TO FORM IN WINNIPEG
- *OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
- *AMALGAMATING ATG, 10 TAG, MAG, AND FIGHTER GP
- *ALL 13 WINGS REPORT DIRECTLY TO THIS HQ

CANADIAN NORAD HQ TO MOVE TO WINNIPEG
- *TO CO-LOCATE WITH 1 CDN AIR DIV

CONTINGENCY SUPPORT HQ TO FORM IN TRENTON
- *TO SUPPORT DEPLOYED OPS

AIRCREW SELECTION CENTRE TO TRENTON - 96
ATC, AWC, AIR DEFENCE TECHS - AEROSPACE CONTROLLERS
- *ONE OCCUPATION (TRNG IN CORNWALL)

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- *TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH CFSAT (AEROMEDICAL TRNG)
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THE FLIP SIDE TO DOWNSIZING

By Capt Walton-Simm
Managing Editor, VOXAIR

Downsizing, re-engineering, re-organizing, CRP, FRP, early retirement - these buzz words or acronyms and many more all come down to the same thing. Employers are reducing their employees and there are fewer and fewer job opportunities in most professions and trades. We hear of labour cuts daily with large organizations reducing hundreds of positions and governments reducing thousands. As we are all so aware, even the military is being affected with large reductions in both our military and civilian personnel.

For the military it is an unavoidable means to an end with drastic budget cuts forcing DND to streamline everything, including personnel, in attempts to become more effective and efficient overall. But, for the most part, it seems that many organizations are jumping on the band wagon and getting caught up in this trend to trim the 'fat' from payroll without an extensive analysis of the consequences. The question to be asked (and I hope the decision makers will soon start asking it) "Is it all worth it?" In the short run it will look good on the financial statements but in the long run it will probably do more harm than good.

How far can we go before there is such a glut of jobless people out there that things will get out of control. People are living longer and able to remain in the job market longer, the youth (not all able to afford the higher costs of education etc) will be looking for employment earlier and the middle aged will not be in a very good position to retrain etc if they lose their current jobs. In the final analysis, where will all of these unemployed people find work and how will government cope with the burden on Canada's safety net? With national and provincial debts eroding the many coveted social services we enjoy, increased requirements could paralyze the overall economy.

Furthermore, it is all well and good to cut any unnecessary fat in any part of an organization, but in a lot of cases employees are being reduced and the responsibilities are not. This is going to create a very negative impact on employee productivity, morale and job satisfaction not to mention the health and welfare of each and every employee. With these factors at play it's easy to see that over the long run problems will inevitably arise whereby the general functionality of an organization will be affected. Times they are a changing, gone are the days of job security and career building. Many people are just thankful to be employed and paying the bills.

All this to say that there is a lot more to consider than the almighty dollar (something difficult to do when money is what makes our 'world' go around). But, in the whole scheme of things, the reduction of personnel will probably not prove to be a good decision for most organizations. When banks, who earn billion dollar profits annually, feel a need to downsize, you know priorities are greatly askew.

ASK MR GREENTREE

No questions were received this month so I decided to take the opportunity to do a little bragging and to pass along some "eco-bits" about ozone.

First to the bragging: 17 Wing was nominated for an International Institute of Sustainable Development award for all our efforts in vegetation management, waste reduction, energy and water conservation and recycling. The awards were held on the 22nd of February at a "gala" evening at the Westin Hotel. Over 700 people were in attendance.

While the Wing did not receive the award, we did receive kudos for our efforts and several judges indicated that the Wing was an extremely strong contender.

It was the efforts of everyone who participates in the various environmentally friendly programs that allowed the Wing to be nominated and it is to you that the credit belongs. While I cannot thank you in person, I thank you in this manner and hope you will continue your hard work. There's always next year...

Now, on to the ozone...

Scientists in Chile have found that the ozone hole, normally found over the Antarctic, had spread to southern Chile during September and lasted until December. This spread is believed to be evidence that the efforts to control CFC's may have to be expanded rapidly - efforts which may see "buy-back" programs for old refrigerators and air conditioners, the complete ban on aerosol sprays and other strict restrictions on lifestyles. Researchers in North America are now re-examining measurements to see if an equivalent expansion has occurred in the occasional ozone hole in the Arctic. [How far north did the ozone hole spread? Well, the equivalent distance would be from the North Pole to around New York City or to St. Louis.]

Following on from this discovery, Canadian scientists have shown a connection between the presence of the ozone hole, acid rain and disappearing freshwater fish populations. Apparently, increased ultraviolet radiation, normally filtered by the ozone layer, combined with acid rain, causes fish, especially trout, to get sick. The pollution also causes the fishes' food to die off.

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COMMANDER AIRCOM VISITS 17 WING

By Capt Neil Kinley

The Minister of Finance presented his Budget two days prior, which included a couple of positive items for Winnipeg, and a 2.2% pay "catch-up" for NCMs had just been announced. This was an ideal time for the Commander of Air Command to visit one of his wings.

LGen DeQuetteville paid an official visit across the runway to 17 Wing Winnipeg on March 8, 1996. The good news of the week provided him the opportunity to speak to a much less "hostile" crowd than LGen Kinsman, ADM Per, encountered at the wing a week earlier.

The Commander visited many of the line units including 435 Sqn, 402 Sqn, Central Flying School, Canadian Forces School of Air Navigation, Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies, and Canadian Forces School of Meteorology. A luncheon was organized by the MFRC at the Westwin Community Centre for the Commander to meet with military spouses to discuss their concerns and answer some questions.

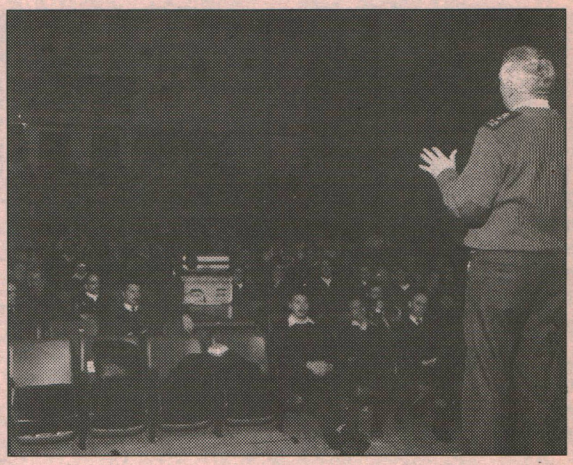
The final part of his visit gave LGen DeQuetteville the opportunity to speak to the men and women of 17 Wing in the base theatre. After briefing the large crowd on the state of the Air Force, he answered questions from the floor, including some fairly pointed ones.

Although he works "on the base", the Commander of AIRCOM doesn't get the opportunity to see the workings of 17 Wing very often. Wing units were very pleased to have him visit and to have the opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions.

Immediately after his visit to 17 Wing, LGen DeQuetteville went to face a camera and reporter from Winnipeg's CKND-TV. The interview probably went very smoothly, as he had already spent most of the day answering tougher questions.

"CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE"

During his visit to 17 Wing on 8 Mar 96, the Commander of Air Command, LGen DeQuetteville, spent his lunch hour with spouses of Wing personnel at the Westwin Community Centre. He was encircled by spouses who hit him with a lot of tough questions. He survived the experience and expressed his thanks to those that attended. (Photo by Cpl Stephane Gervais, 17 Wing)



"PER ARDUA AD ASTRA"

LGen DeQuetteville, the Commander of Air Command, briefs the men and women of 17 Wing on the present and future state of the Air Force, before answering questions. He paid an official visit across the runway on March 8, 1996. (Photo by Cpl Stephane Gervais, 17 Wing)

NCMs GET RAISE

By Capt Neil Kinley

Unless promoted, it has been a long time between pay increases for members of the Canadian Forces. However, all Non-Commissioned Members of the CF will see a 2.2% pay raise this summer.

The Minister of National Defence, David Collenette, made the announcement on 7 Mar 96, one day after the federal budget was presented. The raise is a pay catch-up, to bring the pay of NCMs into line with the salaries of the federal Public Service. When Public Service pay was frozen, the CF pay levels had not been brought to the required comparable level.

"With this special pay catch-up," said Collenette, "the Government recognizes the contribution that members are making to Canada and the need for that to be acknowledged through fairness in pay comparability with other federal employees. Addressing this pay comparability issue is a priority of the Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Boyle."

"This is a major step in the process of demonstrating our commitment to the welfare of CF personnel," said Gen Boyle, "particularly those at the lower end of the pay-scale. While a lesser pay shortfall also exists for officers, this could not be addressed by the Government at this time."

The policy of Government has been to have the compensation and benefits of CF personnel comparable to those of the Public Service since the 1960s.

The pay raise is subject to Treasury Board approval and is expected to be in place by early summer. The pay catch-up will take effect April 1, 1996.

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PROGRAM SEEKS 'CIVVY' WORKERS FOR AIR FORCE

By Capt Tony Keene

The air force has reached agreements with two major aerospace companies to "borrow" some of their employees in times of need. The Industrial Air Reserve Program allows technicians from Canadair and CAE Aviation to send up to three weeks each year in uniform at air force bases, with their pay "topped up" by their employer to civilian levels.

"It's a good investment," says LCol. George Sykes, senior staff officer for reserves at Air Command Headquarters. "We get skilled technicians where and when we need them, and the companies get back better employees, ones with leadership skills and trained in teamwork."

In the event of an emergency, the employees, as reservists, could be employed on full-time service for up to one year, with their jobs protected by their companies. They would be volunteers, of course, and would be on Class C reserve service, which provides the equivalent of regular force pay and benefits.

Unlike other countries, there is no job protection legislation for reservists in Canada. Part-time service personnel who leave their jobs for long training courses or deployments do so at the risk of not having a civilian job to come back to. The agreements with Canadair and CAE cover that problem. Both companies employ many former regular force technicians, working on the CF-18 fighter and the CC-130 Hercules.

The program actually began in 1994 with a memorandum of understanding between the air force and Bristol Aerospace in Winnipeg. The agreement called for technicians working on the CF-5 to be able to train and work as reservists at Cold Lake, where the fighter and lead-in trainer was based.

"But when the CF-5 was mothballed, that went into abeyance, and it's still in abeyance now," LCol. Sykes says. "But we are talking with other companies, and we'd like to expand the program." He gives as an example the civilian flight engineers who accompany the CC-150 Polaris. They are employees of Canadian Airlines, and if the Polaris is to be deployed to a war zone, it would be better if those flight engineers could be serving in uniform.

Air force helps "Smart Risk" save young lives

By Capt Tony Keene

The air force has closed ranks with an organization dedicated to preventing young people from killing themselves by taking stupid risks. BGen Ed McGillivray has joined the board of directors of the Smart Risk Foundation, which has the Canadian Forces Snowbirds air demonstration team as its official ambassadors.

BGen McGillivray is chief of staff for personnel and training at Air Command Headquarters.

"Life is risk," says Col Wayne Thompson, deputy chief of staff for training. "The thing about not taking a smart risk is that you might not get the chance to take a risk again."

Because the Snowbirds carry out a seemingly risky activity in a smart and safe fashion, they are considered ideal ambassadors for the foundation, and they live the foundation's HEROES messages, which are: Get trained, wear the gear, buckle up, look first, drive sober.

Dr. Robert Conn, who created the foundation, is a former child heart transplant surgeon. At the height of his career, he "hung up his scalpel" because he was seeing too many young people lying dead on the slab, as a result of taking one too many stupid risks. Injury from accident is the leading cause of death among teens, and a major cause of death between the ages of two and 44. Ninety per cent of these are predictable and preventable.

"He was harvesting young peoples' hearts," says Col. Thompson. "What a gut-wrenching thing that must have been."

Conn formed what was originally called the Canadian Injury Prevention Foundation, and is now the Smart Risk Foundation. The concept of managing risk, making choices, and taking only "smart" risks, is the organization's main theme.

Some of the tools used in the injury prevention campaign are a multi-image stage production aimed at youth called HEROES (the air force has produced a military version), "Stupid Line" posters, television and radio spots, and role models such as the Snowbirds.

The air force is forming partnerships with industry as well, including deals to make use of the Snowbird logo and "corporate" identity as a marketing tool. As an example, one company is manufacturing and selling a watch bearing the Snowbird logo, as part of a series on aerobatic teams. The company pays for this privilege, of course, and that not only generates revenue for the Crown, it helps ensure the future of the Snowbirds and provides funds for worthy causes.

Last year the air force invested $28,000 from these revenues in Smart Risk Foundation programs.

"The connection between the air force and the foundation will become more visible in coming years," Col Thompson says. Recently, the director of flight safety used the term, and the message, in his annual briefings at wings and stations. As well, the Air Command home page on the Internet will be linked to the foundation's home page, Smart Risk Online, currently under construction (E-mail CCSN@SMARTRISK.CA).

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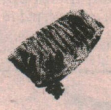

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By Capt Mike Mroz

Flying in the mountains proves to be one of the most challenging types of flying for most aviators. I was a firsthand witness to this fact on a recent mountain trainer through the interior of B.C.

435 Sqn conducts periodic training flights into the mountains to keep all the Search and Rescue (SAR) aircrew qualified in contour searches and to gain valuable experience in mountain flying techniques. The squadron also sent the Unit and Wing Flight Safety Officer along to conduct a risk assessment of our operations in the mountains.

The squadron needs to keep current in mountain operations because part of our area of responsibility is mountainous. The Rescue Coordination Centre has tasked the squadron to conduct searches in the past in the mountains.

This trip was my first crack at flying in the mountains and I found it most enjoyable while very challenging. I was given control of the C-130 and told to contour a rather ominous mountain in our practice search area. For those unfamiliar with contour searching, it is basically just flying around the mountain at one altitude and then stepping down in intervals of 500 feet until the entire mountain has been covered. It sounds simple enough, but because of deep valleys, steep rising terrain and visual illusions, this task can be very challenging. I learned very quickly to always leave an "out" for the aircraft in case of deteriorating weather.

Of the many dangers encountered in mountain flying, turbulence and mountain waves are probably the worst. Some downdrafts can be so severe as to overcome the climb power of your aircraft and leave you in a descent. By keeping a close eye on the winds during weather briefings and recognizing certain cloud types we are able to stay out of the regions of moderate to severe turbulence and search them at another time.

On the second day we flew a valley route from Chetlynd to Prince George B.C. Here I encountered my first mountain turbulence. Luckily, it was mostly updrafts of a mostly moderate nature. It did drive home the point of what turbulence can do to the aircraft and spotters in the back. That kind of turbulence makes spotting and the spotters highly ineffective.

We conducted many exercises during the 2 days in the mountains and gained very valuable experience along the way. We all learned a lot about contour searching, valley flying and dangers inherent to mountain flying. As long as mountainous terrain remains in our area of responsibility, 435 Sqn will continue to train its SAR aircrew to be ready for any rescue or search it is tasked to perform in the mountains.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC REPORT

The Canadian Red Cross Society

The Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic recently held at 17 Wing on 28 February 1996 resulted in a total of 142 Wing personnel registering to donate blood. As Wing Co-ordinator I wish to personally thank the donors, the section canvassers, and the many volunteers who contributed and whose effort made this clinic a success to this most worthy of causes. I hope that all the new donors will continue to attend future clinics to ensure that the "Gift of Life" is there for all.

Special thanks to the Air Command Band for providing music during the clinic.

Capt E.S. Duguid

RAPPORT SUR CLINQUE DE SANG

La clinique de sang de la Croix Rouge qui a eu lieu le 28 février 1996 à la 17 Escadre a vue 142 donneur s'enregistre. Comme Coordinateur de L'Escadre j'aimerais remercier tous les donneurs ainsi que les solicitor de Section et les volontaires qui on fait une grande contributions à cette clinique. J'espère que tous les nouveaux donneur contiendrons a participer au future clinique.

Un remerciement spécial pour la Musique du Commandement Aérien pour avoir jouer durant la clinique.

Capt E.S. Duguid

MEMORIES ON PARADE

Memories on Parade, a new book published in 1995 by the Wartime Pilots' and Observers' Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba contains stories written by individuals who saw active service during World War II. Although these stories have their origin in the wartime years, they have been composed in 1995, fully a half century later than the events themselves. The address for the Wartime Pilots' and Observers' Association is:

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PRELUDE TO THE INVASION OF SICILY

By Ronald A. Schmidt, Pilot, Flight Lieutenant

One of the interesting events I experienced while serving as a pilot on Sunderland Flying Boats with 230 Squadron of the RAF happened while being stationed at Bizerte, Tunisia, in July 1943.

Prior to this time we had been stationed at Tulear, Madagascar doing anti-submarine patrols with convoys passing through the Strait of Madagascar. In early June we were sent to Alexandria, Egypt where we spent some time practicing fighter aircraft evasion with Beaufighters.

On June 27th we were posted to Bizerte and after our fighter evasion exercises we felt there were probably some interesting things about to happen.

On the morning of July 7th we were told that we were to fly to Malta. When we got down to our flying boat a number of British soldiers were loading several big boxes onto the plane. These boxes were approximately four feet by four feet and about eight inches deep. When we asked what the boxes contained we were politely told we were not supposed to know. All we were to do was to land in Kalafrano Bay in Malta where the boxes would be unloaded from our plane.

This we did, but when it was time to return to Bizerte, the swell on the water was too much for take-off so we spent the night in Malta.

On the way back to Bizerte the next day we noticed a fleet of warships steaming out of Tunis harbour and it was a rare sight to behold. Obviously, something big was about to happen.

We spent most of the next day on the aircraft to be ready for air-sea rescue. However, that night we were called together and informed that the invasion of Sicily was to take place the next morning. We were also informed that the boxes we carried to Malta were the maps for the invasion of Sicily.

The invasion of Sicily started at approximately 0245 hrs. on the morning of Saturday, July 10th, 1943.

POST SCRIPT

In 1986 my wife and I had occasion to visit a medical doctor and his wife - longtime friends whom we had not seen for a number of years. I was aware that the doctor had served with the Canadian Army but knew little of his experiences. On this particular visit he mentioned that he had been in Malta during the war. I mentioned to him that our crew had flown the invasion maps for Sicily to Malta. "Oh", he said, "So you were the guys responsible for keeping us up all night folding those damn maps".

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After School Club

For kids ages 7 to 12 - crafts, games, videos, homework help and more. For now, we meet every Tuesday at 433 Kenaston and on Thursdays at Westwin Community Centre. Our hours are 4 - 7:00. WE REALLY WANT TO EXPAND THE DAYS WE OFFER THIS PROGRAM so if parents or older teens could volunteer for even a couple of hours a month LET US KNOW! There is no need to pre-register, but please bring $.50 to help with supplies. Call the Youth Services Coordinator for more information at the MFRC, 489-7003.

Friday Night's Alright!

For our girl's group. We meet at Westwin Community Centre from 7-9 every Friday night. Are you a girl aged 11 to 14? Join us for fun, food, good discussions, movie nights, even trips to the malls. We'll have discussions about boys, dating and growing up; about appearances and emotions and feeling good about yourself; about friends, school and family; and we'll be planning outings to malls, horseback riding, ski trips and dances. Cost $1.00 per evening. Call the Youth Services Coordinator for more information at the MFRC, 489-7003.

Babysitting Course

Dates: Tuesday 9 April from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 17 April from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 20 April from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Fee: $5.00

Participants must attend all sessions to graduate. The MFRC offers a Babysitting Course three times a year for children 12 years and older. The course provides basic instruction in First Aid, Fire Safety and Child Care. To register call Wendy at 833-6846.

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PARENT/ CHILD SWIM PROGRAMS

WATER BABIES:

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Time: Monday from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Fee: $12.00 for 6 week session
Location: Lipsett Hall

MOM & TOTS SWIM:

Starts April 15th for children one year to 4 years. Toddlers can learn to have lots of fun in the water.

Time: Monday from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Fee: $12.00 for 6 week session
Location: Lipsett Hall

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Location: 350 Doncaster Street

Newsletter Delivery

To deliver our newsletter - The Community Connections to the homes in the PMQ patch on both the north and south sites.
Time commitment: 1 hour per shift (approx) every 3 months
Location: both north and south sites

Special Events

A variety of special events ranging from the Women's Conference, the 17 Wing Family Day , the Kite Festival, are just a few of the upcoming activities where volunteers are key elements in having a successful event. Some volunteers are needed to help with the following: registration table, fashion show, children's games/events ranging from face painting to making kite mobiles and other fun activities.
Time commitment: varying from 2 hrs per shift/per event
Location: sites vary from north site to Lipsett Hall to Assiniboine Park

Mom's Morning Off Program

Requires a child care assistant to help staff members provide child care while mom's are attending workshops.
Time commitment: 2 hours per shift/once or twice a month Wednesday and Thursdays 9:15-11:15 a.m.
Location: Lipsett Hall and WCC

Youth Program Co-facilitator

Girls Talk (Girls group 11-14 yrs)

Meets once a week at the WCC on Fridays 7-9 p.m. A few volunteers to assist with some of the program's functions of driving (occasional outings), fundraising activities such as bake sales, canteen coverage at special events (Xmas & Craft Fair) and group facilitator for Adolescence Development.

After School Club Facilitator

Adults/mature teens to work with 7-12 year olds. Skills required are tutoring, helping with homework, ability to access computer games, Internet, board games, sports, basketball, swimming, etc..
Time Commitment: 2 hours/week (could be afternoon/early evening eg. 4-6 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m. during the school year.

Teen Centre Facilitators/Supervisors

Adults or very mature older teens. Skills required are the ability to monitor teen social interactions, low key supportive manner, assertive, ability to set limits, previous experience working with teens.
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Registration for Fall programs start in March. A non-refundable registration fee is $15.00 annually. To register or for more information call 833-6846. (Children must turn 3 by Dec 96 to start nursery school).

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Fee: $67.00 per month

Spaces are available in all programs.
Times and days may change in September depending on registration.

Drop Off Child Care

This program offers casual child care for children 18 months to 6 years. Run your errands knowing your child is receiving quality care. All children must be pre-registered. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Location: Lipsett Hall Nursery School

Time: Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 and Friday mornings from 9:00 - 12:00

Fee: The fee is $1.50 per hour for the first child and $.50 more for a second child in the same family.

The Drop Off Child Care Program is subsidized by the proceeds of the Base Lotto.

Canadian Forces Community College Network

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By Linda Claggett, CFCCN Regional Coordinator

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MW&F: 1 Apr - 6 May
Fee: $132, plus text(s)
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Bookkeeping and Accounting for a Small Business:

(prerequisite: basic knowledge of the business environment) This 30-hour course is for those who wish to learn more about the practical side of bookkeeping and accounting and identify basic internal control procedures. Topics include: the recording process; ledgers and trial balance; financial statements and closing entries; cash and how to control it; accounts receivable; inventory.

Th & M: 2, 9 May - 27 Jun
Fee: $132, plus texts (approx $70)
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Held at Westwin Community Center

Introduction to Microcomputers:

This 40-hour course will give you a "hands-on" approach to the world of computers. Become "computer literate" by learning the terminology associated with computers. You will receive an introduction to the Windows operating system, WordPerfect 5.2 for Windows and Lotus 1-2-3, Release 4.

M&W: 15 Apr - 29 May
Fee: $199, plus texts (approx $40)
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Held on North Side, Bldg 52 Computer Lab

Registration Information:

Registrations are currently underway at RRCC. Deadline: one week prior to course start-date. By phone (credit card): 694-1789; or in person, at RRCC (cheque, cash, Interac). In order to run, each course requires a minimum of 8 students. Don't delay! Register today!

For more information, contact Linda Claggett, CFCCN Coordinator, at 833-5115 (Office hours - MW&F: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and W: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

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Mrs Donna Tobin has retired from the Public Service after twelve years of dedicated service. She will now spend some time at home with her son Brett. We, at AIRCOM, would like to wish you luck Donna.

RETIREMENT

MGen J.A. Ray Desloges, Commander of Canadian Forces Recruiting, Education and Training System (CFRETS), on his visit to the Canadian Forces Training Materiel Production Centre (CFTMPC), presented Mrs. Cathy Wachal with the Government of Canada public service retirement certificate for thirty-five and a half years of service. Cathy Wachal was with CFTMPC for her entire career with DND. CFTMPC has been writing, designing, editing and printing CF training-related material for 26 years and has now expanded into multimedia productions. Cathy supervised the Desktop Publishing section, and a few months before her retirement, assisted in setting up the Recruiting Information Aids Production Unit at CFTMPC. Congratulations and best wishes Cathy, from your many friends and associates.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

In the spirit of Christmas, Winnipeg City Police and the WOs' and Sgts' Mess entertain polio patients.

On December 7th 1995, the annual Polio Patient Christmas party took place at the WOs' and Sgts' Mess. This event is jointly sponsored by the Winnipeg Police Association and the WOs' and Sgts' Mess. This event was first organized by Inspector Hinam in 1958 for polio patients and from 1959-1963 was held at Lipsett Hall and the former RCHA Sgts' mess (FOB) and from 1964 onwards in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess, north side.

The polio patients and their assistants arrive by bus or van from the King George Hospital, or from their homes and are immediately made to feel at home by members of the Mess and the Police Association. The Christmas party is one of the few times that the patients, as a group, enjoy a party away from the hospital and have a visit with fellow polio patients from outside the hospital.

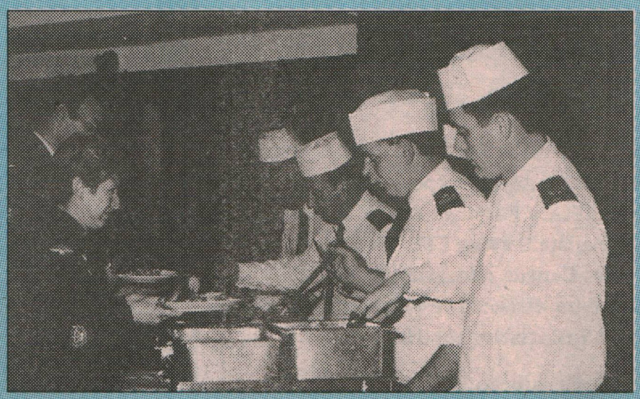
Special guests for the day were LCol Bailey, WOPS O, representing the Wing Commander, Dale Henry, the Winnipeg Police Chief and Jim Davidson, Vice President of the Association. There were approximately 30 patients, 30 nurses and aids. The chairman for the past 12 years for the Police Association, Constable Don Delorme ensures that all the invitations are sent to the patients and looks after making sure Santa will pay a visit. The OPIs for the Mess were MWOs Kathy Cox and Jean Birnie. They were responsible for arranging the food, entertainment and ensuring all the last minute details were done. MWO Cox was the MC for the day and made sure everything ran as smooth as possible.

The entertainment for the day was great as usual. It started with the Winnipeg Police Choir singing Christmas carols and Terry Greenwood amazing everyone with his magic tricks throughout the day. The grand finale was a terrific show put on by the PPCLI Drumline Light Show. The day ended with a visit from Santa and a great turkey dinner, with background music provided by the Air Command Band.

Thanks again to all those who made this day possible and a special thanks to the Mess Manager, Mess Secretary, and to the kitchen and bar staff of the WOs' and Sgts' Mess who volunteered their time for this annual Polio Patient Christmas party.

(L to R) MWO Kathy Cox, OPI for the Sr NCO's Mess, Karla Dowlan, and Don Delorme, Secretary of the Winnipeg Police Association, share a conversation as the party is beginning.

Sharon Kerr, with MWO Willy Williams (far right) and Roman Szczerba retired from the Police Association, discuss the upcoming Christmas with young Heather Kerr.



The food service line was manned by the mess members - MWO Arsenault, PO2 Rigby, MWO Cox (hidden), CWO McAllister (PMC) and WO Kelley. Receivers - MWO Birnie and Sgt Sakalouski.

The PPCLI Drumline provided entertainment in a very interesting use of music and sticks glowing under black light.

2 PPCLI

EXERCISE NORDIC PATRICIA

By Cpl T.A. Davis

From the 9th to the 18th of February "DELTA Company" deployed to CFB Shilo as part of 2PPCLI to conduct Exercise NORDIC PATRICIA. The aim of the exercise was to conduct live fire dismounted operations up to battalion level.

For a welcome change, it seemed that Jack Frost wasn't going to be a part of the enemy force this year. In fact, the weather was quite balmy (for Manitoba!) to start things off.

Being warm or cold seemed to make no difference to Maj Flynn the OC of Delta Coy. As soon as the troops hit the ground, it was tents up and battle procedure immediately followed. Recce patrols would be out by 2130 hrs or heads would roll. Those patrols set the pace for the whole exercise.

Now that the temperatures were nice and cold, we could begin the battalion advance to contact. With "Niner" demanding speed and violence, Delta rose to its full glory: march, attack, reorg, march, attack, re-org, march....pushing the body to its limits. Days soon blended into nights as attack after attack was launched. Finally the enemy was forced to make his last stand.

Next came the battalion attack. Battle preparations began, ammo was issued, kit was prepared and final plans were made. Predawn 18 February, Delta was on the move, as was the rest of the battalion, on a march that will live long in our memories. As the sun began to rise, para flares sailed into the sky, trip flares went off and the attack began.

The enemy had prepared a well defended company position with armour defence support but there was no stopping the troops of 2PPCLI. They swarmed over the position, knowing that they must prevail. But then, who would expect anything less.

BIATHLON AT THE CF SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Lt Curtis Smith, Admin Coy Adm Offr

From 26 Feb - 1 Mar 96, 10 athletes from 2PPCLI participated as part of the 1CMBG Military Ski and Biathlon Team in the CF Ski Championships at CFB Valcartier. Skiing in often terrible conditions, the 2PPCLI athletes represented the Bn well and set a base for future winning teams.

The preparations for this competition began in Nov 95 with the receipt of a warning order telling the Bn to supply 10 biathletes for the national championships. Team Captain Lt Curtis Smith and Coach MCpl Kevin Karambowich set out to find the best skiers/shooters that 2PPCLI had to offer. The famous Winnipeg weather tried its best to foil their efforts with weeks of -40C temperatures, but by Christmas leave, 5 biathletes and 5 military skiers had been chosen to train at a Bde camp to be held at CFB Calgary.

For anyone unfamiliar with the sports mentioned in this article, biathlon involves the use of a .22 cal Anschutz rifles and high-tech skating skis, while the military ski events use CF-issue "bangee boards" and the C7 rifle. The skills involved in these two events are very different making two distinct teams a necessity.

The athletes arrived in Calgary on 15 Jan and immediately began training at the Canmore Nordic Centre, home of the biathlon and cross-country skiing events from the 1988 Winter Olympics. Once the team got used to the altitude change, they began skiing and shooting in earnest. The Calgary phase was topped off with the participation of the biathlon team in an Alberta Cup event and the military ski team competing in the 55km Birkebeiner ski race in bangee boards. Upon completing these events, the 2PPCLI teams were ready to face off against the best skiers that the rest of the CF had to offer.

The CF Ski Championships (formerly known as the LFC Championships) consisted of 4 events: 20km individual biathlon, 20 km military ski, 4 x 7.5 biathlon relay and a 15km military patrol. Of the 8 athletes who competed for 2PPCLI, 7 were novices, putting the unit at a considerable disadvantage when compared to the biathlon "powerhouses" found in the RCR and the R22R. Even with this lack of experience, the biathlon and military ski teams finished relatively well in the standings. For biathlon, 2PPCLI finished 9th in the major unit competition, just behind 1PPCLI. The military skiers finished 7th overall, beating several established RCR teams. The members of the 2PPCLI teams are as follows:

Biathlon	Military Ski
Lt Curtis Smith	Capt Mike Annis
MCpl K. Karambowich	Sgt Kaj Jakobsen
Cpl Geordie Cheeseman	Sgt Ian Macaulay
Cpl Jim Vinnedge	Cpl Dave Chamberlain
Pte Ed Bootle	Cpl AJ Doiron

With further training and the continued dedication of these athletes, the results of next year's Ski Championships could come as a great shock to the "established" teams of the CF.

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The 17 Wing Flying Tigers Swim Team, the base dependent swim club, returned home from the recent joint Manitoba/ Saskatchewan Provincial Age Group "A" Championships as the provincial small club champions for the 1996 short course season.

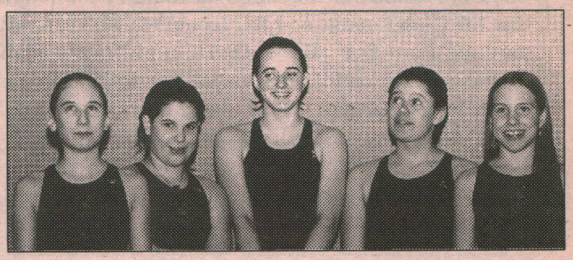
This championship meet for the province's fastest age group swimmers was held in Saskatoon, 7 to 10 March 96. Small clubs are those which send 15 or fewer swimmers into any one competition. The Flying Tigers fielded a team of five very young competitors and one senior female sprinter. Racing for the Tigers at this meet were: Lisa Hall, age nine; Kirby Cote, age 11; Sarah Bain, age 12; Tonya Bezpalko, age 12; Brian Verigin, age 12; and Erica Leader, age 18. Manitoba sent 9 clubs, seven of which were small clubs to this fastest short course season competition. Four Winnipeg region clubs sent 15 or fewer swimmers to compete in Saskatoon, and the Tigers were the fastest of them all!

All swimmers performed well. Lisa, in the 10 and Under girls' age group scored points for the team in all her events. Kirby, who is also the second fastest female blind swimmer in Canada and multiple national medalist, placed in the consolation finals for 50 Breastroke for 11-12 girls' age group. Sarah and Tonya raced well in all their events and showed major improvements in both time and technique. As these two girls compete in heavily entered events, they are to be congratulated for their contribution to the swim team and the relay team.

Erica Leader has been with the Flying Tigers Swim Team for a short while. She is a former Canada Games competitor and has been selected to the Manitoba provincial I.D. team for the 1997 Canada Games to be held in Brandon, Manitoba, the summer of 1997. As a senior swimmer, she contributes leadership and experience to the two year old swim club. But as a senior sprinter she has once again proven herself able to race head to head with nationally ranked women.

Brian Verigin is flat out the fastest male breastroker on the prairies in his age group. He was untouchable at this meet, taking gold medals in both 100 and 200 metre Breastroke. He medalled in six out of nine events at this championship meet and is one of Canada's fastest nationally ranked swimmers as listed in Swim Magazine.

Brian Verigin



Left to Right: Kirby Cote, Sarah Bain, Erica Leader, Tonya Bezpalko, Lisa Hall

Both Erica and Brian were selected to their respective Provincial Age Group Relay teams, representing Manitoba and CFB Winnipeg with pride to the swimming community.

The "A" inter-provincial championship swim meet was preceded in February by the provincial "B" meet in Portage la Prairie. Here too, at this last chance qualifier meet for the open age group champ meet in Saskatoon, the Flying Tigers brought home a solid collection of medals and ribbons. Their final tally from the meet, designed for swimmers not making the faster cut for age group champs, was: five Gold, 10 Silver and five Bronze individual medals. The male 13-14 year old relay team won a Bronze medal in the 200 Medley relay and a Gold medal in the 200 Freestyle relay, bringing the final count to 22 team medals from eight swimmers.

The first half of the 1995-96 swim season is now over. It has proven to be a strong one for this two year old swim team, competing against well-established clubs from across western Canada and more than holding their own in the process. April 1996 will see the Flying Tigers Swim Team emerge as a nationally ranked club, an unheard of feat in provincial and Canadian swimming because of the newness of the swim club, the small number of swimmers involved and the young ages of the swimmers. Now there is the business of the long course season at hand and the prospect of yet greater achievements throughout the remainder of the swim season. It is not to be doubted that the young Tigers will prove more than capable of rising to the occasion like their name would suggest. Congratulations, 17 Wing Flying Tigers! You are true champions.

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A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN

GOOD FRIDAY/EASTER

By Padre Georgene Kling
Protestant Chaplain

Good Friday is an oxymoron. Why is this day called good when it signifies the death of our Lord? If we put ourselves in the shoes of the first believers, we find ourselves in mourning, full of pain and grief, worried and very confused. Our friend, confidant, and teacher was betrayed by one of us and then killed. This isn't a good day at all.

But when we put on the shoes of modern day believers, this is indeed a good day. Jesus died, thus becoming the ultimate sacrifice for humanities sins, we are now freed from the guilt and weight of sin and the various cumbersome sacrifices that we habitually perform week in and week out to rid ourselves of this sin.

Or so it ought to be. It seems that some of us still perform many unnecessary acts in order to prove our spiritual integrity to God. Rather than accept the grace that Jesus' death provides for us, we instead doggedly work for acceptance into the promised land. As we wait out the time between the death of our Saviour and his resurrection on Easter Sunday morning, let us ponder why we busy ourselves with so many tasks, that, when examined in the light of the cross and resurrection, are actually quite unnecessary.

Early writers noticed that some early Christian believers still tried to practice the old ways of Judaism. Going through the tedious rituals of priestly sacrifices, they enslaved themselves to a system that was not required. This practice made use of the "shadow" of redemption rather than the real feeling that true redemption brings with it. Why did they bother with only half of the real McCoy when they could have the real thing?

The question should give us pause to wonder. Why do we also do this? Why do we spend endless hours performing community service just to relieve our guilty consciences? Service to our fellow humans should be done out of love, shouldn't it?? Why do we whip ourselves with the lash of more regulations in order to make up for our sins? Shouldn't we discipline ourselves because we love ourselves and our Lord? Why do we continue to ritually offer these sacrifices and why do priestly ministers continue to encourage them, when there is a better way?

Perhaps we do so in order to encourage others to join our bandwagon. Perhaps we make these sacrifices in order that others might see our example and excitedly follow us. Why would they happily jump on our bandwagon when we aren't even enjoying what we are doing? Maybe this is why the church has faltered so much for the last generation. Maybe this is why our world claims to be religious, yet it continues to kill, maim, and neglect each other. We have been too busy doing things that we don't enjoy because we are doing them for the wrong reasons.

In essence, our salvation is on our hands and feet instead of in our hearts. Through out the Bible and the history of Judaism, and then Christianity this spiritual mix-up has caused numerous people to miss out on the joy of life.

If we rush through yet another EASTER, we risk missing the IMPORTANCE OF EASTER. It is not so much being witnesses to an empty tomb. Yes such a sight is a rarity, especially in our day. We often treat Easter as if we have been there and done that. Then we go home. Is that all there is to it?

What if we stay and cry softly outside the tomb this year? What if we stop long enough to pick through the cloths and look closely into the nooks and crannies of our tomb of faith?

What if we stay in the despair and anxiety of the empty tomb long enough for the terror of our doubts to lead us through the dark passageways of prolonged hope into a vision of faith?

If we stay at the tomb long enough this year, we will actually see something that will knock our doubts and fears right into a life of faith. We will hear something that will send us into the next county loudly proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ has indeed risen from the dead. Maybe this revelation will knock us into a realm of faith that will level the mountains of this world's impatience right into smooth roads of faith.

This is what the Good Friday and Easter are about for Jesus' death was the last sacrifice. He atoned for our sins, we no longer have to bother about making sacrifices. Now we can get on with the important things of serving people and God. We can serve God and people because we love them, not because we have to. The law is in our hearts, not our hands. Knowing this fully should help us enter the sanctuary not with dread and guilt, but with joy and confidence. We can now enjoy weekly worship with our God and with our friends. We can now enjoy serving others rather than seeing this service as yet another bothersome bloody sacrifice we have to make in order to get into the kingdom.

With this mindset of forgiveness and love, we can truly provoke each other into performing good deeds of love rather than offering yet another unnecessary sacrifice. If we learn this lesson today, then it will truly be a 'GOOD FRIDAY" and A GLORIOUS EASTER.

EASTER SUNDAY

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Where, Lenten season gone at last
And days of self-denial past,
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Of worshippers unite in songs
Of praise in lily-scented air?
Is this what makes your Easter fair?

Does it mean the end of winter's reign,
Bright skies and welcome warmth again,
Singing of birds, budding of trees,
Sweet spring odours on the breeze
From daffodil and crocus bed
And balsam branches overhead?
Sad is the world and cold and grey
If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings
A firmer faith in holy things,
Assurance of a living Lord,
A strengthening of the living chord
Of love that binds us to
the life to come
Where loved ones await us in the
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Dear friend, of Easter . . .
When it means all this.

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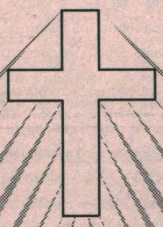

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17 Wing Men's Volleyball

By 2Lt Lohnes

The base volleyball team travelled to Moose Jaw, Sk, this year to compete in the Prairie Regional. Competing against five teams including: Cold Lake, Edmonton, Shilo, Calgary and Moose Jaw, Winnipeg won the regional by defeating Moose Jaw 15-3, 15-6, 15-11 in a best of five finals.

The team then travelled to CFB Chilliwack to represent the prairie region in the Canadian Forces Volleyball Nationals, which took place the 5-11 Feb. One team representing each of the five regions competed in the week long festivity however, in the end there can be only one - it wasn't us. Incidentally the final match between NDHQ and Toronto was quite possibly the best volleyball I have ever seen to date. In a best of five final match, NDHQ won the first two games, Toronto won the second two.

Fifth and final game, 14 - 11 for NDHQ and one of Toronto's Veterans of volleyball (Kenny M.) rolls his ankle, Toronto has the serve and Frank N. brings the game to 14-15 for Toronto. With all the spectators holding their breath (most likely for the last half hour) the final score was 17-15.

The overall ranking for the event was :

1. Quebec Region (NDHQ)
2. Ontario Region (Toronto)
3. Prairie Region (Winnipeg)
4. Atlantic Region (Fleet)
5. Pacific Region (Chilliwack)

All in all, a very successful and enjoyable season for all present on the team. A special thanks to the two rookies we picked up from CFB Calgary (Darcy Caroll, Joel Bergeron), and to the amazing support from the PERI staff of 17 Wing.

Back Row: Steve Little, Chris Lohnes, Budd Bier, James Gaerke, Sam Lortie. Front Row: Denis Talbot, Darcy Caroll, Joel Bergeron, Remi Landry. Missing: Allan Tenbruggencate, Ali Laaouan, Richard Doucet, and Trevor.

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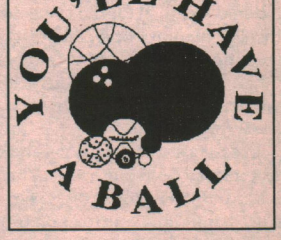

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