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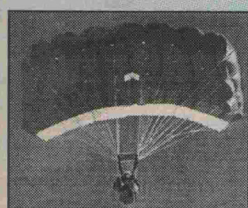
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413 Sqn. Search and Rescue, Trenton, Investigate a possible Evacuation of a family situated just south of St. Agathe. Labrador helicopter under the command of Capt. K.R. Wilson and co-pilot, Capt D.M. Vandebilche. (Low res., digital image)

PHOTO BY MCPL PAUL HOWE, 30 APR.97

May 3, 1997 (as of 1:00 p.m. E.D.T.)

Canadian Forces men and women, along with provincial authorities and the local population, are fighting the unpredictable Red River with massive defensive flood preparations. Today's operations continue to focus on evacuations, rescues and patrols in diked towns along the river. "To see the relief of those we rescue and help, as well as the gratitude that they show, makes worthwhile all the non-stop work we're doing" said Major Danny Massé of Québec City.

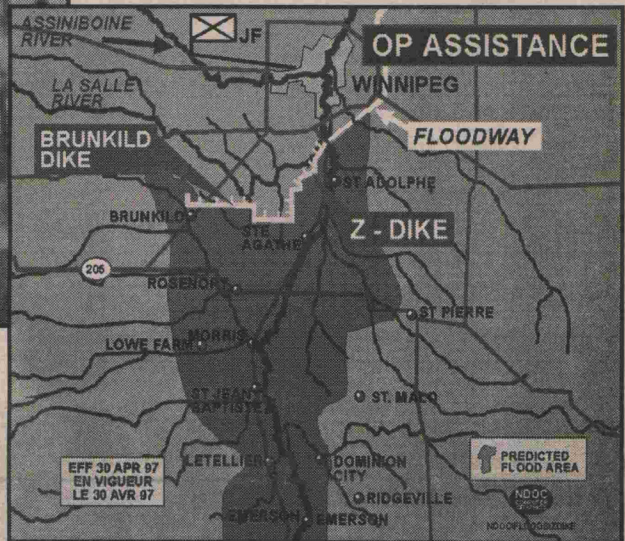
Part of the 17,000 people that had been evacuated were allowed to visit their homes yesterday. "I saw a lot of people crying after losing their fight against the river," said Corporal Steve Chiasson of Montréal. "It's sad to see peoples lives ruined like this," he added.

The 2nd Canadian Mechanised Brigade Group has now arrived in Winnipeg and units have been sent to various locations around the city. The 2nd Canadian Engineer Regiment's (2 CER) deployment is also complete and the regiment is engaged in stability operations along the dikes and security of vital points within the city. Two quick reaction forces have been established by 2 CER with heavy equipment and sand-baggers ready to deal with potential problems.

The Canadian Forces currently have more than 8,500 personnel committed to Operation Assistance, one of the largest deployments since the Korean War.

The air assets devoted to the operation include: 13 Griffon, three Labrador, three Sea King and 10 Jet Ranger helicopters, two Dash 8, two Aurora and one Hercules aircraft. The Navy is operating around the clock with diving teams and 56 boats which are helping in rescue and dike reinforcement operations.

Predicted flood zone in Manitoba's Red River Valley region. Image from Department of National Defence Web Site



The latest breakdown of troop commitments to Operation ASSISTANCE as of 6:00 a.m. May 3 1997 are as follows:

Land Forces Western Area	3139
Land Forces Central Area	2182
Land Forces Atlantic Area	221
Secteur du Québec de la Force Terrestre	519
Maritime Command	360
Air Command	1597
Joint Forces Headquarters	498
En route from Land Forces Atlantic Area	60
TOTAL	8576

As of May 1, 1997 (1:00 p.m. E.D.T.) deployment of the troops is as follow:

- The 1st Royal Canadian Horse Artillery is located west of the Red River and north of Morris
 - The 2nd Royal Canadian Horse Artillery is located east of the Red River and south of highway 15
 - The 1st Battalion Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry is located south of Morris along the Red River
 - The 3rd Battalion PPCLI is east of the river and north of Morris.
 - The Lord Strathcona's Horse is deployed east of the Red River and north of highway 15
 - The 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment is located in the area of Selkirk
 - The 2nd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment is located west of the Red River.
- Members of the 1st Service Battalion and 1st Field Ambulance are now in Winnipeg preparing for further work along the Red River.

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Banff National Army Cadet Training Centre Political Viewpoints

By Major CM Walton-Simm, Managing Editor

To date, The Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian heritage has not responded to the letter written from the Virden CIL Officers Association concerning the future of the Banff National Army Cadet Training Centre (BNACTC). However, many other politicians support the retention of the camp in Banff

National Park while others support its removal and relocation. Although the fate of Canada's premiere army cadet camp has not been decided, below are a few of the responses the letter has generated.

Next issue: a pictorial of some of the Cadets "on location".

November 1, 1996
The Honourable Sheila Copps
Minister of Canadian Heritage
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Copps:

You will have received a letter from the Virden CIL Officers Association concerning the future of Banff National Army Cadet Camp.

While I support the policy of restricting development in Banff, and acting to preserve it from the effects of human activity, I wonder whether the elimination of an institution that has co-existed with the park for so many years is absolutely necessary.

The cadet movement is hard pressed these days, and anything which would deprive ambitious cadets of having Banff to look forward to would be regrettable.

I look forward to hearing the government's position on this issue.

Sincerely,
Bill Blaikie, MP, Winnipeg-Transcona

December 4, 1996
The Senate of Canada

Dear Concerned Citizens,

Thank you for your recent letter in which you expressed your concerns that the Banff National Army Cadet Camp be removed from Banff National Park.

I am familiar with the National Army Cadet Camp in Banff, both its location and its facilities. However, for the most part, I am in full agreement with the Banff Bow Valley Study and the concerns that it raises with respect to protecting our National Park.

Although there has been a long history of the Cadet Camp being located in the Banff National Park, I wonder if your Officers' Association would consider a move of the Camp to a nearby location in Canmore which has also become a tourist community. The colour which the Cadets add to the Park would certainly be added to this rising tourist community.

The Minister has announced that the Cadet Camp will in fact be closed. I think now we must concentrate on maintaining its presence.

Sincerely,
Sharon Carstairs
The Senate of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Mr. F. Miller
Virden CIL Officers Association Inc.
Box 814, Virden, Manitoba ROM 2C0

Dear Mr. Miller and Co-signatories:

Your correspondence dated October 15, 1996, in which you express concern about the possible closure of the Banff National Army Cadet Training Centre (BNACTC), was forwarded by Member of Parliament Ron Duhamel to the Minister of National Defence. The Minister has asked me to respond to your correspondence.

Thousands of Canadian cadets and many foreign exchange cadets have been enriched by their stay at BNACTC. This facility and the many others across the country, along with the willing assistance of people such as those of Virden CIL Officers Association Inc., give cadets a better understanding of the geographical and cultural aspects of our country.

The requirement in this case is to achieve the right balance between the Government's environmental and heritage objectives and the very important contribution of the BNACTC to leadership training in Canada. The views expressed in your letter will certainly be taken into account when a decision is made on the future of the BNACTC.

Thank you for your strong interest in and continuing support of the cadet program,

Sincerely,
Larry Murray
Vice-Admiral, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff

22 November 1996
Hon. Sheila Copps
Minister of Canadian Heritage
509-S Centre Block, House of Commons
OTTAWA

Dear Minister:

I am writing to you regarding a letter I recently received from the Virden CIL Officers Association, which I have attached for your information.

I wish to add my support to the items presented in their letter, including the view that the cadet camp operates in harmony with the environment and blends with the park's operational objectives.

I urge you to give serious consideration to these arguments. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Glen McKinnon, M.P.
Brandon-Souris

Editor-Voxair
17 Wing Winnipeg, P.O. Box 17000, Stn Forces, Winnipeg, MB R3J 3V5

April 18, 1997

Dear Sir:

I read, with interest, your outstanding article on "Canada's Premier Army Cadet Camp" in your April 9th edition.

As President of the Army Cadet League of Canada (Manitoba), and a governor of the national body, I am pleased to acknowledge the initiative taken by the group of concerned citizens in Virden, Manitoba in writing to you, and I am even more pleased to see their concerns being printed in Voxair.

Further, thank you for taking the time to do some research on the matter of the Banff Army Cadet Training Centre and doing an article or two on the topic.

Perhaps all your readers might realize that the Army Cadets are in great danger of losing the finest training facility in Canada to a dubious environmental excuse. I encourage your readers to help us save the Banff facility by writing to the Honourable Sheila Copps, Heritage Canada Minister in Ottawa.

Sincerely,
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Local soldier honoured for mountain rescue

From the April 17, 1997 Winnipeg Sun
By Doug Lunney, staff reporter

It was supposed to be a fun-filled weekend of skiing in Revelstoke, BC, for five men from Edmonton.

But disaster struck when their small plane crashed in a mountainous region near Ram River Falls, AB, January 26, 1995.

Thanks to the heroics of search-and-rescue technicians Master Cpls Mark Holoshka and Donald Peters, the men survived.

Governor General Romeo LeBlanc awarded Peters and Holoshka, a native of Ottawa who has been stationed in Winnipeg since 1994, the Meritorious Service Medal (military division) earlier this week. They'll accept their decoration at a ceremony on a yet-to-be confirmed date.

"We don't like to toot our own horns, but it's nice to be appreciated," Holoshka, 35 said.

Holoshka and Peters parachuted to the crash site about 1:30 a.m., five and a half hours after being notified a plane was overdue. The site's altitude was 2,550 meters and was surrounded by peaks of 3,450 meters. Gusting winds made the drop even more dangerous.

"Our flares had drifted behind another ridge, so I landed in the dark," said Holoshka, who managed to land within about six meters of the victims. "I had no idea I was on the ground until I met it. It was extremely thin air, so you come in quite hard."

The crash victims' injuries included a broken back, a fractured skull and a chipped vertebrae. All of them were poorly dressed and freezing.

Holoshka and Peters, who has since moved to Australia, stabilized the men. However, all five had pretty much given up hope of survival.

"We tried to get the more able ones to help set up the camp, but they were cold and didn't want to move," Holoshka said. "The wood was sitting right by the fire, and we tried to get them to put some on, but they didn't even want to do that. I think they had pretty much resigned themselves to their fate."

Helicopters were able to land the following morning and take them to University Hospital in Edmonton. The entire mission lasted about 40 hours.

"They wrote us a letter of thanks and signed it 'The Crash Test Dummies,'" Holoshka chuckled. "They kept their sense of humor but they didn't have much of one that night."

OPERATION DROP-OFF

The Air Command Headquarters Flood Assistance Team has started Operation Drop-off which is a collection point for donations for flood evacuees. The items will then be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Items needed include: clean pillows/pillow cases, sheets, sleeping bags, towels, blankets, children and adult clothing, toys, non-perishable food items.

Operation Drop-off sites open from Monday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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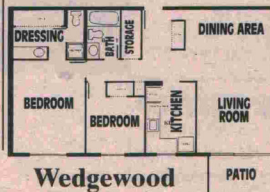
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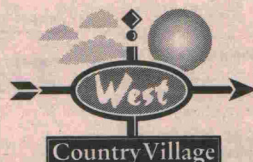
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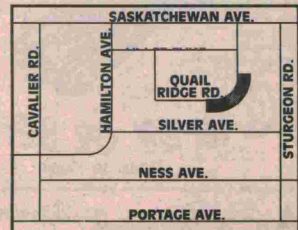


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Social and economic issues addressed

By Cpl Jennifer Faubert

The Commander of Air Command, LGen DeQuetteville, appeared before the Standing Committee of National Defence and Veteran's Affairs' (SCONDVA) April 17 to address a wide range of social and economic "quality of life" issues facing Canadian Forces personnel and their families.

At the request of the Defence Minister Doug Young, the eleven-member House of Commons committee will examine and review these issues and present a report later this year.

In a letter to Mary Clancy, MP for Halifax and Chair for SCONDVA, Minister Young stated: "I consider the social and economic aspects of the Forces conditions of service to be extremely important, they affect the morale of our per-

sonnel and their families which, in turn, has a direct impact on the operational effectiveness of the Forces."

A support team comprised of CF personnel is in place to provide background, research, analysis and any other support roles required for the SCONDVA project. The SCONDVA committee meets as required and have been instrumental in identifying they key issues that will be given top priority.

Representative for AIRCOM, LCol Marie Claire Ouellette said the project is moving quickly and gives credence to the government's recognition of issues facing the Canadian Forces.

She sees her role, as providing expertise on AIRCOM issues to ensure this branch of the service is included in the various packages, proposals and recommendations.

Issues LGen DeQuetteville addressed included the CF's ability to retain pilots being sought by commercial airlines, pay and benefits, posting lengths, housing and family support programs.

In addition, the Chief of the Defence Staff asked SCONDVA to articulate the federal government's commitment to CF members and to emphasize the need for fair and equitable compensation which recognizes the unique military circumstances and the govern-

ment's role towards the CF.

SCONDVA receives representation from all political parties as it is solely comprised of members of parliament. Apart from special projects, the committee is also responsible for defence estimate approvals and was instrumental in the recent revisions of the Reserve Force restructuring.

In the same letter to MP Clancy, Minister Young outlined his commitment to the project: "I believe that the Committee would need to answer a fundamental question. What is the nature of the compensation, benefits, and support that the Government owes members

of the Canadian Forces and their families, as our armed forces move toward the next century?"

An election call has set back the SCONDVA agenda. It has also pushed back visitation dates to various bases across Canada who have not received confirmation.

To date, the SCONDVA team has travelled to Halifax and Valcartier to view infrastructure and facilities, met with CF members and families to determine the general feeling in the Forces community in order to identify additional quality of life issues.

The Commander's speech can be found in the next issue of the Roundel.

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Gen Al DeQuetteville
Commander Air Command

There is an old saying which obviously applies to the air force: "The difficult we do right away. The impossible takes a little longer."

A few years ago the air force (Aircom and all those folks in NDHQ who support us) was given a seemingly impossible task. After years of downsizing starting in 1989, and at a time of increasing operational tempo, we were told that we had to further reduce our resource expenditure by over \$600 million by 2001. That figure was a full 25% of what we had spent to support air operations in the 1993/94 fiscal year.

Well, even the impossible has not taken the air force long. Directorate of Costing Services figures show that, as of 31 Mar 1996 (two years after we started down this path) the air force had already achieved a savings of \$456 million. That, combined with the planned personnel reductions leading to our final Aircom authorized personnel levels and the many innovative O&M initiatives which have been identified in the Genesis Savings Initiatives Data Base, make me confident that the air force will be "on time, on target."

But this can't be an exercise in operational efficiency alone - we have to begin to reward our personnel and their families for the hardship they have endured in recent years while helping us through these major adjustments. That is why Quality of Life issues at the national and command level are so important.

At the national level, our Minister, Mr. Young, has launched a strong quality of life review by the parliamentary Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCONDA). This has been backed up with important testimony to the Committee by our Acting CDS, Admiral Murray. At the Command level, our own Flight Plan for Life has been developed significantly with the personal help of members from each of our Wings. As part of this overall initiative, I have directed the reinvestment of some \$6.5 million in

Command savings to be redistributed to each of our Wings over the balance of this fiscal year ending March 31st. Therefore, things are now happening to demonstrate to people that we are addressing the needs of our air force teams.

So, do we declare success and stop all change efforts now? Not on your life! My experiences during visits to Units and Wings indicate the changes that we have begun to make to air force culture, the skill that we have developed in initiative and managing change, the vision we have of the air force we want to become; these things are too valuable to let go. For the first time in several years, the recently announced 1997 Federal Budget did not include any further cuts to DND. With the stability inherent in this budget, we can achieve what has been planned, and more importantly, explore further initiatives with the skills we have developed.

Now we have the chance to develop this new culture, to pursue this vision, and to use these skills in ways which, although equally challenging, will be a lot more fun. Now we can use our new skills - skills such as re-engineering, facilitation, team building, communication - to build a learning, continuously improving air force that will bring out the best in each of us and make it even better, and at the same time get the greatest possible mileage out of every dollar available to us.

Some of the changes I have witnessed while visiting the Wings are hallmarks of innovative and progressive thinking. They also indicate how we, as an air force, are able to positively impact on our own quality of life

...once the personnel reductions are over, we will have about 13,500 military personnel to undertake...operational tasks.

issues. For example, the restaurant style feeding facilities at 8 Wing Trenton have significantly improved the satisfaction of members as they have given more flexibility in pursuing life styles independent of meal hours. This is one example; the list and resulting positive impact of changes could go on indefinitely.

In fact, we are being recognized by other agencies for our efforts in meeting the challenges being put before us. The Office of the Auditor General's (OAG) Report, delivered on 26 November 1996, highlighted the Ground-school course as a successful cultural change initiative. Flight Plan 97 was recognized for its role in monitoring and integrating Aircom renewal activities. Several Wings were cited for their innovative and cost saving initiatives, such as the increased productivity gains in the supply functions at 17 Wing and the decrease in aircraft maintenance costs at 402 Squadron and 4 AMS. It is exciting to imagine the possibilities as we continue developing our change capabilities and skills.

Future changes will involve a shift in the direction of change activity that many of you have been involved with over the last few years, when we had to spend so much time trying to figure out how we would operate with fewer military personnel. I know that the person-

nel levels required to ensure the deployability of the air force, as identified through the OPRAM process, has been looked upon as an impediment to initiatives that would enable Aircom to save even more money. I can understand how it may look that way from a Wing perspective, for a moment though, change your focus so that you are looking at the air force-wide picture. The government of Canada required certain operational capabilities of the air element of the Canadian Forces. It has told us that, once the personnel reductions are over, we will have about 13,500 military personnel to undertake those operational tasks. OPRAM was designed to ensure that Aircom had the optimum mix of ranks and trades to be able to undertake the operational roles that we might be assigned, both now and in the future.

The future aspect is important. Not only must we be able to deploy to meet our commitments, we must be able to sustain those operations. Not only must we be capable of deployment and sustainment today, we must have robust occupational structures so that deployment and sustainment will continue to be possible ten years from now. OPRAM may not be perfect, and it has undergone a number of modifications based on Wing input. However, it is a very useful tool that serves as some insurance that we will have the right mix of ranks and occupations at the end of the reduction exercise. While I recognize that reducing military personnel can save money, I do not intend to take any action that will take Aircom below the 13,500 personnel level until we have had a chance to evaluate our capability at that level.

However, that does not mean that we stop changing activity, or stop trying to save money. Re-engineering was introduced to most of the air force as part of the Genesis initiative. Although the technique was originally designed to be used to come up with the best way to do a particular process, without reference to personnel savings, we in the air force ended up using it as one of the major tools to enable us to make the mandated personnel reductions. Since the personnel reductions have been identified, we can now start using this valuable technique for the purposes for which it was designed - process renewal. We have the exciting opportunity to use all those change skills we have developed over the last few years - re-engineering, activity cost assessment, facilitation, team building, communication - as a means to take the resources at our disposal - the people, the money, the infrastructure - and find the combination that results in the most energized work place, the most motivated, excited and productive people, the most cost-effective processes, and the highest standard of products and services.

You have succeeded in meeting a very difficult target. Furthermore, we are beginning to see some personal rewards for our efforts as quality of life issues are identified and implemented. I know you will use those same skills, creativity and professionalism to continue the transformation of the air force into the best organization in the world to be a part of.

Now that the plans are in place to achieve these mandated reductions, we must change our focus so that we are using re-engineering skills to most effectively employ the people we have within the OPRAM structure.

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Strategic Planning Conference

The Canadian Cadet movement has had an awakening, maybe even a resurrection, or at the least, a revival. It happened 24-27 March 1997 at the NAVCAN centre in Cornwall, Ontario. Conference delegates met to renew their commitment to the Air, Sea and Army Cadets of Canada. Their task was to create a Vision for the Canadian Cadet Organizations (CCO), review the current Mission Statement and develop an Action Plan to successfully project the cadet program into the next millennium.

The CCO Strategic Planning Conference included representatives from every support group involved in promoting the cadet movement. Three delegates from each of the three cadet leagues were there. Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) Commanding Officers of Cadet Squadrons/Corps and Cadet Summer Training Centres from across the country were there. And of course NDHQ/DCdts staff, Region Cadet HQ staff and Cadet Detachment Staff were there. In all, 52 delegates were cloistered in the previous Transport Canada/ DND shared Air Traffic Controller training centre and told not to leave until the task was completed.

Most delegates brought their own concerns to the meeting hoping to resolve particular issues. But that was not the purpose of the gathering. In fact, a full two days were devoted to breaking down territorial boundaries so that everyone could and would participate in the task at hand. With the cadets best interests as our prime motivation, discussions rallied around those elements that all supporting organizations see as key to the program's survival and vitality. After four days and considerable "wordsmithing" by our elected three "Poets" the following Vision for the Canadian Cadet Organizations was created:

"We commit to develop in each and every cadet a sense

of leadership and the aspiration to become a valued member of their community. We re-enforce values necessary to prepare youth to meet the challenges of tomorrow and to embrace the multi-cultural dimensions of Canada.

To this end, we offer dynamic training and a supportive environment where change is a positive and essential element.

We further commit to attain this vision by living these shared values:

Loyalty - the inner belief expressed through the personal commitment to the Canadian Cadet Organizations.

Professionalism - diligent service that espouses dynamic qualities of knowledge, leadership and training.

Mutual Respect - where people are treated with dignity, acceptance, empathy and cooperation that promote universal equality.

Integrity - the courage and commitment to exemplify trust, sincerity and honesty." Believe it or not, time did not

permit for a review of the current Mission Statement and so, pending another conference, it remains (per the CCO/CIC Business Plan):

"The Canadian Forces, in accordance with Section 46 of the National Defence Act, will control and supervise the Canadian Cadet Organizations (CCO) - (Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, Royal Canadian Army Cadets and Royal Canadian

cadet program. The activities in the plan relate to five principal objectives agreed by all delegates, namely;

- a. to improve communication by streamlining orders, increased use of technology, and developing internal/external/intra partners communications plans;
- b. to provide dynamic resources that fully meet the vision of the CCO through an accountable and supportive system;
- c. to provide improved leadership through rationalization of the Command and Control structure and review of Regular/Reserve/CIC positions in support headquarters;
- d. improve education/training of personnel in the cadet movement;
- e. to develop and maintain a positive local, national and international cadet image.

After four days of mutually agreeable discussions (group hugging), everyone left with a renewed vigour to be an active participant in the action plan to propel the cadet program into the next century. People were amazed at how much each participant really does care about the welfare of the cadets. They were also amazed to discover how well they can work together when the territorial barriers are lowered and free flowing, fruitful discussion is encouraged. The hope is that the Action Plan will be accepted by everyone involved in supporting cadets so that the CCO can remain the best youth program in Canada.

If you want to learn more about the Strategic Planning conference or see an initial draft of the Action Plan contact Prairie Region Headquarters Cadets or one of the Prairie Region Delegates listed below: LCol P.W. Sloan, Prairie Region HQ, SSO Cdts; LCol Yogi Huguhebaert, CO Cold Lake Air Cadet STC; Maj Tom Szczerski, Prairie Region HQ, SO Cdt Pers & Admin; Capt Kim Marsh, CO 170 RCACS, Winnipeg; WO Doug Mills, Cadet Detachment Regina, ACA (Air); and Mr. Brent Wolfe, Sask Air Cadet League rep.

...each participant really does care about the welfare of the cadets.

Air Cadets). In carrying out this responsibility, the Canadian Forces shall take into account the known policies and objectives of the Cadet Leagues and local sponsors, and shall cooperate with them to the fullest extent possible."

The final two days were spent compiling an Action Planning Worksheet of over one hundred key activities designed to improve the con-

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Air Command Band

Remains active in aid of fundraising efforts



The Air Command Band performing at the Labrador Winter Games in Goose Bay, Labrador.

The Air Command Band has once again been extremely busy performing at various functions and ceremonies across the country. From March 15 - 23, a 28-piece band travelled to Goose Bay, Labrador to participate in the "Labrador Winter Games". The band performed at several different sites within the week to a very appreciative community. The highlights of the week included performing for the opening and closing ceremonies of the games and playing at the local school for the students. Our dance group also entertained audiences at various functions. For their efforts, the members of the Air Command Band were officially inducted into the "Ancient and Honorable Society of Goosites"!

While most of the band was at the "Labrador Winter Games", another group of musicians from the Air Command Band remained in Winnipeg in order to accommodate 17 Wing for a mess dinner and also to assist in the teaching of young cadets in Penhold, AB. Major Howard Mar had his keen group of cadets gathered in Penhold for several days of intense rehearsal. This Western Canadian Cadet Honour band then performed in four major cities across the Prairie Region.

Recently, our full concert band was featured at three local schools, in order to raise funds for the band programs. On April 10, this group performed at J.H. Bruns High School and on April 16 at Vincent Massey Collegiate. The Air Command Band also performed a program at the "Noodles and Notes" evening at Golden Gate Middle School. This particular evening



Flute section at Golden Gate School's "Noodles & Notes" evening. (L to R): CWO Gaudreault, WO Thomas. CWO Gaudreault will be retiring this month from the CF.

was also a fundraiser and featured a spaghetti dinner and a silent auction. The band was very well received at all of these concerts, resulting in a standing ovation at the end of each performance.

The musicians have been rehearsing for a series of school concerts, performing locally during April and May. Our dance band was part of the entertainment for the Multiple Sclerosis March on April 27, located at the Promenade behind Portage Place. On May 14, the Air Command Band will be in Moose Jaw, SK participating in the "Freedom of the City" parade. They will also be featured at the "Moose Jaw Band Festival" which will be held at the Peacock High School on May 15. On May 24, this group looks forward to showing off their very well received marching routine at the popular Lethbridge Tattoo which has now become an annual event for us. On May 21, come out and see the band marching in the "Carnival '97" Parade, which is sponsored by the Westland Foundation. This non-profit group raises funds to create a better life for inner-Winnipeg neighbourhoods. The parade begins at King Street and Dufferin at 11 a.m.

June holds a series of back to back trips, beginning with a week in Germany, followed by Close Out ceremonies for CFB Calgary and performances in Regina and Saskatchewan for the "Saskatchewan Jazz Festival". For more information on the Air Command Band or on upcoming events, please refer to our Website at www.pangea.ca/~co/index.html or e-mail us at aircommand@vulcan.achq.dnd.ca.

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50th Anniversary of Search and Rescue

S.A.R. Techs flex their wings

By Sgt. Rick Henry, SAR Tech. Section

The SAREX 97 Competition is an annual event that encompasses search and rescue exercise missions by air and ground crews. Teams of SAR Squadrons from across Canada will be competing in this event. The SAREX is a well organized, rigorous and thorough competition of skill, accuracy and professionalism. The week long event opens with a "Meet and Greet Social" on Thursday, May 8th and continues

This year's SAREX logo is uniquely Manitoban. Every year the logo changes to accommodate the hosting Squadron.

with ground displays, the competition and a closing Awards Banquet. This event has been a tradition in the SAR trade for 33 years. It began in 1964 when Squadrons from across the country started to network with each other. They agreed to tabulate the best results of select training exercises. SAR Techs were selected to participate and record their results in the following categories:

- accurate parachute jump to a target from 2,000 ft;
- para bundle drops from 300 ft; and
- free fall supply drops from 150 ft.

The response that was produced from these missions, generated an enthusiastic interest. It was proposed that mission tabulations instead, become an annual competition. The idea to motivate and promote excellence throughout the SAR trade was well accepted. Thus the first SAREX was born. It was held in 1964, hosted by 424 Squadron at CFB Trenton.

Since its inception, it traditionally has been hosted by different SAR Squadrons each year. This year's competition coincides with the commemoration of the Search and Rescue's 50th Anniversary. This year's competition categories include the Parachute, Search, Rescue, Medical, Navigation, Aircraft Maintenance and Crew Professionalism events.

One of the highlights not to be missed in this year's competition will be from the

Rescue category. The Team Rescue Jump begins from either a Buffalo or Hercules Aircraft. Two message droppers will be released. The team then drops their medical gear in two para bundles as they prepare to deploy from the aircraft. The SAR Techs parachute from the aircraft at approximately 2,000 ft with additional medical and survival gear secured to their harnesses. Once on the ground they expediently break away from their chutes and are given crash site coordinates. Without a map they must navigate by a hand held Global Positioning System (GPS) to the destination of the crash site. Once on site the team begins their triage of medical assistance to the victims. As they continue to treat the patients, the next phase of judging begins. This event is under a strict time line and is judged accordingly. The quick action response of the SAR Tech teams is a fascinating window of opportunity to observe these professionals in action.

The judges of this competition are military specialists from bases throughout Canada. They have expertise in each perspective field of judging. The teams will be judged on the basis of, accuracy in landing, precision of drops, orientation and navigational skills, application of technical abilities and overall professionalism. An extensive adjudication format has been developed to impartially and accurately judge the competition.

Even though SAREX is a military exercise it is a great spectators event. The events are open to the public on Saturday and Sunday the 10th and 11th of May, at the Gimli Airstrip from 0900 - 1630 hours.

SAREX 97 will showcase the talent and technical abilities of six precision teams. The representatives from Winnipeg's 435 Squadron that will compete in SAREX this year are: Capt Reimer, Capt Sippola, Capt Wheadon, Sgt Cornish, MCpl Franklin, MCpl MacDiarmid, MCpl Hughes, MCpl Beauchamp and Cpl Cossette.

They will demonstrate their cutting edge skill in various areas of their expertise. The SAREX continues in the tradition of excellence with the emphasis on promoting an exchange of ideas and techniques. A framework of safety and friendly competition are in the forefront of these challenging competitions. This year's event is the first hosted by 17 Wing Winnipeg and will prove to be an event not to be missed.



CF CC-130 Hercules delivering cargo by Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System (LAPES).

Photo by Cpl Duncan C. Stewart



A fully equipped S.A.R. Tech executes minor adjustments while preparing for a final approach prior to landing.

Photo by Edith Cuerrier



Search and Rescue Technicians conducting rescue exercises from a CH-113 Labrador helicopter.

Photo by WO Vic Johnson (Ret)

SEARCH AND RESCUE TECH MOTTO: "THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE"

There will be a Memorial Ceremony for CASARA, "Civil Air Search and Rescue Association" volunteers and military personnel in honor of the lives lost during Search and Rescue Missions.

The ceremony will be held at Heritage Park (beside Air Command).

Any additional information can be obtained by contacting:

John Kelly at 833-2500 extension 6634.

COMING SOON...SAREX 97 GIMLI, MANITOBA

435 Transport and Rescue Squadron will be hosting the National Search and Rescue Competition, SAREX 97.

Search and rescue personnel from across Canada will descend upon Gimli to spend a week competing, comparing notes, and highlighting search and rescue in Canada.

More than one hundred SAR Techs, aircrew, maintenance personnel, judges, VIPs and representatives from the aviation industry will be a part of the exercise. SAREX 97 will be a competition, a conference, and a celebration of search and rescue in Canada.

JUST IN

**DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION
IN SOUTHERN MANITOBA,
SAREX 97 HAS BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1997.**

Canadian Forces in action as the flood waters rise



Town of St. Agathe showing the flood breach in the dike. (Seen in the top left area of this photo.) The town flood level reached a height of 2 meters. (Low res., digital image.)

PHOTO BY MCPL PAUL HOWE, 30 APR. 97



PO1 R.S. McMillan, from Fleet Diving Unit Pacific & members of the Canadian Coast Guard are standing by as a dredger works its way out of the flood waters. (Low res., digital image.)

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Capt E.H. Sherritt of 1RCHA, Shilo, is giving a military awareness briefing to the students of Oak Bluff Community School. This school is one of several that are receiving students from other regions in the flood zone. (Low res., digital image.)

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Federal compensation offered

May 1, 1997 – WINNIPEG

Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy and Minister of National Defence Douglas Young today announced an interim payment of \$25 million to Manitoba under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA). The ministers also announced the signing of an agreement between Canada and Manitoba which will provide the basis for longer term cooperation in essential areas such as flood proofing and enhanced diking, business restoration and cooperation with the United States on flood and other emergency forecasting.

"The Canadian government received a request from Manitoba for federal financial assistance for flood-related expenses," said Mr. Axworthy, who is also the lead federal minister responsible for the Manitoba flood emergency. "The federal cabinet passed an Order-in-Council and I am pleased to say that we are now in a

position to provide \$25 million as an advance payment from the Government of Canada to help reduce the financial hardship faced by the people of Manitoba."

The damage along the Red River throughout Manitoba has been extensive to agricultural lands, municipal, provincial and private properties. The interim advance under the DFAA is needed to pay for the costs of the worst flooding in this century.

Under the federal-provincial cost-sharing agreements covering disaster financial assistance, up to 90% of eligible expenses incurred by a province is paid for by the Government of Canada. Mr. Young, who is the Minister responsible for Emergency Preparedness Canada, emphasized that these arrangements also cover the costs of preventive measures in response to the direct threat of floods.

"The magnitude of this disaster has called for extraordinary efforts by the people of Manitoba and by

Canadians who have responded in an outstanding way from one end of the country to the other. I am proud of the men and women of the Canadian Forces who are eager participants in this national effort and are working around the clock with the people of Manitoba to fight the rising waters. Military members are impressed by the courage & commitment of the thousands of Manitobans who are working with them," said Mr. Young.

Minister Young said that the unique circumstances caused by this extraordinary event call for special consideration; therefore, the costs of this massive Canadian Forces operation will be borne entirely by the Canadian government. This includes the transportation, lodging, salaries and equipment costs of Operation Assistance. Mr. Young also assured Manitobans that the military is prepared to stay and help the province as long as necessary.

Canada's newest peacekeeping mission

Operation VISION, Guatemala, MINUGUA

BACKGROUND

The civil war in Guatemala, the last and longest of the Central American conflicts, has reportedly resulted in 150,000 dead, 250,000 displaced and 45,000 missing persons, along with the destruction of some 400 villages. This war, which had its genesis in 1945 as a series of small rebellions, evolved into a conflict between government forces and the Marxist Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG). For the past seven years the government and the URNG have been moving closer to a peace accord, which resulted in the signing of a Definitive Cease-Fire Agreement on 4 December 1996.

The United Nations Mission for Verification of Human Rights (MINUGUA) was created by United Nations General Assembly resolution 48/267 in September 1994. United Nations Resolution 1094 (1997) created a Military Observer Group (MOG), attached to MINUGUA, in order to verify the Definitive Cease-Fire Agreement. The date the formal cease-fire verification mission commenced, was 3 Mar 97.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The Cease-Fire Agreement has established 14 URNG (Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca) assembly sites and eight URNG assembly points in six different locations (four points co-located in two different locations). Surrounding these points are a 6 km Security Zone, which is a military-free zone, and an additional 6 km Coordination Zone for the monitoring of military movement. The general plan for the demobilization involves the URNG proceeding from the assembly sites, along agreed transit routes, to the assembly points. At the assembly points the URNG members will hand over their weapons and uniforms before being issued a demobilization certificate and being permitted to depart. Military Observers will be employed in all areas of the demobilization and will conclude their tasks with the hand over of all weapons and uniforms to the Guatemalan Army once all URNG elements have left the assembly points.

The Chief Military Observer exercises command and control of the mission through an Observer Group Headquarters (OGHQ) in Guatemala, two sector HQs in Guatemala and in Santa Cruz del Quiche, and six Military Observer team sites at Mayalan, Finca Sacol, Tzabal, Tuluche, Finca Las Abejas and Finca Claudia.

MILITARY OBSERVER TASKS

The military observers will perform the following tasks:

- Monitoring the Cease-Fire Agreement;
- Verification of the withdrawal of Army units outside the Security zone;
- Verification of weapons & personnel in URNG centers;
- Verification of the storage of weapons by URNG before demobilization;
- Unarmed escort of URNG personnel each time there is a need to go outside the assembly points;
- Verification of movement in the Security and Coordination zones (grd and air);
- Monitoring movement in and out of designated military patrol bases;
- Reporting, verification and investigation of cease-fire violations and claims;
- Establishing of Joint Coordination Groups; and
- Liaison with main Army HQ and regional commands.

CANADA'S ROLE

Canada has provided 15 military observers as part of the military component to the UN Mission in Guatemala. The Canadian Contingent in Guatemala completed its deployment into Guatemala City on 15 Feb 97 and is presently serving in all areas of the mission.

The contingent is led by Lieutenant Colonel Alex Fieglar. The contingent should be returning home in early May, 1997.

2 PLATOON SITREP from Bosnia

By Corporal Brett Riddell
2 Platoon, A Coy, 2PPCLI

Arriving in Zagreb, Croatia in January was a bit of a shock to the soldiers of 1 Section, 2 Platoon, A Company. We left Winnipeg at 1900 hrs, Thursday 9 January. The flight lasted nine hours and the weather upon arrival was about 20 degrees warmer than the -35 degrees we left behind in Winnipeg. After being sorted out in Velika Kladusa, the first Canadian Camp, we arrived at in Bosnia, we were bussed to our Company Main Camp and the Battalion Group HQ in CORALICI.

After moving into our ISO trailers (our home away from home for the next six months) we were introduced to the main gate. Well, as we say, "The gate goes up, the gate goes down." Once the remainder of the platoon was on the ground on the 14th, we started

to carry out our specific platoon tasks.

2 Platoon has a strength of 34 men and is commanded by Lieutenant Curtis Smith with WO Bill Johnson at PL WO. The three Section Commanders are Sgts Lou Schoofs, Rick Barker and Andy Willcott. We carry out a rotation style work schedule where the sections will do vehicle and dismounted patrols of towns and cities in our Coy AOR (Area of Responsibility), while another section will be the Standby Section for the platoon (which is always on 15 minutes notice to move). The Platoon HQ personnel help out when sections are short of manpower and we also have to provide a section to do camp security one week out of every three.

Now that the weather is getting better, we are patrolling more of our AOR, thereby increasing our presence among the local population. A typical dismounted patrol would be to drive into the nearby

town of Cazin, which is about 10 kms from Camp Coralici and then dismount with one of our civilian interpreters. We walk through town and speak to some of the local population about the current situations, whether it be a religious celebration or just a casual talk about the weather, and generally most people are helpful and pleasant. Once we are finished, our AVGP Grizzly picks us up at the far end of town about 3 kms from our drop off point and we cruise back to Camp to wait for our next task.

We are all looking forward to returning to Winnipeg (provided the floods are over by then!) as it will be nice to get back to Canada after all the work is done and the tour is over. If you want to learn more about what the 2PPCLI Battle Group is doing in Bosnia, be sure to check out our Web Site at (www.autobahn.mb.ca/~ppcli).

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Awards and Medals

Qualifying for this great Canadian honour

By Cpl Jennifer Faubert

Even though Remembrance Day has come and gone, you may still see a medal here and there and wonder how one can qualify for this type of Canadian honour. In actuality, it all starts with a supervisor, since you can not nominate yourself. An honour is one way that your supervisors can recognize and award your efforts.

Canadian honours come in many forms: orders, decorations and medals and are presented to mark bravery, honourable service, and meritorious performance of a deed or activity. The first Canadian honours to hit the scene were developed during the Second World War, yet even back then, they were few and encompassing. Honours and Awards are steeped in tradition and the Canadian military has always maintained that an uncluttered uniform is best.

The Order of Military Merit and the Canadian Forces Decoration are only two of the medals envisioned half a century ago which still exist today.

Capt. Brian Quick, SO ADMIN 4 (Honours and Awards), the secretary to the Air Command Honours and Awards Committee is responsible for the day to day operations of the program. He maintains that although the process can be lengthy, it is not difficult.

"It can be a lot of work, but it is not impossible," he said. "Don't be intimidated. You can never go wrong with the truth and the facts...just tell the 5 W's (who, what, when, where and why)."

There are two classifications of honours that he deals with

at the Air Command Headquarters level. The Commander's Commendation and the Merit Award Programme are reviewed and awarded at this level. National-level awards, such as the Order of Military Merit recognize CF personnel who have demonstrated conspicuous merit and exceptional service and are reviewed by a higher authority. In this case, the Commander of Air Command can only recommend the honour be bestowed; NDHQ and Government House retain the final decision.

Most honours recognize the activities of all DND employees, civilian and military, for exceptional and outstanding work performance, bravery or other meritorious contributions which reflect positively on the organization.

"(Having a medal) says, this is how we want our people to perform and we publicly recognize that you did a good job," explained Capt Quick.

COMMON TYPES OF AWARDS

Canadian Bravery Decorations recognize acts of courage of varying degrees. The highest being the Cross of Valour, followed by the Star of Courage and the Medal of Bravery.

These medals can be bestowed on any Canadian citizen and are not exclusive to military members. (CFAO 18-5)

Meritorious Service medals recognize performance that has been executed in a highly professional manner which in turn has benefited and honoured the Forces. Meritorious service medals have a military and civilian component. (CFAO 18-22)

The Commander Air Command Commander's Commendation recognizes exceptional achievement or performance that brings great credit to the Air Force. The Commendation is open to both CF members and DND civilian employees and may also be awarded to groups or units. (ACO 18-1)

The Chief of Defence Staff Commendation is awarded to CF members who have performed a deed or service that is considered beyond the demands of normal duty. (CFAO 18-17)

The Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service is awarded to non-serving DND employees or CF members, who occasionally serve or work in conjunction with the CF. The medallion recognizes activities that exceed the expectations of their

employment or personal responsibilities. (CFAO 18-15)

PROCESS

When considering the Awards process, first and foremost, it is necessary to review the applicable regulation governing the specific award. The general submission process is outlined below:

1. Submit a covering letter and Personal History Form located at Annex C to CFAO 18-4.

2. A narrative must accompany the above form, outlining what the individual did to merit the award. It should also explain why the activity to be recognized was outside the paid duties and beyond the norm expected of the individual's rank and experience. Recommendations should be for the most appropriate award.

3. Submit this information via the chain of command to Air Command Headquarters, attention DCOS Pers. All other enquires should be directed to the SO Admin 4 at 204-833-2500 ext. 5637. It should be noted that this summer, the Honours and Awards function is moving to Ottawa as part of the Chief of the Air Staff and the new OPI will be Personnel Management and Services 3-2.

Lastly, it should be noted that each nomination is assessed by the Honours and Awards Committee and based on its own merit on a case by case basis. Capt Quick maintains that this helps to ensure that the high standards established, and the integrity of the award and event are maintained. This in turn protects the integrity of the Honours and Awards program.

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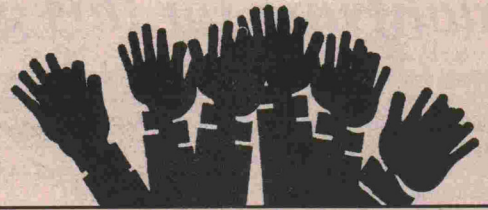
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1. Call to Order
 2. Chairperson's Report
 3. Treasurer's / Auditor's Report
 4. Executive Director's Report
 5. Old Business
 6. New Business
 - a) election of new board members
 - b) election of auditor
 7. Open Discussion
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Immunization Clinic News

HEPATITIS A and B

In previous issues, tetanus-diphtheria, yellow fever, measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), polio, typhoid, and meningitis immunizations have been described. This month's topic will be hepatitis.

Hepatitis is a general term, denoting infection of the liver. We have immunization protocols for two types- hepatitis A and hepatitis B.

HEPATITIS A - A viral illness characterized by fever, unwell feeling, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal discomfort, and later, jaundice (yellow colour of skin and eyes). Illness can range in severity from mild, lasting 1-2 weeks, to severe, lasting several months. It is transmitted person to person, by the fecal-oral route, which means it is a result of ingesting contaminants from food or water and insufficient hand washing. The best way to avoid hepatitis A is to be sure that what you ingest is not contaminated, and to wash your hands after using the washroom and before eating (wash with uncontaminated water!). In addition to this, ensure you are immunized if it is a requirement for your job and geographical area of employment. Immunization consists of a series of two doses, the second 6-12 months after the first. Side effects are rare but may include mild flu like symptoms and soreness at the injection site.

HEPATITIS B - A viral illness with a slow onset, characterized by loss of appetite, abdominal discomfort, nausea and vomiting, and jaundice. The illness ranges in severity. Hepatitis B can result in chronic illness and can cause liver cancer. Hepatitis B is transmitted sexually or through other contact with blood and body fluids. Protecting yourself against hepatitis B is similar to protection against HIV- follow safer sex practices, and use caution in any situation involving blood and body fluids of others. Sexual contact and IV drug use are common modes of transmission. Immunization involves a series of 3 doses. The second should be a month after the first, and the third five months after the second. Side effects are similar to those for hepatitis A above.



Ask Mr. Greentree

We're baaaack... After a long break, due mostly to that strange affliction known as "Year Enditis", Mr. Greentree is back to answer any questions you may have and to pass on information "goodies" from the Wing Environment people.

Q. Did anyone win the prize described in your last column?

A. Technically, this question won the prize as it was the only one asked. However, since Mrs. Greentree asked the question, it is still up for grabs. This fine optical enhancement device, plus your choice of environmental poster, is still available for the first person to ask me a question about the environment. Please submit your question to the Wing Environmental Officer c/o Wing Construction Engineering.

Since I had no other questions, I would like to pass along what is planned for this growing season here in Environmental Central. We are going to continue with our now usual burning of the tall grass prairie areas at St Charles Range and here on the base. Soon after, we will be starting the second phase of the entomological study. So, if you see someone running towards you with a butterfly net, don't be too alarmed - unless you are eating bugs at these sites.

The waste reduction and recycling programs are going well. Thanks to your efforts, the Wing has reduced its wastes going to the dump significantly as we are collecting about 10 times a month what was collected during the whole of last year. [On that note, a waste audit was conducted during the last weeks of March. If you are interested in learning more about this subject, give me a call.]

If you would like to know more about the environmental program - maybe have one of the Wing's tame treehuggers come and give a short talk to your group, give us a call at loc 6774. We work cheap and "have stuff, will travel"

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• 1600 hrs | FRIDAY, 6 JUNE.....BOSSSES NIGHT
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• Karaoke!
• Dunk Tank |
| WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY...WCWO COFFEE BREAK
• 1000 hrs | WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE ..WCWO COFFEE BREAK
• 1000 hrs |
| FRIDAY, 16 MAY.....TGIF
• Crib Tourney
• 1600 hrs | FRIDAY, 13 JUNE.....TGIF
• Horseshoe Tourney |
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| SATURDAY, 10 MAY.....MOTHER'S DAY
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• Place: WO's & SGT's Mess
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The SAREX 97 organizing committee regrets any inconvenience that this postponement may have caused to those people who had planned to attend.

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ATTENTION: All former members of the WO's & SGT's Wives Club of CFB Trenton / 8 Wing Trenton

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(should interest be shown) **to be held in April 1998.**

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Please contact the following people at the telephone, mailing, e-mail and fax addresses if you would be interested in this event.

- Debbie McDonald: 8 Wg Trenton, work phone: (613) 392-2811 ext. 2674, fax: (613) 965-2192
- Elsie Hogg: phone: (613) 392-1476, mail: 11 Somerset St., Trenton, ON K8V 5T7.
- Donna Summers: e-mail dsummers@sympatico.ca
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