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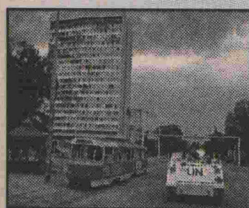
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From Left to Right: Cpl Dan Menard, Capt Cathy Priestman and Mrs. Myrna Whitelaw accepted the CDS Unit Commendation on behalf of all 17 Wing personnel on Tuesday, 20 May, 1997.

By Capt Mike Short and Capt Dany Laferrière

"During April and May 1997, 17 Wing provided administrative and logistical support to the Canadian Joint Force deployed on OPERATION ASSISTANCE in support of flood stricken Manitoba. Without the dedication, initiative, sacrifice and professionalism of every uniformed and civilian member of the Wing, this mission would not likely have succeeded. This commendation is awarded in recognition of the superb performance of 17 Wing during a period of crisis, and reflects the gratitude of all personnel deployed on OPERATION ASSISTANCE and of the flood victims. This performance was in the very finest traditions of the Canadian Forces and Air Command."

That is what is said on the Unit Commendation awarded by A/CDS, VAdm Larry Murray, to all 17 Wing personnel during a short ceremony that took place in Hangar 16, on May 26th.

"I honestly felt it was going to be a low key event", mentions Col Joe Sharpe, 17 Wing Commander, reflecting on the early stages of Op Noah as it was originally called. Boarding the plane for a house hunting trip to Ottawa, the Wing Commander was comfortable with the fact resources were in place to deal with the "red" threat.

"We basically had a plan in place a month prior to when we expected the floodwaters to crest", said Col Sharpe. At the time, arrangements were made with the Commanding Officer of 408 Squadron, LCol Marcel Duval, for two Griffon helicopters to sup-

port the flood relief operation. However, after viewing the images of destruction from the American city of Grand Forks just south of Winnipeg, officials in Manitoba and the military reassessed its plans to deal with the encroaching water. It became evident by April 23 that the situation in the province of Manitoba was "ramping up to a great number of knots" and that more involvement might be required from the military.

In fact, during the last week of April, about 7200 troops from out of province were deployed in Southern Manitoba to bring the total amount of military personnel attached to Op Assistance to a peak of 8612 on May 3 - the largest unarmed military deployment during peace time on Canadian soil.

Of course, this incredible amount of troops needed to be supported in some way and that task was assumed by 17 Wing. "It was just remarkable to see the team work displayed by everyone at the Wing. Our food services people who normally prepare approximately 110 lunches a day were now cranking out 1,600 and smiled through the whole affair", said Col Sharpe. Not only was support provided by the military personnel, but civilians also carried a huge share of the workload, volunteering to work 12-hour shifts without compensation.

Team work is a theme - indeed a philosophy - 17 Wing Commander strongly believes in and judging by the awarding of the CDS' Unit Commendation, it is a concept all 17 Wing personnel have adopted.

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Assistance for a flood or A flood for assistance?

By Major CM Walton-Simm, Managing Editor

As the bloated Red River recedes so are the Canadian Forces personnel that were instrumental in turning back floodwaters of enormous proportions. Although most of the local military personnel are resuming their regular duties and troops are heading home, some will remain behind to begin preparing communities for the return of their residents. After observing first hand Mother Nature's power and the devastation she can leave behind, one is easily humbled. Then, after participating in Operation Assistance and experiencing the determination of human beings, one appreciates the amount of work, effort, endurance, motivation and strength that went into accomplishing the seemingly impossible.

With Operation Assistance, the largest Canadian military

operation since the Korean War and biggest ever in peacetime, we have not only accomplished weakening a flood of unprecedented proportions but we have injected a sense of pride and removed the tarnish from a military image in need of polishing. Before the Red River lowers to normal levels and all the Canadian Forces personnel return to normal duties, appreciation for the many, extraordinary efforts is the least that can be done. Although it's not feasible to name all those involved, we all know who we are, gratitude goes out to all of you. BRAVO ZULU TO ONE AND ALL!

Below is further correspondence concerning Operation Assistance.

2PPCLI hard at work

Our front page story "Operation Assistance" in the Voxair Vol. 45, Issue 9, 7 May 97 utilized a breakdown of troop commitments from the DND Web Site press update of 3 May 97. Unfortunately this breakdown omitted 2PPCLI who are still actively involved in the Operation. It should be noted that 2PPCLI have been busy, not only in Bosnia, but here at home in Manitoba and their efforts are commended.

Flood assistance volunteers still required

The Salvation Army has confirmed that they are still in need of volunteer assistance. Persons are required to sort clothes at the Century Arena, 1377 Clarence, between Waverly and Pembina, 0900-1900hrs or at 1707 Church, 0800-2000hrs. Interested persons are to contact 946-9100 for additional details, scheduling, etc.

OPERATION ASSISTANCE

Operation Assistance is a history-making, high profile Canadian Forces mission which has served to:

- save lives and mitigate property damage in the face of a flood of epic scale;
- exercise and validate the ability of the CF to mount large scale joint operations with little notice;
- renew the public image of Canada's military; and
- graphically remind Canada of the domestic imperative for maintaining an effective military capability.

The operation will continue for some time yet in the form of a Joint Task Force which will pursue essential reconstruction tasks. However, the crisis has now effectively passed and the greater part of the Joint Force will have redeployed by 16 May 1997.

While the flood of 97 is still fresh in our minds, I want to extend to all those who served in the Joint Force my most sincere appreciation for a truly extraordinary effort. You came quickly to do an important job, bringing with you the enthusiasm, pride and professionalism which you bring to bear on every task. What is unique about this operation is that your efforts were noticed and widely acknowledged by your fellow Canadians. In doing your duty, you won the admiration and deepest gratitude of all Manitobans and earned the respect of Canadian citizens at large.

It is particularly noteworthy that an operation of this size and complexity, involving some 8,500 personnel, 2,850 vehicles, 37 aircraft and 50 plus boats operating 24/7 in emergency conditions produced an enviable safety record. The Joint Force was saddened by the injuries and pain suffered by Corporal Guay and Sapper Rummery of 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, but rejoices that other serious accidents were prevented.

This was an operation which will be long-remembered both for what was accomplished and what it meant. In helping Manitoba beat the flood the Joint Force helped the CF turn a page. It was an honour to serve as part of this team.

Commander Joint Force

OPERATION DROP-OFF Air Command Flood Assistance Effort

Recognition goes to the Air Command HQ Flood Assistance Team: LCol Wolowidnyk, LCol Beharriell, Maj Horgan, Capt Fitz-Gerald, Capt Greenlaw, and CWO Chartrand. So, to help draw a close to the Air Command Flood Assistance Team effort put forth by so many (267 pers), here are the final statistics.

- VOLUNTEER STATS**
- Time Period 15 days (22 Apr - 6 May)
 - Total Person-Days 669 (including sandbaggers, other activities, and dependant days)
 - Total number of registered individuals who helped at the Red Cross and Salvation Army, or assisted with sandbagging, administration, driving, etc, 267
 - Average of 57.2 volunteers per day (peak period of 10 days)
 - Average of 45.8 volunteers per day (over the 15 day period)

OPERATION DROP-OFF

Operation Drop-off resulted in the collection and forwarding of 50 tri-walls, to the Salvation Army for flood evacuees. Since all good things eventually come to an end, well, so does Op Drop-off. Therefore, Wed 14 May will be the last collection day. The success of Op Drop-off was primarily due to the volunteer team effort, which ranged from sharing ideas to the advertising, donating of goods, and transporting these items to the Salvation Army. The Air Command HQ Flood Assistance Team would like to thank everyone who contributed to its success. A special thanks goes to Lisa Pratt for bringing forward the idea and for her diligent efforts in making this important activity so successful.

Continuation - AIRCOM HQ Flood Assistance

Volunteers are desperately needed by the City of Winnipeg to take down sandbags. The DCOMD has authorized a continuation of the HQ's sandbagging team support for this urgent requirement.

APPROVAL: Subject to the approval of each individual's boss, personnel interested in volunteering may go. Once approval has been granted, each Division OPI is requested to REPLY by e-mail their list of volunteers (include: sn, surname, in, date(s) of work, and locations).

LOCATION: Contact the City of Winnipeg flood line at 986-8000 for specific locations.

DUTY HOURS: Includes regular work hours, evenings, and weekends.

TRANSPORTATION/RATIONS: DND transportation and rations are not available and are the responsibility of each volunteer. Some food is likely to be supplied at the locations.

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CIVILIANS: Authorized leave must be obtained - USE CODE 699 - Leave With Pay - on leave passes (as provided by DCPSC (Prairies)).

FOR SUPERVISORS: It is essential that this Headquarters continue to respond to all operational requirements and thus, adequate HQ response must be maintained.

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A Culinary Revolution

By Cpl Jennifer Faubert

Well the concept is not revolutionary but some would say the time frame was. What is amazing is the fact that this culinary revolution known to Trenton natives as the Yukon Galley, went from conception to reality in just 18 months. Furthermore, considering the magnitude of the project, this time frame is incredible and one that Head of Food Services at the Wing, Captain Bob Pitcher, is proud of.

"It is a win-win situation," he said in an article with Defence 2000. "It improves the quality of life for our members by providing a better dining experience, and it saves money for the Crown. We need to invest in our most important resource: our people."

Capt Pitcher accounts for the fast turn-around time being due to the support and open lines of communication between food services, CE, the Wing Commander and the Wing Logistics officer.

"You must have people buy into the program, give their support and cooperation," he explained.

Since its February opening, the Yukon Galley has become a full service outlet. It offers a retail store, and a user-pay mess hall in the form a licensed restaurant complete with a take-out option, patio and BBQ facilities. Long gone are the institutional décor and the no frills dining experience. The new facility is air-conditioned, has live music (piped in from California), and best of all,

patrons can come and go when they want, no longer restricted to a set meal hour and menu.

"(In the past), people told us we served too much fried food, the staff were grumpy and the hours inflexible" he said. Now, menus contain healthy food options, with more variety and are prepared on a case per case basis.

Another innovation are computerized cash registers equipped with swipe card technology for debit and credit card transactions, with plans to implement a base meal card debit system. Once the user-pay card system is fully implemented, members will only be charged for meals consumed and food services will receive money for meals consumed, much like a restaurant would. "We will no longer be telling people when and what to eat," he explained.

Back to its roots

The project was first conceptualized in 1994 when the funding cuts were announced and bases were forced to look at cost saving measures. Since then a Wing Logistics re-engi-

neering plan was developed with food services identified as a viable candidate for alternative service delivery (ASD), also known as contracting out to private business or via an in-house bid.

Taking into account past history, Capt Pitcher put his team to work to formulate a proactive in-house bid rather than run the risk of a private contractor coming in and replacing staff, reducing salaries and inflating prices.

"We are the only wing that has done this to this extent. We pushed a little further," he said.

Coming to a base near you

Due to the overwhelming positive response and the mandate to meet the needs of a changing Air Force, this new dining experience could be coming to base near you. However, Capt Pitcher warns that a project of this magnitude must be judged on a case by case basis. Yet he sees the Yukon Galley as an example of what is possible.

"Each base is different and you need to know the require-

ments of your diners," he stressed, a task Trenton took seriously. They used surveys and accessed outside agencies with expertise in marketing to identify markets and consumers' trends in order to lay a path for the future of food services and to operate more like a private business.

To date, the Commander of Air Command, food services officers from across Canada and representatives from other bases have toured the \$1.1 million facility.

Although a \$1.1 million price tag is almost unimaginable, the cost of the facility is actually quite minimal. Half of the money came from voluntary staff reduction and mess hall

consolidation savings, while another quarter came from base construction engineering who already had money budgeted to refit the building's infrastructure. The remainder came from an Air Command Excellence System loan, which is scheduled for full payback within two years. A target, Capt Pitcher is more than sure can be attained.

According to Capt Pitcher, the change is something that must be experienced. "Staff and patrons are happier, and the response has been overwhelming. You would never believe you were on a military base!" he said. "Every day, I get comments such as why didn't we do this sooner."



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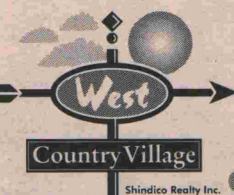
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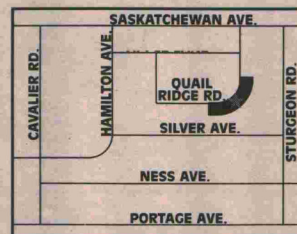
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CIDA or "The Canadian International Development Agency" developed a plan for close cooperation between itself and the Canadian Contingent which would provide concrete, visible signs of

the reconstruction process in BOSNIA and encourage inter-ethnic cooperation. The focus for the program lies in reconstruction of health and high impact community related educational facilities. CIDA is administered directly by the CIMIC or S5 cell (Civil-Military Affairs) of the 2PPCLI Battle Group, who are responsible for proposing and supervising the projects themselves, using local Bosnian civilian labour and materials. In August 1996, the program was allocated an initial funding level of 400,000 Deutsche-Marks with a further 305,000 allocated in March 1997 to end the fiscal year. Additional funding for this highly successful program is expected in 1998.

To date, CIDA has successfully completed 11 reconstruction projects. On the Serb side of the IEBL small community health centres, called ambulantas, have been rebuilt in BUDMILIC JAPRA and BREZICANI in the SANSKI KRUPA Opstinas respectively. A school in BUDMILIC JAPRA was also rehabilitated. In the UNA-SANA Canton ambulantas were rehabilitated in the villages of OSTRAZAC and KRIVAJA, while the primary school in TRNOVI, near VELIKA KLADUSA was completely rebuilt from the foundation up. There are many exciting plans for 2PPCLI's CIDA program in the next 4 months, including completing the rehabilitation

of the ambulanta in SANICA, near KLJUC, and rehabilitating schools in BOSANSKI PETROVAC, in the UNA-SANA Canton and TITOV DRVAR in Canton 10. In addition there are 5 other projects that have been authorized for our Area of Responsibility, and 12 waiting in the wings. In fact, this waiting list is growing almost on a daily basis.

One of the most exciting aspects for our troops is the prospect of participating in the projects as apprentice con-

struction workers - a far cry from the ceaseless work of sentry duties or patrolling. Soldiers from A Company and Anti-Armour Platoon are looking forward to spending some time learning about the business end of paintbrushes and hammers in the next few months as they help to rebuild the primary schools in GORNJI VAKUF and DRVAR respectively.

So long from Lieutenant Ward Tryhall, the S5 (CIDA) Projects Officer.

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Air Command Band



The Air Command Band performing at the Forks prior to Tom Jackson's Flood Relief concert.



The percussion section at the Forks.

Submitted by Sgt WJ O'Connor

None of us would wish for the devastation that Flood 97 has caused, but it felt great to participate actively within our community and in our own country in a time of need. It was very gratifying to see the appreciation that the citizens of Manitoba displayed for their armed forces. A sense of pride was felt by the members of the Air Command Band as they joined the ranks of sandbaggers and military personnel involved in "Operation Assistance".

The band is fortunate that as ambassadors of good will, working to promote the image of the Canadian Forces, we have more opportunity than most to feel and see the pride in our country's "finest". The appreciation of Canadian soldiers throughout the world and at home has been witnessed on many occasions. For example, while marching through the streets of Appeldoorn, Holland with our veterans and the Canadian Contingent of "Canada Remembers", we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of affection from the crowds of thousands that lined the streets. Watching our veterans stand to attention during the playing of Last Post at Vimy Ridge in France was another very poignant experience. The friendly cooperation that exists between the city of Moose Jaw and 15 Wing was recently celebrated as the Wing was granted the right of "Freedom of the City", an ancient tradition showing the high esteem that the citizens hold for their military.

While in Moose Jaw, the Air Command Band also played a very successful public concert in support of the young musicians partaking in the 49th Annual International Jazz and Choral Festival. Upon our return the band performed a stand-up concert at the Forks as pre-show entertainment for Tom Jackson's Flood Relief Concert. 9 June we depart for Ramstein, Germany for the NATO Military Music Festival, and from there straight to Calgary for the "Close Out Ceremonies" of CFB Calgary.

Reminder: Visit the only CF band website at www.pangea.ca/~co/index.html or e-mail us at aircommand@vulcan.achq.dnd.ca. It's really worth a browse thanks to the hard work and genius of one of our tuba players, Sgt Bart Hasselfield.

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By Captain Richard Pampin

Chinthe Bits

Just what is a Chinthe, anyway?

In the last edition of *The Voxair* (Issue 10, 21 May 97) the 435 Squadron crest was mistakenly replaced by the 415 Squadron crest. We deeply regret this erroneous insertion and offer our sincere apology to 435 Squadron. It is hoped the following article will erase any and all confusion by defining the history of the proud Chinthe symbol of 435 Squadron.

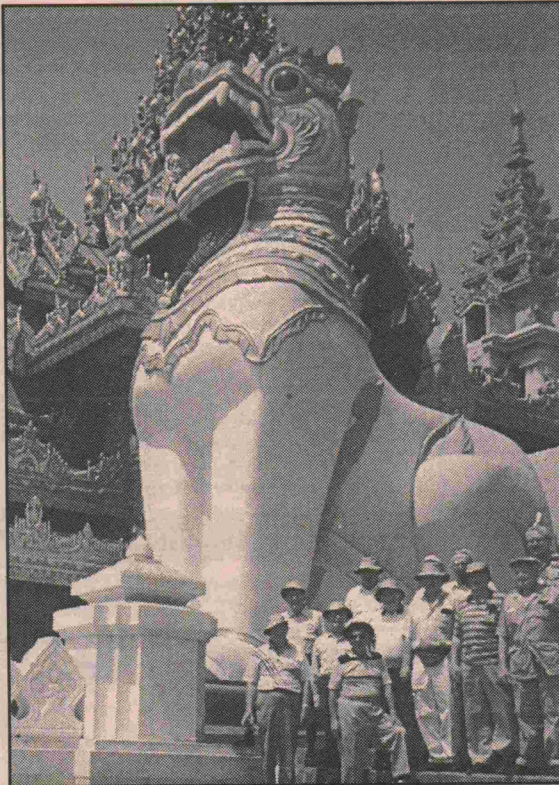
- The Voxair Staff

My friends, I received quite a shock today. No, I was not frying bacon naked. This was a real jolt, a bolt from out of the blue, even. I must say that this surprise sneaked up on me. It was quite insidious, really. Imagine how excited I was when the latest installment of *The Voxair* (Vol. 45 Issue 10, to be exact) arrived in my mailbox. Propping my feet on my well-worn coffee table, I sipped a pleasant herbal tea while scanning the front page of this prestigious publication. Turning to page three, I stopped. I was flabbergasted! I was livid! I was spilling tea in my lap! How dare they make such a cruel mistake? There, at the top of the page, beside the familiar title of the 435 Squadron column 'Chinthe Bits,' was an abomination. In the spot reserved for the splendid squadron emblem of the Fighting 435th sat an impostor. Our beloved Chinthe had been replaced by a fish, a swordfish, to be precise. Or a marlin, or whatever. The point is that it was someone else's crest atop a Chinthe Bits article, which was a good article by MCpl Steve Shrewsbury, by the way. Although I should imagine that the commanding officer of 415 Squadron would be quite pleased to have his squadron's crest mistaken for that of the best squadron in the air force, nonetheless, it was wrong. Rest assured, intrepid readers, that the staff of *The Voxair* received considerable 'grilling' over their 'gaff.' The matter has been negotiated to a satisfactory conclusion and 'The Voxair' will henceforth be titled 'The Chinthe'.

But seriously folks, there is not a doubt in my mind, that there are many of you out there that have asked yourself 'Just what is a Chinthe, anyway?' Alas, that indicates to me that I am not doing my job. Combat journalism and soapbox grandstanding aside, I have failed in my duty to tell the story of 435 Squadron far and wide so that all in the land will know a Chinthe when they see one.

So here goes. Chinthe (pronounced CHINTH-ee), is first and foremost, a mythical beast of Burmese lore that is half-dog and half-lion. Chinthe is said to be ferocious and watchful. Secondly, he is the mascot of 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron. During our recent pilgrimage to Burma to bury our fallen squadron-mates, we were fortunate enough to have our tour guide, Aung Zaw Min, tell us the story behind Chinthe. Legend has it, that a mortal man was born of a Chinthe father and a mortal woman (no snickering, this is folklore!). One day the man was out hunting, and he kills a lion. When he brings the beast to show his moth-

er, she is horrified. 'You have killed your father,' she cries. The young man is overcome with remorse for having killed his father. To make restitution, he devotes the rest of his life to ensuring that a pair of Chinthes are placed outside the entrances to all Burmese pagodas, so that all who enter there will remember his plight, and



Now that's a big Chinthe! Some original Chinthes of 435 Squadron stand at the base of a much larger Chinthe outside the Swhe Dagon Pagoda in Rangoon, Burma, in March 1997.

be reminded to honour their parents. To this day in Myanmar (formerly Burma), there are still Chinthes outside the entrances to all pagodas and other official buildings.

'So now,' you ponder, 'Where might I see one of these fine creatures?' There are a myriad of places in and around our great city where one might view the ever-watchful Chinthe. For starters, there are more

Chinthes in 16 Hangar than you could shake a proverbial stick at. There is 'Chinthe' himself, presiding over his domain from the aptly-named 'Chinthe Room' on the top floor of the hangar. We are all very happy to see him safely back from his stay in the Mythical Beast Wing of the Winnipeg Veterinary Hospital where he had his broken hind paw reset and placed in a cast. Shame on those Greenwood clowns...kidnapping a wounded mascot!

Of course, Chinthe can be found on our squadron's crest (like the one at the top of this article). The squadron crest is displayed all around 16 Hangar, so there is definitely no shortage. There are 250 personnel on the squadron, each of them has at least two or three flying suits or coveralls, each of which has a squadron crest, so that means that there are ...a lot of Chinthes walking around! I'll let you do the math.

As with all brotherhoods (humanhoods? sisterhoods? personhoods?), 435 Squadron members have a special custom, a ritual if you will, that allows them to prove their allegiance to Chinthe and to each other, when one or more have gathered for merriment and festivities. To bear witness to this remarkable event (which involves an engraved likeness of Chinthe on an attractive pewter disc) one must produce their own such disc and display it for all to see. Then you shall see many a Chinthe proudly proffered for the mustered masses to gaze upon. I must offer a warning, though. For the uninitiated, challenging a true Chinthe is akin to demanding to know if a Scotsman wearing a kilt considers himself to be 'regimental.' You'll probably see more than you ever wanted to, and it could be costly in the process.

For those who travel to downtown Winnipeg via Notre Dame and Cumberland Avenues, you will no doubt notice a pair of Chinthes outside the Buddhist temple on the north side of the street, just east of Sherbrooke Avenue.

I'll leave you with one last tidbit that we learned in Burma. The word 'Sing,' as in 'Singapore,' means 'Chinthe,' and you guessed it, 'pore,' means 'land.' 'Singapore' is 'Chinthe's Land.' Fascinating, eh?

There. Now you know as much about Chinthe as we do. The next time a neophyte is reading the newspaper of 17 Wing and asks you 'Just what is a Chinthe, anyway' you'll be able to reply in true Cliff Claven fashion: 'Well, Normy, it's a little known fact, but a Chinthe is a legendary half-dog, half-lion....' I think you get the picture.

Until next time, Certi Provehendi (which means 'Determined on Delivery,' so you don't have to look it up).

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1997 Safety Week

The 1997 Safety Week will be observed 2 to 6 June 1997. This year, three countries, the United States, Mexico and Canada have agreed to join efforts to inaugurate the first North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, a week devoted to heightening awareness towards occupational safety and health.

The theme of the week is: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY and HEALTH: A FACTOR OF PRODUCTIVITY. It is supported by five sub themes;

- Top management leadership
- Management and employee commitment
- Effective employer and employee committees
- Training, education and information, and
- Compliance, prevention and enforcement.

It is an appropriate lead up to safety week to look at our safety programme.

The strength of the Safety programme is the committee structure. The Wing Safety Council is chaired by the Wing Commander. Branch Heads, Commanding Officers and Commandants are members and the Wing Flight Safety Officer and the Wing General Safety Officer are ex-officio members. The Council meets quarterly for the formal part of the programme as part of the Wing Commander's End of Month (EOM) meeting, however both General and Flight Safety Officers are members of the EOM meetings and safety concerns are standing items for all meetings.

Branch Heads and Commanding Officers chair their own Safety Committees and generally meet quarterly. Representation is by Unit commanders, Unit General Safety Officers and where applicable Joint Occupational Safety and Health Co-chairs. Specific safety concerns for the Branch are discussed.

Units and sections are represented by Section Safety Committees and where civilians are involved in the workplace by Joint Occupational Safety and Health (JOSH) committees. These committees are co-chaired by management and employees and are very active in workplace safety issues. There are ten well functioning JOSH committees at this time.

Safety training comprises centralized (NDHQ funded) and specialized unit training. The centralized training consists of Safety Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Loss Control Management, Safety Programme Development and Evaluation, Safety Legislation and the General Safety Officer training course. The WGSO leads these courses in consultation with UGSOs and JOSH co-chairs. WGSO also offers WHMIS Supervisor training and JOSH committee training on a local basis.

Specialized unit training is arranged and funded by the unit and is generally very specific type training. Confined Space Entry training for WCE and W Telecom is an example of this training. There is also a comprehensive safety video and safety talk library available from the WGSO for unit use.

Assistance in recognizing, evaluating and correcting health and safety concerns is available from several internal and external agencies. In house are the Wing General Safety Officer, the Wing Environmental Officer, Wing Fire Prevention, Wing Preventive Medicine Technicians, Wing Transport Safety, and the MSE/POMV Safety Committee. External agencies include the Health Canada Environmental Health Officer and the Occupational Health Nurse and Human Resources Development Labour Affairs Officer. The mandate of all is to address your occupational health and safety concerns.

Hazards can be identified by any means, however there are two formal methods. The Hazard Management Information System

(HMIS) provides a means to identify and evaluate hazards, assign a priority for corrective action and maintain visibility of the hazard on the Hazard Totem Pole. The Wing Safety Council is briefed on items on the Totem Pole until satisfactory corrective action is taken. The other method is a less formal Safety Hazard Report where the hazard identified is reported to the UGSO and WGSO for action.

The General Safety accident reporting system is based on the concept that information provided is for accident prevention only and will not be used for any other purpose. The formal reporting system is via form CF 663 General Safety Accident Prevention Report. This form is compiled by the Unit, forwarded to the WGSO for completion and distribution to Air Command CGSO and NDHQ Ottawa D Safe G, and in the case of civilian disabling injuries to Labour Canada.

The dedication of all those involved in the safety team has resulted in a good improvement in our safety programme. In plain statistics we have seen a gradual and continual decrease in disabling and non disabling accidents and days lost to injury through the 1990s. This past year resulted in the lowest number of accidents and days lost in our history. But more satisfying is the involvement in and proactive approach to safety concerns by all personnel.

As the Wing Commander stated in a recent RO entry "The well being of all personnel in DND and the CF is of primary concern in the execution of every operational, technical and administrative task. We must all work together to reduce accidents with their resultant personnel, materiel and financial losses.

Take a moment during this very important event to recommit to safety".



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When People Unite

By Capt Wendy Greenlaw

17 Wing Winnipeg - A groundswell of offers, by personnel at Air Command HQ, to help Winnipeg residents protect their property from threatening flood waters was the driving force behind the forming of the Air Command HQ Flood Assistance Team of volunteers.

Over a period of 15 days (22 Apr - 6 May), 267 military, civilian and dependant volunteers augmented city residents and Op Assistance military personnel by providing urgently needed support to flood victims. They worked whenever and wherever required, assisting friends, relatives and strangers alike to see the job through to completion.

Although the majority of volunteers filled, passed and packed many of the seven million sandbags, the remaining volunteers offered their services to the Red Cross and Salvation Army. Some of their duties included preparing and serving food, supervising volunteers, operating phone lines, providing emergency radio services and coordinating the relocation of evacuees. A summary of statistics is shown on the accompanying table and graph.

Just as the demand for services grew, so did the need for provisions. Mrs. Lisa Pratt (civilian employee at Air Command) arranged collection points at two base gyms and this HQ from 25 Apr - 14 May. Operation Drop-off resulted in the accumulation of fifty tri-walls (very, very, large boxes) of bedding,

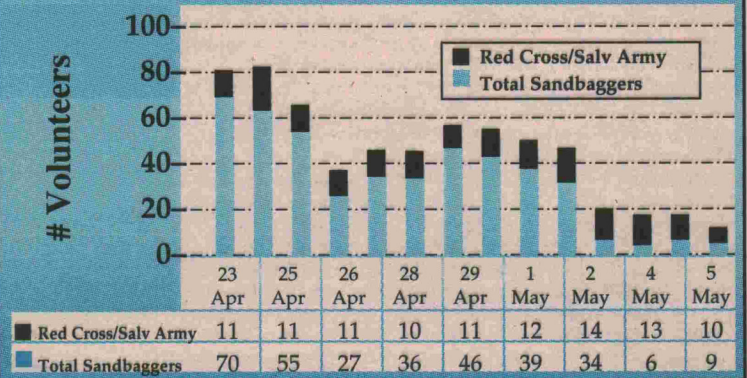
clothing, towels, toys, baby furniture, sleeping bags and non-perishable food, which were delivered to the Salvation Army Recycling Center for further distribution.

All support efforts definitely had an emotional impact on everyone, even if not of a personal or material nature. Fortunately, human and property casualties were minimal in comparison to the estimate that about 80% of the city of Winnipeg could have been underwater if the floodway did not exist (Winnipeg Free Press, 11 May 1997). Even though the water is now subsiding and the urgency for immediate assistance is gone, the warm fuzzies experienced as a result of aiding a fellow human being, during difficult times, will not dissipate quickly.

Air Command Headquarters Flood Assistance Volunteer Statistics

Time Period	15 days 22 Apr - 6 May 1997
Total Person - Days (includes 21 dependant-days)	669 Total 491 Sandbagging 178 Other (Red Cross, Salvation Army, drivers, etc.)
Number of registered individuals who have assisted with sandbagging, Red Cross, Salvation Army, administration, driving, etc.	267
Average # of volunteers per day 23 Apr - 2 May (peak operation) 22 Apr - 6 May (average over all 15 days)	57.2 45.8
Operation Drop-off	50 tri-walls (end 14 May)

Air Command Headquarters Flood '97 Volunteers



NATO-led Peace Stabilization Force Canada's participation in the Balkans

MISSION BACKGROUND

Although one can clearly trace the roots of the current conflict in the Balkans back to the 1920s, fighting broke out in the region in the summer of 1991, after Slovenia and Croatia decided to declare their independence from Yugoslavia. Since then, both the nature of the conflict and the international community's response have evolved.

In an early attempt to control and limit the conflict, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) imposed a complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia in September 1991. In July 1991, the European Community Monitor Mission (ECMM) was created to monitor the cease-fire violations, and to report independently on events. In February 1992, the UN authorized the deployment of a UN mission to the former Yugoslavia called UN Protector (UNPROFOR). The UN stayed until December 1995, having changed its name to UN Peace Force (UNPF) in June 1995.

The peace agreement initiated in Dayton, Ohio, on November 21, 1995, and formally signed in Paris on December 14, 1995, presented this troubled area of the world with an important opportunity to build peace and security.

On December 15, 1995, the UNSC, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted Resolution 1031, which authorizes the member states to establish a multinational peace implementation force (IFOR) of 60,000 well-armed troops, under the control of NATO, to ensure compliance with the military aspect of the Dayton Peace Accord.

The transfer-of-authority ceremony between the UN and NATO, held at Sarajevo airport on December 20, 1995, marked a dramatic moment of international commitment to resolve the crisis in the former Yugoslavia. IFOR operated under NATO rules of engagement, which authorize the use of force, including deadly force if necessary, to ensure the security of IFOR and its task of implementing the military aspects of the peace plan.

On December 12, 1996, the UNSC adopted Resolution 1088, which continued the evolution of the IFOR. SFOR (Stabilize Force) will concentrate on stabilizing the current secure environment in which local authorities and international agencies work. SFOR can take military action, including the use of necessary force, to ensure compliance with the General Framework Agreement for Peace (GFAP).

CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO SFOR

On December 13, 1996, the Canadian government announced that it would contribute a well-equipped force of 1,200 personnel to the NATO-led SFOR. The Canadian designation for this contribution is called Operation Palladium. Canada's primary contribution to SFOR is an infantry battalion group, which has assumed more front-line responsibilities. The physical area of operation is also larger.

The Canadian contribution's main components are broken down as follows:

- about 700 troops from the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), based in Winnipeg;
- about 280 troops from the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), 3rd Battalion, PPCLI, and from 1 Canadian Field Engineer Regiment, based in Edmonton; and
- about 250 troops from 1 Service Battalion, based in Edmonton.

As part of SFOR, the Canadian Forces will help ensure that all parties comply with the military details of the agreement. Canada remains committed to a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Balkans. Our contribution to ECMM, UNPF, IFOR, and now NATO SFOR are examples of this commitment.

"Flood Busters' Civic Parade Rescheduled

The "Flood Busters" Civic Parade, scheduled for Friday, May 23rd, organized to thank the emergency and support staff and volunteers from all levels of government and our volunteer agencies, our media, our teachers and students and especially our military, who, one and all, contributed to the massive flood effort, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO LATE JUNE 1997.

The parade was planned to give Manitobans an opportunity to thank our friends, neighbors and fellow Canadians; an opportunity to show our sincere

appreciation to those who helped fight "The Flood of the Century", and for their unselfish and dedicated assistance in our time of need.

The organizers of this planned civic parade would like to thank the many individuals and groups for their support and commitment, with special thanks to the Forks North Portage Partnership, the Canadian Armed Forces, the City of Winnipeg and the Government of Canada.

The Civic Parade Committee. For further information call 633-2445.

Situation Reports from Bosnia

No Heroes on the Hill

By Master Corporal Brent Yorke

I have been asked to write about a typical day on Mt Razz (you remember us? The Radio Rebroadcast Site (RRB)). First things first. Let it be known that we do not have typical days here on Mt Razz. Sounds typical, doesn't it! We are three on the mountain and our job is to provide important radio rebroadcast and other communications facilities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition, we are responsible for our own cooking, cleaning, maintenance and resupply of water, fuel and food to our isolated detachment. Our elevation is approximately 4800 feet. From Camp Maple Leaf, that would convert to about three hours travelling time up hill. That is, of course, if you are fortunate enough to have good weather and a super charged BV-206 such as we do.

The BV is our primary mover and we have two thirsty storage tanks that keep it moving most of the

time. One is a 20,000 litre fuel tank and the other is a 17,000 litre water tank. That just adds up to a lot of jerry cans to "hand bomb". It is common to have visitors drop in unexpectedly, especially during nice weather, but they usually arrive by helicopter. The guest register here at the lodge holds the names of those bold few who have managed to pay us a call: Generals, journalists, technicians, welders, medics, British combat engineers and Master Corporal Johnson (the water guy) are all included.

Sergeant Merry, also popped in just to see where we were using "his" BV206. Many have tried to negotiate the steep slippery slopes in wheeled vehicles, but so far only the Radio Operators have succeeded. One exception was a lone civilian who knocked on our door unexpectedly one day. His horse sure looked tired.

Chances are, if you don't have a chopper, or a Rad Op driving your LSVW, you won't make it to the top

of the hill. Feel free to take up the challenge though, we can always use the entertainment. The Detachment would like to extend special thanks to Sergeant-Major White for his particularly amusing attempt. Some have said "Nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live here." But most have said "Where do I sign up?" This is the kind of place where the cooperation of others does not go unnoticed. The kitchen staff is always understanding on short notice. The maintainers put up with our never-ending supply of defects. B Company has been generous in lending us their BV in a pinch. QM staff, technicians, engineers and the many who have gone out of their way, whom I haven't mentioned in this article, have and still do enable communications to run smoothly on the hill.

Be a HERO to someone who loves you at home. Stay alive.

No Half Measures

By Corporal Taylor

Half-way there. Where does the time go? It seems like only yesterday we were in Wainwright training for our eagerly anticipated deployment. Then, before you can finish half the goodies in your first care package from your better half, you realize your tour is half finished. The pace of activity in-theatre is, in some cases, a half measure of what we prepared for during work-up training and in other cases, half as much again. In the signals world, activities are by half, more than we anticipated, having to be ready by day or night to react to any situation that may arise. The IS cell or "the ADP complaint response section", has taken the brunt of this by half. Dreading that late night phone call which always makes them hop, "This is the DCO, is anyone there on the Internet? I've been trying forever and I just can't log on." C/S OC has also fielded more than its fair share of problems: from typing out 5 page personal letters to send over the Internet, to receiving e-mail on the same system addressed to Curly, Moe and Larry, etc... Just to verify to half the people in the theatre who don't know, there is a difference between C/S O and C/S OC, however that's classified and we will continue to keep you in the dark for the remain-

ing half of your tour.

Then there are our RRB sites who do their best to ensure that our AOR is covered for communications at all times. Please don't be impatient with them - remembering they are high upon a mountain top doing the best they can with half the oxygen they need to carry on a coherent conversation. Next there are our beloved techs, and no problem is too big or small for them. They are extremely busy fixing everything from heating elements in coffee pots to attempting to break the code on the playboy channel plus keeping a close watch on the dumpsters for any poor unsuspecting radio operator doing a little scrounging. However, half of their time is spent trying to fix VCRs that give you half a picture. Then there is the line section. Half the time you can't seem to find one, then the other half of the time when you don't need one, sure enough there they are, swinging away on some pole. But ensure you don't get one of them going (like I probably just did) or you may find your phone has only half the access it once did.

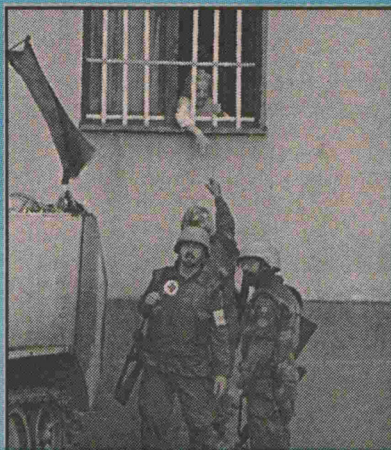
Then there is myself, Crypto Man, only half as tall, but in the mechanic's and MP's eyes, a giant not easily missed. So far, I have been in one incident with an 18 wheeler caused by a road half as wide as it should be. And it seems I have spent half of my time on the

side of the road awaiting recovery, as I have broken down four times. To the credit of the EME branch, they have always fixed me up or taxied me home somehow. Not to sound too cynical, my job has a positive side as well. On occasion, I get the opportunity to travel at half normal velocity, to Zagreb to pick up shipments and stay in a hotel for a night or two. While there, I've heard things that made me cringe. For instance, a Canadian soldier was complaining about the food in the hotel while eating the second half of his duck??? Hello...anybody home? Some people in our organization seem to have a different agenda in the overall scheme of things. Cpl Dozen Doughnuts, is confident he can raise his BMI by half, and a Battle Group Radio Sergeant, who shall remain anonymous, is sure he can knock out at least half the power to half the country if given the latitude to erect one or two more masts near major power lines. All in all, these small problems are what separate a tour from a routine exercise and only serve to strengthen the feeling of camaraderie and cohesiveness in any organization. I'm certain that if Signals Platoon takes only half the lessons learned to date and applies them in the second half of our tour, we will be a better organization by half. Rumour of the day... all overtime shall be paid time and a half.

Canadian Forces in Action



APC on patrol in Sarajevo.



Grateful citizen shakes hand of CF soldier.



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Royal Military College of Canada Continuing Studies Project

secondary school or equivalent, or must meet the conditions for admission as a mature student.

What is the Master of Defence Management and Policy (MDMP)?

This program, which is being developed by the Royal Military College will address issues of the contemporary defence management and policy world. Course topics will include Government and public policy, Defence and foreign policy, Finance and Economics of Defence, and Information Systems in Defence Management. The program is open to regular and reserve force officers, and full time civilian employees of DND. Students will have the option to enrol on a full time basis, with the residency stream at RMC Kingston, or study part time through distance education. Courses for the pilot year will commence in September 1997, at Kingston, Toronto, and Ottawa.

Are the courses offered in both official languages?

Continuing Studies offers courses in the official language for which there is a local requirement. For example, in general, courses offered in Victoria have been in English, in St. Jean they have been in French. If there is a demand locally for a course in the other language, OCS will try to fill it. On the course level, students are permitted to hand in their assignments, and write their exams in the official language of choice.

How many courses can I take per semester?

Under the BMASc program, there is no maximum or minimum number of courses that can be taken per semester. The number of courses carried should be dictated by circumstances. The average number carried at one time is one.

What if I cannot finish a course for operational reasons, or because of other commitments?

There is no penalty if students withdraw for reasons connected to their work, or other extenuating circumstances. However, a formal, written withdrawal must be sent to the office. It is rarely necessary to drop courses due to assigned duty or posting. If extenuating circumstances other than military operational requirements prevent you from finishing a course, there are several possible options you can pursue.

- They are:
- deferring your exam or final assignment
 - applying for a carry over, if the course is offered the following year.

What are the costs of the courses?

Projected cost for the BMASc courses commencing 1 July 1997, is seventy dollars per course. Proposed cost per course of an MDMP course is one hundred forty dollars.

What courses will be offered in Sept. 1997?

For a list of on site courses commencing in the fall of 1997, please contact your local BPSO or Education Office in mid-June, or the Office of Continuing Studies, for an academic calendar. On-site courses will be offered in the evening over the Sep-Dec period and again commencing in Jan. Courses being planned for Winnipeg are:

- HIS 2XX Canadian Military History 1899-Present
- POE 201a Introduction to Politics and Government
- POE (non-allocated politics course)
- HIS 342b Military History of WWII

The correspondence courses being offered will have alternate completion dates to meet military members job requirements. The following correspondence courses will be offered this fall:

- Correspondence Courses
- English 100C: Literature and Composition I
 - English 101C: Literature and Composition II
 - Math 102C: Statistically Speaking Math 102
 - Math 104C: Calculus for Business Management and Science
 - HIE 474 Military Technology: Men, Machines and War
 - PSY 312 Military Psychology of Combat
 - BAE 216 Marketing Fundamentals
 - PHY 399 La physique des armements
 - CHEM 3XX Military Chemistry
 - BAE 360 Human Factors
 - PHE 6552 Elements of Electro-optics

For more information:

Contact your local Base Education Officer, Base Personnel Selection Officer, or :
The Office of Continuing Studies
Royal Military College of Canada
PO Box 17000 Stn Forces
Kingston, On K7K 7B4

Tel: 613-541-6000
Ext: 6587/6734 BMASc Info
6734 Correspondence
6740 MDMP
6586 War Studies
fax: 613-541-6706
Email: bmasc@rmc.ca



Some commonly asked questions & responses:

What is the Continuing Studies Project?

The Continuing Studies Project is an academic program which operates from a central office at the Royal Military College, Kingston, offering undergraduate and graduate level courses. The program is designed with flexibility in mind, to suit operational and training commitments. The majority of the courses are run by distance education, in that they are administered out of a central office, but are held in major bases. Correspondence courses are also available at the undergraduate level.

Why was the Project created?

Service personnel have for a long time had difficulty expanding their education because of the nature of the military posting system, and operational requirements. The 1995 Morton Report recommended that RMC make their courses more accessible, and offer credit for military training, where applicable. The RMC Continuing Studies Project was created expressly to fill the need for a flexible educational program.

What is the Bachelor of Military Arts and Sciences (BMASc)?

The BMASc is a unique degree program for the Canadian Forces, designed to permit a student to acquire a university degree during a Service career. The degree is thoroughly grounded in the elements of the military profession, integrating in-service training and experience with special and standard university courses. The BMASc is open to all MOC qualified members of the regular and reserve forces, full-time civilian employees, and spouses of regular force members. Applicants must have completed

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Airfield Engineers begin cleanup and repair

OPERATION ASSISTANCE - Winnipeg, MB - Airfield engineers from 8 Airfield Engineer Squadron arrived May 11, 1997 to begin repair work on flooded homes and buildings. This airfield engineering unit, comprised of about 170 military members, is responsible for assisting in the re-entry process for those people who have been forced from their homes and community buildings as a result of the flood.

"Our task will be to do the dirty work. We will begin the initial clean-up, check out electrical, sewage

and water systems. "Essentially, we will get the major systems up and running," said Major Richard Boivin, Commander Officer of 8 AES. "We are a short term fix to help people get back into their homes safely." 8 AES is deployed in the area of Ste Agathe and the Roseau River. The AES had their heavy equipment in place and began work on May 12.

8 AES is a 170 member organization which consists of two airfield engineer flights (approximately 35

members each), an Airfield Support Unit (approximately 40 members) and an Air Combat Service Support Squadron (approximately 40 members). The Airfield Engineer Flights arrived from 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta and 19 Wing Comox, British Columbia. The Airfield Support Unit arrived from 8 Wing Trenton, Ontario and consists of heavy mechanical repair teams and heavy equipment. The Air Combat Service Support Squadron is a logistical support unit located in 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta.

Engineers aid civil authorities

OPERATION ASSISTANCE - Winnipeg, MB - Taking direction from the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) close to 400 Canadian Forces Engineers will assist civil authorities in a rapid return to normal conditions by repairing roads, buildings and homes throughout southern Manitoba.

"Our job is not to rebuild the province," explained LCol Chris Rousseau, Deputy Force Commander for the Engineers. "We will provide support to the civil

ian authorities during the re-entry phase of the operation. That includes inspecting roads, buildings and homes to ensure the integrity of these structures, and do the emergency work to let people back in. But it is not our mandate, as an example, to replace wall paneling in a basement."

Two specific engineering units will be dedicated to this task. 4 Engineer Support Regiment (4 ESR) from Gagetown with approximately 230 members, and 8

Airfield Engineer Squadron (8 AES) comprised of about 170 military personnel. Their primary task will be to support the Regional Municipality (RM) of Richot and Roseau River Reserve.

Headquarters for 4 ESR will be the Northgate Shopping Mall in Winnipeg, while 8 AES is located at an arena in St. Pierre Jolys.

War Amps goes from "From the Battlefields to Your Home"

In the next few weeks, when area residents receive Key Tags from The War Amps, they may find this year's theme -- "From the battlefields to your home" -- a bit intriguing. War Amps Chief Executive Officer Cliff Chadderton has an explanation.

"Recently, we were contacted by a highly-regarded newsletter entitled *Canadian Fundraiser*. They were interested in writing about how The War Amps has had a nearly complete demographic shift in clientele since it started," Chadderton said.

Chadderton pointed out that when he first joined The War Amps after losing part of his right leg in World War II, the Association dealt only with male amputees from the mili-

tary battlefields.

"In fact, we still do," he said, "but as the article suggested, we've expanded our programs. CHAMP now includes a series of injury prevention programs like *Playsafe*, *Safety Walk* and *Drivesafe*. *Jumpstart* gives multiple amputee children computers and training to help them with schoolwork now in preparation for future employment as adults, and *Matching Mothers* brings together new parents with experienced CHAMP families to share concerns and advise."

Chadderton notes that the programs are of great interest to women. "This isn't surprising. Child safety, prevention of future wars, helping young amputees - my mail tells me that women of all ages appreci-

ate these activities, and it underlines more than ever how far we've come from the battlefields to helping in the homes of Canadians," he said.

Each mailing contains a set of War Amps Key Tags which can be attached to any set of keys. The War Amps now offers key return by courier! If your keys are lost, the finder need only call the toll-free number on the back of the Key Tag, and the keys will be returned by a bonded courier. Found keys can also be dropped in any mailbox.

A brochure enclosed with the Key Tags describes how The War Amps has developed programs for child amputees, offering financial assistance for

artificial limbs, specially-designed recreational limbs, peer support, regional seminars and more.

Chadderton stresses that The War Amps is ready for the future. "Thanks to the support of our donors, CHAMP Graduates will carry on our tradition of amputees helping amputees. We're 80 years into, but we still have a lot of work to do," he said.

The War Amps does not receive government grants. Its programs are funded solely by public support, and the Association does not solicit by



telephone or door-to-door. For more information, use E-ZEE ACCESS: call toll-free 1-800-250-3030 or fax toll-free 1-800-219-8988. You can also learn more about The War Amps by accessing the Association on the Internet at <http://www.waramps.ca>

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So "Come Fly With Us!" as we celebrate freedom and flight in support of the independent Living Resource Centre.

For more about the festival and how you can get involved contact us at 942-0875.

DEAR 2 WINGERS

Welcome to the 'Heart of the Continent'.

Our next reunion will be held in
WINNIPEG, MB, SEPTEMBER 5-7, 1997.

The Registration, Meet & Greet, Banquet and Dance are to be held at The International Inn.

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For more information contact Archie Gill
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1900 hrs 4 June 1997

Westwin Community Centre

Open to all members of the Winnipeg Military Community. This is your opportunity to input into the programs and activities of the Military Family Resource Centre. Come out and join us. Lots of refreshments, food and door prize available.

- AGENDA:**
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
 8. Adjournment

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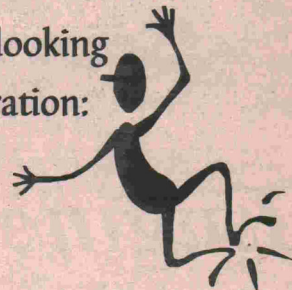
For more info: Call 897-GRIN (4746)

HOMECOMING '97

This July, Winnipeg will be welcoming back soldiers presently serving with IFOR in Bosnia.

The Homecoming '97 committee is looking for volunteers to assist in this celebration:

- Pre-event planning
- Banners and ribbon making
- Preparations for "Cafe Rendevous" etc.
- Homecoming week activities.



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CONTACT LINDA 489-7003.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

For information on any of the following children's programs contact Wendy Richardson at 833-2500 ext. 6846 (Lipsett Hall) or ext. 2491 (Westwin Children's Centre).



DROP-OFF CHILD CARE

For children 18 months to 6 years.

During July and August, casual childcare will be provided twice a week as follows:

Time: Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Location: Lipsett Hall Nursery School

Cost: \$1.50 per hour for first child and .50¢ more for the second child in the same family.

Call 833-2500 ext. 6846 or ext. 2491 to reserve your spot. Children must be registered 24 hours in advance.

PRE-SCHOOL SUMMER FUN CAMP

For children 3-5 years. Children must be toilet trained.

Lipsett Hall Nursery School

Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m., Mon., July 7 • Wed., July 9 • Thur., July 10 Cost: \$15.00 per week

Westwin Children's Centre

Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m., Mon., August 11 • Wed., August 13 • Thur., August 14 Cost: \$15.00 per week

Please register ASAP, deadline for July camp is June 30 • August camp is August 5.

Call 833-2500 ext. 6846 or 2491 to register.

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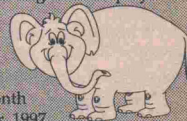
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Time: Mon., Wed. & Fri. morning 9:00 - 11:15 a.m. Cost: \$67.00 per month

Please register now for September 1997. Children must be 3 years by December, 1997.



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Le centre des ressources pour les familles militaires offre un pré-maternelle française au "Westwin Children's Centre" trois après-midi par semaine. Nous donnons aux enfants de 3 et 4 ans la chance de socialiser dans un environnement joyeux et sain. Parmi les activités nous retrouvons des histoires, chansons, bricolages, jeux de langage et des jeux libres. Nous possédons aussi un endroit pour faire des jeux moteurs.

Westwin Children's Centre lundi, mardi et jeudi après-midi de 13h00 à 15h15

Coût: 67\$ par mois 15\$ de frais d'inscription par année.

Pour s'inscrire, téléphonez 833-2500 poste 2491.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

CRAFT CLASSES

JUNE 7 - FATHER'S DAY Not just Mums get great stuff. This session will be devoted to making something just for Dad. This session is scheduled for the Southside Chapel.

All craft sessions are from 9:30 to 11:30. Pre-registration is required for all sessions. A minimum of six children are required for each session. Payment of \$5 per session is due prior to start. For more information contact Diane Brine, Youth Services Coordinator at 489-7003.

ECO KIDS

The organization is open to kids 7-12 years. Through activities and discussions the children will learn about their environment. Meets Wednesdays starting June 11 at the Westwin Community Centre. Cost is FREE.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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June 13 1730 Pork Stir Fry June 27 1730 Pizza
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SATURDAY, 14 JUNE DOWN HOMER'S NIGHT

• Reservations: Open 27 May - Close 11 June
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• Dress: Casual or 'Downhome' dress

UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENTS

20 JUNE SUDS CUP - TEULON
23 JULY PINAWA
13 AUGUST RAT RIVER
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FRIDAY, 6 JUNE GOLF TOURNAMENT

• Place: South Interlake Golf & Country Club (Warren)
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• Cocktails: 1830 hrs
• Food: 1900 hrs
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WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE WCOMD'S
COFFEE BREAK

• Place: Officers' Mess
• 1000 hrs

FRIDAY, 20 JUNE GOLF TOURNAMENT
SUDS MEMORIAL

• Teulon Golf Club
• Details: T.B.A.

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE MEAT DRAW /
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CFB Chilliwack will be holding EX FINAL CHIMO Base Closure Celebrations between 30 June - 1 July 97

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