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What happened over the jungles of Burma?

By Capt Jaeggi, 435 Sqn PAFFO

On November 11, last Remembrance Day, CBC aired a one-hour documentary on the recovery and the burial of six Chinthe men who went down during the Second World War over the jungles of Burma. Since then, a number of people approached us with the burning desire to know a little bit more about that extraordinary event. The main interest revolved around two specific questions: what exactly caused the crash of flight KN 563 and what role was 435 Sqn tasked to fulfill in this theater of operation.

Before we answer those two distinct questions, however, let me refresh your memory on the general background behind this unbelievable story. During World War II, 435 Sqn was created in India on 1 Nov 1944. The Chinthe Sqn flew the Dakota aircraft in support of the British Fourteenth Army in Northern Burma. On June 21, 1945, flight KN 563, flown by six 435 Sqn crew members, went missing over the jungles of Burma. Despite a short search and rescue operation, none of the six crew members were ever found. In 1990, a local hunter, who was way out of his normal hunting path, found a watch and brought it back to a Christian missionary. The missionary decided to show the watch to a local cemetery Director, who was able to determine that the watch belonged to a member of the RCAF, based on the serial number. It took five years for this story to reach Veterans Affairs Canada. In 1996 a recovery team went out to the site where the watch had been found and were able to positively identify the wreckage of flight KN 563.

This story is absolutely unbelievable when you think of all the different elements that had to come together in a specific sequence. Finally, on March 1997, the six crew members were buried at the Taukkyan cemetery with full military honors and found a proper place to rest in peace forever.

THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH

There is no known scientific proof explaining the crash of flight KN 563. However, the Sqn history book reveals that the most probable cause would be attributable to bad weather conditions: the Monsoons. The Chinthe's had to fly over some of the worst jungle in the world in what is unquestionably the worst weather in the world. Monsoons are nasty weather phenomena that break in Burma towards the end of May and continue with fluctuating intensity until September. They are characterized by swiftly changing weather, much rainfall, and frequent and violent thunderstorms. In that region, storms are especially widespread

and violent. Cumulus and Cumulonimbus (CB) clouds build up to 25,000 feet, and at their base they frequently envelop the hilltops. Associated with these convection clouds, you often find some violent updraft and downdraft of the magnitude that sometimes reaches a velocity of 100 to 200 miles per hour. And on top of that, tremendous wind shear, hail, lightning, snow and icing can all be found in Cumulonimbus.

On one occasion, in that area, it has been reported that a flight of 12 fighters accidentally entered a CB cloud. Only one came out. The rest were picked up in bits and pieces over an area of many miles. Transport aircraft, like the Dakota flown by the Chinthe,



with their greater wingspan and slower speed are far more vulnerable than fighters.

To the best of our knowledge, the bad weather associated with the Monsoons would be the cause of this fatal crash in the middle of the dense Burmese jungle. Unfortunately, no piece of the wreckage could be used to either confirm or deny the bad weather hypotheses due to the fact that 50 years of jungle humidity in conjunction with the violence of the impact made any identifiable piece useless for a possible investigation.



African troops board a Squadron Dakota bound for the front.

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435 SQN ROLE IN BURMA

In 1944, the recapture of Burma from the Japanese invader was imminent. Critical to the success of that operation, was the provision of air support. The 435th Sqn like its sister Sqn, the 436th had 25 Dakota aircraft's (civilian designation DC-3) to transport supplies to the British Fourteenth Army deep in the jungle. In a nutshell, this was the bread and butter for our Chinthe comrades, and remarkably, not much has changed over 50 years.

In order to achieve this role of supplier, our valorous crewmen had to fly in extreme conditions. We already mentioned the evil weather associated with the Monsoons. They had to navigate over miles of dense jungle, in mountainous regions with little or no navigational aid whatsoever. After the navigation tent caught on fire one night and burned all the maps and charts, the navigators were left with only their watch and their wits to find their way! But the worst part (lets not forget that this was a war) was the casualties inflicted by the Japanese fighters. After a couple of losses, it was decided to fly under cover of darkness and crews were instructed to fly as low as safely possible until fighter cover in the forward area was made available.

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Voxair gets connected

By Major CM Walton-Simm, Managing Editor

It has been a struggle, with many obstacles to overcome, but we have the technology. What am I talking about??? To make a long story short, we at the Voxair have been working throughout the year to improve the paper. Part of the improvement was to enhance our accessibility, making it easier for our readership to communicate with us & submit articles, announcements, advertisements, etc. We now have the following methods of communication at your disposal:

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We also hope to establish a permanent Routine Order Entry that will include this info and our deadline dates. So, drop off an article, give us a call, mail us a letter, send us a fax, Internet Email or GroupWise Email!

Letter to the Editor

Recently many newspapers have carried reports about performance 'bonuses' for senior military officers of the Canadian Forces. There were several major inaccuracies in those articles that preclude a balanced understanding of the subject of military pay. Therefore, I would like to provide you and, more importantly your reading public, with some clarifying details on this matter.

To begin with, the pay of all military personnel is tied through a comparability formula to the compensation of members of the Public Service and, as such, is governed by rules and authorities of the Treasury Board. The pay of generals, colonels and certain specialist officers is tied to the compensation of the executive cadre of the Public Service, while that for all other men and women of the Canadian Forces is calculated in comparison with federal government employees who fill similar functions. Therefore, the first point to note is that all men and women of Canada's military are paid in a manner that is entirely consistent with their counterparts in the Public Service. There simply is no latitude for extraordinary measures or for "secrecy" and "sneaky" dealings. The adjustments of compensation that I will describe below were fully described in both internal communications and a national news release in March and April of this year.

The major compensation feature generals and colonels share with their Public Service and RCMP executive counterparts is known as performance pay. Performance pay is not a 'bonus'; it is part of the pay package which is awarded for having achieved performance objectives. In 1996, after a suspension of five years, the government announced the reinstatement of performance pay for the assessment period 1995-1996. Performance pay was paid to qualified personnel in March, 1997, not in a phased manner as reported in your 6 November article and not, as you assumed, to eligible officers. A decision on subsequent awarding of performance pay has not yet

been reached by the government.

Allow me now to clarify misimpressions left by your articles with respect to the compensation of our more junior officers and the non-commissioned members of the Canadian Forces. It is true that, like all other federal government employees, the salaries of our men and women have been frozen since 1992, however, the assertion that "...rank and file troops, who have not had a pay hike in six years" are incorrect. The impact of the freeze has been mitigated somewhat by two other factors. First of all, with the reinstatement of incentive pay in June, 1996, personnel in this group saw their salaries increased by amounts which varied depending upon their rank and seniority. Secondly, in the past year and a half, non-commissioned personnel have had three salary increases and the officers two as the result of an approved four year program to eliminate the acknowledged disparities between Canadian Forces and Public Service compensation scales. Both of these measures have been, and will continue to be, added permanently to the base salary of these men and women. As an aside, and so there is no confusion, neither of these measures was, nor will be available to the generals and colonels.

Finally, because the magnitude of any economic adjustment, or pay raise, is dependent upon the outcome of the collective bargaining process with the Public Service, it is not certain when such a raise will be announced for members of the Canadian Forces. However, the Minister of National Defence has indicated a strong desire to administer some form of pay raise before the end of this year. This raise will be retroactive to 1 April, 1997 and, once again, I stress that it will apply only to the officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and below and to non-commissioned members.

I trust that this information will assist you in clarifying the situation. D.N. Kinsman, Lieutenant General
Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel), for Chief of the Defence Staff

435 Sqn role in Burma

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After the VE-Day, 435 Sqn began the overwhelming job of supplying foodstuffs to a desperate Burmese people. Following the scourge of the land by Japanese forces, famine had become a very genuine threat to the native population. Given the inaccessibility of many local villages, air supply was deemed the best, and indeed, the only alternative. The vast majority of 435 missions involved the conveyance of bagged rice, cooking oils and related items.

There are two unofficial Chinthe stories related to rice sack drops. Our clever Chinthes soon found out that those rice bags could be used as a perfect offensive weapon. One crew engaged and eventually hit a small Japanese patrol boat employing the rice's considerable inertia energy. The boat was bombarded by "fifty pounders" until the bridge was struck. The second incident happened when two sacks of rice were dropped over an impromptu

drop zone with amazing results. I don't know how they explained to the local Governor that two rice bags landed in his living room!

September 1945 marked the end of 435 Sqn's assignment to the Region. The Sqn was relocated to England. The participation of the Chinthe Sqn to the collective war effort is undeniable with more than 29,873 hours of operational flying and 27,095 tons of cargo delivered. On average, aircrew logged nine to ten hours of flying every second day. The Sqn was also recognized as the most efficient squadron in the CCTF (Combat Cargo Task Force). We topped both our British and American counterparts.

It is only when you look back in history that you fully understand the pride imprinted in our Squadron Colours. The many sacrifices from the men who fought and fell for a better world will never be in vain, as long as we remember...

Note: The reference book for this article is *The History of 435 (T) Sqn*

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SCONDVA resumes review of CF concerns

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCONDVA) is a House of Commons committee empowered to study and report on all matters related to the mandate, management and operation of DND. On 28 October, the MND met with the Committee to encourage them to resume their study of the social and economic concerns of CF members. The Committee has accepted the Minister's request.

SCONDVA is composed of 16 members representing each of the five official parties and they will begin hearings in Ottawa later this month. They will examine such issues as the social contract between the citizens of Canada and its military, compensation and benefits, support to Canadian Forces members before and after overseas operations, care of our injured, retired members and veterans, family support, and housing. The Committee also plans to tour selected bases across the country so it can hear the views of a wide cross-section of CF members.

The CDS strongly encourages all members of the Canadian Forces, Regular and Reserve, and their families to make their views known to the Committee. In fact, he mentioned it is crucial that CF members and their families take advantage of this important opportunity if they want changes to occur. The Committee will be more effective if members actively participate in the process.

CF members or their families who do not wish to appear before the Committee, or who are unable to appear, are still given the opportunity to communicate their concerns by writing to the Clerk of SCONDVA, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. Postage is not required.

"The work of SCONDVA complements the changes and reforms intended to address many of the problems that face Canada's military staffing and quality of life," said Minister Eggleton. "It is an important priority to ensure that the men and women of the Canadian Forces, both Regular and Reserve, and their families are given the support they need."

NDLR: SCONDVA's visit to Winnipeg has not yet been scheduled. This event will be widely publicized to the CF community as soon as a date is determined.

SIDE BAR

The following are excerpts from the speaking notes used by the Minister of National Defence for his appearance before the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCONDVA) on October 28, 1997.

"...The Canadian Forces have been through some difficult times of late - there is no use in pretending otherwise. We are all aware of some of the issues we have had to deal with and we know the damaging effects it had on both public image and private morale. Too often, we have allowed the actions of a few to color our view of the many. We have forgotten, or chosen to overlook, the every day hero-

ics, concentrating instead on the occasional heartache.

Such an approach is simply wrong: wrong because it does a disservice to the men and women who literally risk their lives to defend our values. Wrong because it invites us to dismiss out of hand the sacrifices they and their families make day in and day out, on bases across the country and around the world. And wrong because it encourages us to view the forces as some monolithic institution, without seeing the individuals which comprise it.

Our task, I as a Minister and you as Committee, is to restore some balance to our perspective: to remind ourselves and Canadians of the magnificent work our Forces are doing at home and abroad. And to remember that the Forces are made up, to an overwhelming degree, of women and men who do credit to themselves, their uniform and their country..."

"...first, I want to continue the process of reform which will restore the contract of trust between the Forces and the Canadian public. We have taken a significant step along that road with our comprehensive response to the Somalia Commission of Inquiry and by appointing a civilian Monitoring Committee on Change.

This Monitoring Committee will ensure that recommendations coming from the Somalia report, as well as others we have received (for example, on Military Justice, Leadership and Management) are implemented and implemented effectively.

Second, I am committed to providing our Forces with the best equipment we can afford. The cabinet will soon be making a decision with respect to new search and rescue helicopters. And other equipment replacement has already begun.

Third, I want to improve communications within National Defence so that problems do not fester and concerns are promptly addressed. We are in the process of establishing new grievance procedures and creating the office of Ombudsperson to facilitate those objectives.

Fourth... I want to address issues which affect the quality of life of our Forces and their families. On October 8, I wrote to this Committee inviting you to resume the review of the social and economic challenges facing members of the Canadian Forces and their families which was begun by your predecessor Committee during the last Parliament."

"...One of the key components of any job is the level of compensation. As you may know, compensation levels within the Forces are below those of the Public Service and adjustments are necessary. In determining the appropriate level of pay and benefits for our Forces, this Committee will no doubt examine how our allies have resolved these questions. While this is certainly a good starting point, I firmly believe that we must also put compensation levels within the context of Canadian society as a whole..."

3 CFFTS members first on accident scene

At about 7h15 on November 6, Capts Miller and Hodson, from 3 CFFTS, were driving from Winnipeg to Portage like they usually do every morning, when the driver of an oncoming tractor-trailer lost control of his vehicle, went off the road and turned on its side.

"There were two occupants in the truck," said Hodson, "the passenger was in the sleeper and was able to come out using a small door in the roof of the truck.

The driver was trapped inside."

Miller and Hodson proceeded to get the driver out of the truck and provided them both with first aid. "Both victims seemed to have suffered only minor bumps and scratches, but the driver went into deep choke very quickly," mentioned Hodson, "we treated the victims until a nurse and an off duty ambulance driver arrived on the scene shortly after the accident."

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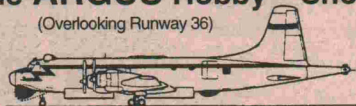
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There are alternatives to riding with an impaired driver, or to be the impaired driver yourself; your life, and the life of your loved ones are too important to ruin for the sake of a 6-pack or a couple of drinks too many. With the Christmas party season soon upon us, the best way to avoid driving while impaired, or riding with someone with reduced capacities, is to decide before you leave home how you are going to get back after the party is over. Here are a few suggestions:

- Have a designated driver in your group of friends;
- Get a ride with someone whom you know is not drinking;
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Do not become part of this year's statistics for impaired driving charges, or worse, a casualty or the cause of someone else's death.

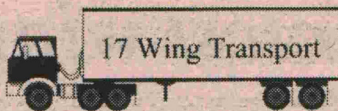
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To mark this year's SAFE DRIVING WEEK, Wg Transportation Squadron/MSE Safety will be out in force to promote/reward safe driving habits. The following activities are part of this year's efforts: **Dependant Defensive Driving Course (DDC)** - A DDC is offered for dependant of military and civilian personnel of 17 Wing and its supported Unit. This course will be held from 1800 to 2100 hrs, on December 3rd and 4th (Wednesday and Thursday evenings). For information please contact MSE Safety, at ext. 5742.

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Safety Scents contest winners



By Cpl Dan Menard, 17 Wing SAMP Sqn
Community Policing Representative

On 9 Oct 97, the submissions for the new "safety scents" newspaper article were judged by the WSAMPO, Capt Sansterre, the WCWO, CWO Smith, and the MFRC Youth Centre Co-ordinator, Dianne Brine. I am please to announce the three winners: a) Jessica Beaugrand (age 4);

b) Kairo Martin (age 7); and
c) Daniel Baldwin (age 8).

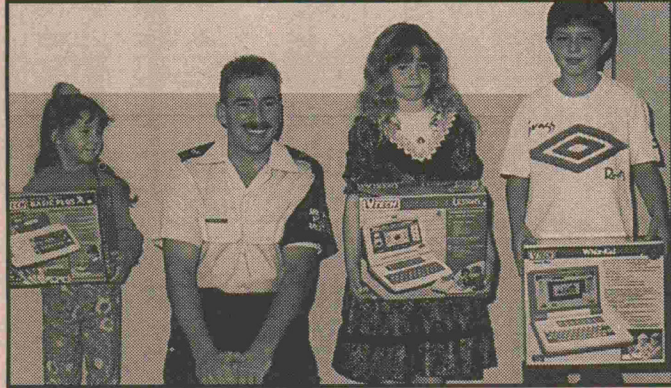
On 17 Oct 97, the winners of the "Colouring Contest" and their family members were present at the awards presentation night at the MFRC Youth Centre on Doncaster Street. The three winners were quite happy with their well earned prizes. On behalf of the three judges, I would like to extend a well

deserved "Congratulations" to the three winners, as well as to those other children that took the time to submit their entries. Starting with this article, and over the next several months, I will dedicate an article in the Voxair newspaper with the names and questions sent in by the participants in this contest, with an answer to their question. Even though the colouring contest is over, I will still look forward to receiving any questions from the "younger readers". All you have to do is write out your question, and have your mother or

father put it in the military mail and forward it to the following address: Cpl Dan Menard, Community Policing Representative, 17 Wing SAMP Sqn, Bldg 95.

Looking forward to receiving your special question, and publishing an answer to it in the Voxair Newspaper. So remember, keep reading the Voxair, and you may be surprised to see your name and question in it. The following question was submitted by Kairo Martin: "I moved to Winnipeg and everybody is a stranger to me. Who do I talk to?" The answer to this question is: "Anyone you don't really know is a stranger. And any stranger should make you wary. It is not always easy to tell good people from bad people. Bad people can look like good people. And bad people can think of lots of tricks to make you think they're nice. If someone you don't know asks you to go anywhere with them, DO NOT GO! No matter what they say. If a stranger stops to ask for directions, tell them sorry, but you cannot help them. Do not go near them, or allow them to come near you. People that have been introduced to you by your parents, or school friends you meet in your class, are usually safe to talk to. Also remember that if your instincts tell you that something is "not right", trust your instincts.

Remember, if in doubt, talk to your parents and they will provide you with the correct answer.



Cpl Dan Menard, SAMP Sqn Community Policing Representative, with the three winners of the "Safety Scents" Colouring Contest.

Left to right: Jessica Beaugrand, Cpl Menard, Kairo Martin and Daniel Baldwin.

Community Policing Corner



By Cpl Dan Menard, 17 Wing SAMP Sqn
Community Policing Representative

On 14 Oct 97, Capt Sansterre, WSAMPO, and I had the pleasure of attending the Manitoba Telephone System Pioneers building, located on Horace Street, in the St. Boniface area of Winnipeg. This involved a personal tour of the facility, and the work it conducts, by Mr Herb Siemens. Following this tour, we had a chance to talk with the Director of the organization, Ms Fran Vannevel.

Since 1990, retired members of MTS, and their spouses, have dedicated their off time in performing many wonderful deeds for the Province of Manitoba. They receive, repair, and return audio cassette records for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at no cost. They also carve various wooden toys, which are sold at a very low price to offset their "hug-a-bear" program.

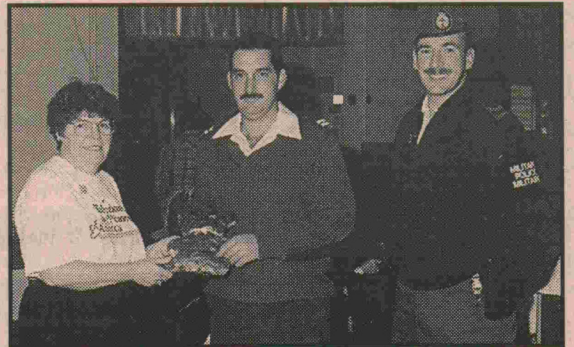
The "hug-a-bear" program consists of the members cutting out material and putting together teddy bears. The purpose of the teddy bears, is to provide them free of charge, to such emergency services as Winnipeg Police, Winnipeg Ambulance, as well as various hospitals and police agencies within the Province of Manitoba. Since 1990, about 7,000

bears have been created, with approximately 1,000 having been handed out already this year.

The purpose of the teddy bears is to provide a "friend" to a young person or child in a time of need. This may encompass a family violence incident, a severe injury or vehicle accident, a grave illness, or the loss of a family member. During all these times of need, teddy bears have been handed out by emergency services personnel, with the hope of assisting in making the incident less traumatic.

It is with this same belief in mind, that I am proud to say, that this Security and Military Police Squadron has become a partner with this program. A teddy bear, donated by the MTS Pioneers, can be found in every patrol vehicle, at any time of the day or night.

This tour culminated with the presentation of an "official teddy bear" from Ms Vannevel to Capt Sansterre.



Left to right: Ms Fran Vannevel, Director MTS Pioneers, WSAMPO and Cpl Menard, SAMP Sqn Community Policing Representative, receiving an official teddy bear on behalf of the 17 Wing SAMP Sqn.

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Canadians honoured around the world

By Capt Laferriere

LEST WE FORGET. Over 100,000 Canadians lost their lives and 120,000 were wounded during both World Wars. Then, 516 Canadians never returned from their service to Korea from 1950 to 1953. November 11, is also a day to honor the memory of 104 Canadian peacekeepers who lost their lives while preserving the peace around the world. As we passed at the eleventh hour on this eleventh day of the eleventh month, we remembered.

Again this year, the members of all 17 Wing integral and lodger units, including the 1 CAD Band, 2 PPCLI, 38 Brigade and the various Winnipeg reserve units supported a great number of Remembrance Day ceremonies all over the city. The main ceremony was held at the Convention Center, but we had a military representation in dozens of other locations.

Beaumont-Hamel and Vimy designated as Canadian Historical Sites

Looking beyond our region, this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies were very special for various reasons. One of which was the unveiling of a commemorative plaque officially designating the Monument and Battlefield of Beaumont-Hamel as a Canadian Historic Site on November 8. CWO George McEvoy of St. Mary's Bay, Newfoundland, removed the Newfoundland tartan to unveil the bronze Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque during the ceremony held in battlefield park near Albert in Northern France.

Beaumont-Hamel was the battlefield of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment during the Battle of the Somme, which began on July 1, 1916. In the opening move of this historical battle, 801 officers and men from the Regiment went over the top. The following day, only 68 answered the roll call, the rest had been either killed or wounded.

More than 6,000 Newfoundlanders served during WWI. At least one in five never made it back. The names of more than 800 who died without a known grave are listed on the monument.

The following day, the same ceremony was conducted at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in honor of its designation as a National Historic Site. Last April, the Monuments and Battlefields of Vimy Ridge and Beaumont-Hamel were named as Canada's first National Historic Sites outside of the country.

Three missing airmen find peace after half a century

This year's ceremonies were also special to the family of three Canadian airmen whose remains were missing since 1944. On the night of May 12, 1944, eight airmen set out on Halifax Bomber LW682/M of the RCAF's 426 Squadron, as part of a 120-aircraft bombing raid on a railway yard in Louvain, Belgium. At about 0100 hrs on the 13th, the aircraft was shot down by a German night-fighter and crashed in a marsh near Geraardsbergen, Belgium.

The remains of five of the eight airmen were recovered shortly after the crash and buried in Geraardsbergen. However, the remains of Pilot Officers Wilbur Bentz, Fred Roach and Jack Summerhayes were never found until September 6 of this year. A military funeral was conducted on November 10, in the small Belgian village, west of Brussels. The ceremony took place in a cemetery just four kilometers away from the bog where the remains were found. After 53 years, the eight airmen are finally reunited.

SIDE BAR

Korean Veterans honoured this Remembrance Day

This year's Canada Remembrance Day paid tribute to the veterans of the 1950-53 Korean War that claimed the life of 516 Canadians. This year's National Remembrance Day poster shows Company Commander Wally Mills and his troops from 2 PPCLI atop Hill 677 and surrounded by hundreds of North Korean and Chinese Communist troops. Also known as the Battle of Kapyong, this is one of the most famous Canadian Military scenes and it took place on April 23, 1951.

The 120-man rifle company of 2 PPCLI troops were overrun by Chinese troops that night, which forced Mills to make a tough decision: he called down mortar and artillery fire atop his own position in a desperate effort to help his outnumbered men. After two hours, the Chinese troops fell back with heavy casualties.

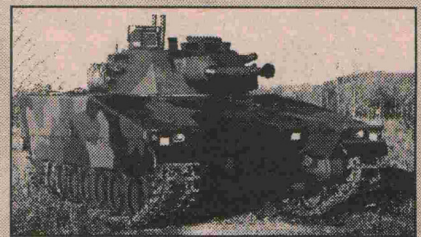
The 2 PPCLI heroic two-day stand at Kapyong stopped the Chinese from exter-

minating withdrawing US and Korean troops. In recognition for their heroic action, Mills and 2 PPCLI received a US Presidential Citation, the only Canadian army unit to ever receive this honor.

Canada was the third largest contributor in the United Nation's Multinational Force in Korea. Between 1950 and 1953, 26,800 Canadians participated and another 7,000 Canadians served between 1953 and 1955. Casualties numbered over 1,500. Of those, 516 gave their lives.

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Military Police Blind Fund for Children, 2PPCLI & the Korean War... is there a connection?

Submitted by Cpl R. Jackson, 17 Wing Military Police
Part 2 in a 2 part series.

The Canadian Battle At Kapyong

With the death of General Walker (CO 8th Army) on 23 Dec 50, in a jeep accident, LGen Ridgeway took over command. His first action was to halt the UN retreat just south of Seoul. At this time Allied units began to probe the North, opening an offensive troops called the "Meatgrinder". Throughout January, February and March the troops pushed on relentlessly until they once again crossed the 38th parallel. One of the major battles encountered at this time by Canadian troops was the battle at Kapyong.

In mid February 1951 the 2PPCLI entered into battle under the command of the 27th British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade which consisted of two British and one Australian infantry battalion, and a New Zealand Artillery Regiment. The goal of the Brigade was to reach Hoengsong. Starting 21 Feb 51, the Brigade advanced with 2PPCLI in the lead, and moderate enemy resistance met along the way. By 01 Mar 51, the Brigade, despite experiencing difficult terrain and poor weather conditions, covered 25 kilometers. During this time the battalion suffered four fatalities.

The Brigade again advanced on 07 Mar 51, with valleys running East and West. This seemed to aid the enemy who were dug in and well hidden. Resistance was heavy, but after several engagements the enemy suddenly withdrew. This withdrawal was probably due to the fact Allied forces had once again captured Seoul. The Brigade advanced again and soon was poised near the valley of Kapyong. The Chinese withdrawal however, was only temporary. On 22 Apr 51, the Chinese launched a counter-offensive. Due to the size and quickness of the attack the 1st and 9th U.S. Corps withdrew with the threat of being cut off and suffering heavy casualties. Yet, the Commonwealth Brigade located in the Kapyong valley was in a position to aid the Americans. Due to the valleys formation the following orders were given. The Australians dug a defensive position at Hill #504, and the PPCLI dug in at Hill #677 with "C" company located in the center of the defensive position, Alpha company to the North, Bravo to the SouthEast, and Delta to the West. Finally the 1st Middlesex company was located to the SouthWest of Hill #677. The purpose of this formation was to control the entrances and exits to the Kapyong valley.

The Chinese attacked Hill #504 first with the Australians receiving a heavy engagement. This attack continued through the night and grew the next day forcing the Australians to withdraw. 2PPCLI now exposed, were the next to be attacked. The enemy offense first launched mortars onto the Patricias, then attacked their forward most (Brave) platoon. Brave platoon was almost defeated, however, it retreated back to the main company position where a counter-attack was organized. Delta company was attacked next in absolutely huge numbers on flanking positions and suffered heavy casualties with one platoon and machine gun position being overrun and another platoon cut off. However, the 2PPCLI in the face of superior numbers and the real risk of certain defeat utilized rather unusual military practices. As the battle continued the Patricias "rolled" grenades down Hill #677 towards the enemy instead of throwing them. This resulted in heavy enemy casualties. Also, LCol Stone called for supporting fire on top of his own position which aided in repelling the attack. Finally as the main part of the battle ceased the 2PPCLI held Hill #677 but were still surrounded with the supply route obviously cut off. However, LCol Stone called for an airdrop of supplies which arrived shortly thereafter which allowed the Brigade to re-engage enemy troops and push them back from the Kapyong Valley.

During this battle the Patricias suffered 10 fatalities and 23 wounded persons. However, two major accomplishments were made by the PPCLI during this stand.

They caused heavy damage to the enemy and they aided the escape of the Americans who would have certainly been destroyed. As a result the 2nd Bn PPCLI was awarded the United States Presidential Citation. This award is still worn today by members of the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and in carrying on with the pride of this victory, the Kapyong barracks were established at CFB Winnipeg as one of the homes of the Battalion. Out manned, out gunned and in the face of certain defeat the 2PPCLI emerged victorious and solidified a place in the history books for this proud Battalion.

Changing War Aims

During this time of the Spring of 1951 while such battles as Kapyong were waged, the UN had to re-examine its war aims due to the Chinese involvement. MacArthur stated the strategy for war against North Korea did not apply to a war against China. MacArthur wanted more troops and the mandate to retaliate against the Chinese especially to conduct air operations against the "sanctuary" of Manchuria. He was at complete odds with President Truman and the UN on this issue who desired a lesser commitment and a cease fire. The UN passed a resolution to impose economic sanctions against China, and further sought only to hold off the Chinese forces from the 38th parallel while negotiating an end to the conflict. American leaders had always believed in restraint in order to prevent a widening of the war.

Now that China was involved the Sino-Soviet Treaty was an issue. It was feared the Chinese would invoke the treaty and force the Soviet Union to launch

Both sides dug into the hills for the next two years and waged a war over outposts between their lines.

a nuclear attack against the U.S. or a conventional strike in Europe. The Government of the U. S. though, gave priority to Europe at the expense of a shooting war in Korea. As a result the Administration would not back MacArthur's proposals of attacking further North and provoking the Chinese further. As a result of the a/m policy, MacArthur went public with his disagreements with the President in an effort to have public opinion reverse the government's policy. It had often been argued that during this time MacArthur had been a difficult subordinate. He clashed with Truman earlier in the war in regards to U.S. policy towards Taiwan, and publicly suggested Truman Administration policies were responsible for military setbacks. Finally, on 25 Mar 51, just after President Truman finished plans seeking a cease fire, General MacArthur sent an ultimatum to the enemy commander that undermined the President's plan. On 11 Apr 51, General MacArthur was relieved of Command and replaced by Lt General Ridgeway. MacArthur though, returned home to the United States and received a hero's welcome.

Stabilizing The Front

At this point Lt General James Van Fleet was now in command of the 8th Army. Elsewhere, Canada had sent the remainder of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade which joined the 28th Commonwealth Brigade. Together in line with the President's and UN's aim of stabilizing the front, the troops in Korea took on a new role: On 22 Apr 51, as the UN front edged north, more than 450,000 Chinese opened a general offensive. Again the UN front withdrew South of the 38th parallel halting 8 kilometers north of Seoul. On 10 May 51, the Chinese launched a second offensive, working on the eastern area of the UN line. The

UN on the other hand attacked in the West, north of Seoul. The Chinese pulled back suffering their heaviest casualties of the war and by the end of May were retreating into North Korea. By June, a stalemate developed and battle lines were stabilized around the 38th parallel. Both sides dug into the hills for the next two years and waged a war over outposts between their lines. The Canadian contribution over the next two years involved support from all services most notably the Air Force who contributed significantly since the start of the war. Air supremacy greatly aided the allies efforts who destroyed the North Korea Air Force by 1950. The Canadian Air Force effort consisted of the 426 Transport Sqn, 22 RCAF fighter pilots, and were credited with 20 enemy jet fighter kills.

Negotiations and Casualties

In Jun 1951 the Soviets proposed a conference among warring factions, however the goals of the two sides were different and the negotiations dragged on for two years before the Armistice was signed ending the war on 27 July 1953. The war was inconclusive and both Koreas were still divided with both sides evenly bitter. The DMZ became a permanent fixture and to this day still exists. A stretch of land 4 km wide by 250 km long scarring the Korean peninsula from West to East. However, the war did act as a significant turning point for the United Nations. For the first time since its formation, the UN joined together as an active fighting force, rather than assuming the traditional peacekeeping role we are accustomed to today. The exact number of Communist casualties is unknown, although it is estimated at 1.5 million. UN casualties are set at 490,000 with 1,558 being Canadian. Of the 490,000 casualties, 88,000 were deaths with 516 being Canadian. The names of these Canadians are written in the Korean Book of Remembrance. In 1951 South Korea granted land to the UN for cemeteries to honor those that fought for them. Located in Pusan, South Korea, the cemetery has national sections dedicated to those serving countries including Canada where 378 Canadians rest in peace. A stone memorial covered with a bronze panel also exists here to honor Commonwealth soldiers who died and whose burial places are unknown. In total, 16 Canadians are listed. The panel reads "On this memorial are inscribed the names of men from Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa who died in the Korean War and have no known grave. They died with men of other countries fighting to uphold the ideals of the United Nations."

After the war LCol Stone returned to Canada and soon began work with the Provost Corps as the new Provost Marshall. Unfortunately however, LCol Stone suffered a personal hardship to his family when his daughter started suffering from an illness which caused her to lose her vision. Undaunted by this setback, LCol Stone founded the Canadian Military Police Blind Fund for Children, one of Canada's first official charities. Today this Organization is spread coast to coast within our Military and serves to raise money for research into blindness and to organize events to bring some joy to those children afflicted. Collection points for donations are located at all MP Sections and can also be found at Canex locations.

This piece of Canadian military history proves that not only can victory be achieved on a battlefield against insurmountable odds, but also shows how success can be achieved in helping those less fortunate. One proud Battalion with a vision of victory and one Commander with a vision of helping those less fortunate created the common thread between the Blind Fund and the 2PPCLI.

Securitas! Pro Patricia!

PPCLI soldier kneels at the grave of a fallen comrade.



From Sparkey's Desk

During the last week in October the 11 members of 17 Wing Fire Dept. were busy being qualified in Prehospital Emergency Care/First Responder under the instruction of Mr. Bill McKinnon of Arctic Star Wilderness Medicine. Bill's vast experience and professional approach was a refreshing change from past First Aid courses and the firefighters certainly benefited from it. Thanks to Bill and the brave 'casualties' from Bldg. 86 for your hard work and patience.

With the onset of snowdrifts and windchills, more and more people will be using fireplaces, wood stoves and space heaters to keep inside temperatures comfortable. Here are some Fire Safety tips for these three common causes of fire in homes and apartments.

When using a fireplace or wood stove use only seasoned wood and avoid burning trash or old newspapers that send burning fragments up the chimney. Keeping fires a moderate size and using a fireplace screen will further protect against fire spread. Periodic cleaning is also important to prevent the buildup of creosote, which can cause chimney fires.

Portable heaters are quick and convenient but also very dangerous. Due to the heat output, these heaters must be kept 1 meter or more away from clothes, curtains, bedding, or other flammable objects. Avoid placing heaters in or near doorways or other traffic paths and frequently check the electrical chords for fraying or splitting. Last and most important, regardless of the type of heater, stove, or fireplace, never leave the heat source unattended even for a short period of time. Simple fire safety measures and common sense when dealing with auxiliary heat sources can insure a warm and safe Winnipeg winter for you and your family.

If you have any questions regarding this topic or any aspect of fire prevention please do not hesitate to call MCpl Osborne at ext. 5501 or drop by the Firehall.



MCpl Norm Price directs the rescue team in preparation to extract "Randy" from a Tudor.

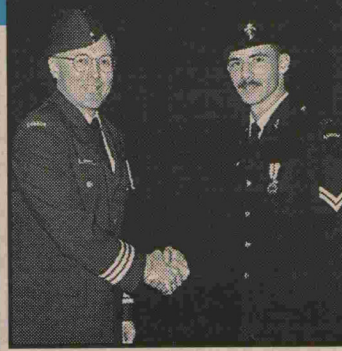
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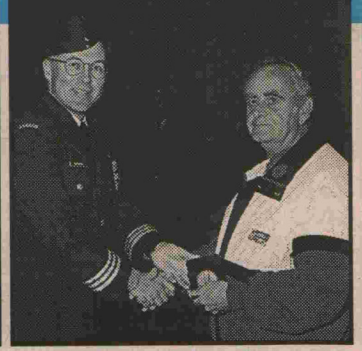
W LOG O (left) presents MCpl D.G. Smith with his CD Medal at the 3 Nov 97 Parade.



W LOG O (left) presents Cpl M.P. Margetts with his Somalia Medal at the 3 Nov 97 Parade.



W LOG O (left) presents Cpl W.J. Strugnell with his Somalia Medal at the 3 Nov 97 Parade.



W LOG O (left) presents Mr. R. Teakles with his 35 Years of Public Service Medallion.

CF Met Tech Graduation

CF School of Meteorology Met Tech QL6a graduates are employed through the Canadian Forces Weather Service in support of air, land and sea operations as weather briefers.

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Back Row (L-R): Sgt Vivian, Sgt Skinner, Sgt Dickson, MCpl Curtis, MCpl Beauvais, WO Levasseur, MWO Roy.

Centre Row (L-R): Mrs. White, Sgt Milley, Sgt Allen, MCpl Sim, MCpl Dennis, Sgt Kampen, Sgt Dwyer, Ms Quinn, WO Gelineau.

Front Row (L-R): CWO Anderson, Mr. Wong, Col Watt, Mr. Richard, Mrs. Benjamin, MWO Van Acker.



Sgt Doug Kampen (left), a recent graduate of the Meteorological Technician QL6a course 9701, received the Certificate of Merit from Col Watt. The Certificate of Merit is presented to the student who has excelled in all aspects of training and who has demonstrated through attitude and leadership ability, a high potential for continued excellence in the Met Tech trade.



Sgt Dan Skinner (left), a recent graduate of the Meteorological Technician QL6a course 9701, received the Certificate of Achievement from Col Watt. The Certificate of Achievement is presented to the student who has attained the highest academic standing on the course.

17 WING SPORTS SECTION

CF National Champs



Back Row (L - R): Stephone David (catcher), Robin Wells (Assistant Coach), Scott Southwell (short stop), Chris Kelly (first base), Bob Young (center field), Tony Cross (catcher), Chris Wright (Coach/pitcher).

Front Row (L - R): Art Kennedy (left field), Denis Aube (3rd base), Ed Card (2nd base), Brett Seymour (utility), Ken Stewart (utility), Bob Spence (right field).

On Sept 11 the CFB Winnipeg Men's Fastball Team were crowned 1997 National Champions after a hard fought 10-6 victory over the Atlantic Region representatives Fleet Halifax. The win was a fitting end to a successful season for the Winnipeg Warthogs who built a solid team around key veterans Dennis Aube, Scott Southwell, and Chris Kelly.

The road to gold started in August at the Prairie Regionals in Cold Lake. The Warthogs dominated the field finishing undefeated with a 5-0 record. In the tournament final the Hogs faced the host Cold Lake Wolves, led by legendary pitcher John Quilty, defeating them 7-0. First baseman Chris Kelly sparked the Winnipeg offense going 3 for 4 at the plate. Rookie catcher Rick Pellerine capped an outstanding tournament hitting 2 for 2 with a walk and finishing with an overall batting average of .615.

At the National Championship in Borden the team took on a different face having lost key players Jim Beaugrand, Rick Pellerine, and Marsh Pettit due to operational commitments. In their place Bob Young of Moose Jaw and Tony Cross of Cold Lake were picked up, strengthening an already powerful hitting line-up.

In the opening game of the tournament the Hogs defeated the Ontario Region Champions from Petawawa 10-4. Leadoff hitter and short stop Scott Southwell set the tone for the tournament with a home run in the top of the first. He went on to add a three run shot in the fourth inning, finishing the game 2 for 3 with 2 walks. Eddie Card contributed offensively going 3 for 3 at the plate.

In the second game of the day for Winnipeg, team captain Southwell once again stood out leading his team on offense with a 4 for 4 performance, including a home run, in a 12-5 drubbing of the Pacific Region representatives from Comox.

On the second day of the tournament the Hogs faced the Fleet Halifax in a night game under the lights. Despite a sixth inning rally sparked by a Chris Kelly's home run, the Hogs suffered their first defeat 6-5 to the hard-hitting team from the east.

Things didn't improve on day three as the boys from Winnipeg now had to face the defending national champions from Ottawa. With both teams guaranteed spots in the semi-final only pride was on the line. In a defensive struggle the defending champions finally emerged 2-0 victors.

On the final day of the tournament, with only two possible games left in the season, the injuries and exhaustion were ignored and adrenaline took over. Facing the tough Ottawa team in the semi-final, the Hogs stood up to the challenge and after an emotional seesaw battle emerged victorious. Down 2-1 in the fifth Scott Southwell once again led his team on offense, crushing a three run homer to put the Hogs ahead 4-2. Ottawa then rebounded in the top of the seventh with back to back home runs of their own putting them ahead 5-4. With the season on the line the Hogs needed a run to tie, and with Southwell leading off the inning, they had the right man in place for the job. Southwell pounded a single to start things off, bringing big slugger Chris Kelly to the plate. In an unbelievable moment of glory, Kelly crushed a game winning two run shot that, in an instant, put the Hogs in the championship final.

In the final game against Halifax it was the hard-hitting combination of Southwell, Aube and Kelly that proved too much for the opposition. The trio produced seven runs to power the Winnipeg team to an easy 10-6 victory and the national championship. For their efforts, Southwell and Kelly were named to the tournament all star team and Southwell was named tournament MVP.

17 Wg Flyers complete first round of WWBL action

By Capt Deanna Manson, 1 Air Mov Sqn

The 17 Wing Flyers have finished the first round of games in WWBL action and the stats are not half-bad. With each game the team is looking stronger and stronger. Things are starting to come together!!!

Although our record stands at 1-4, each of these losses were by no more than two goals. The single win was achieved against 'The Suds' - the score was a meagre 2-0 but if we can judge from the number of goal posts that were struck in the course of the game, there is a lot of potential there. No names, no pack-drill - oh what the heck, can't pass up an opportunity to pick on Cpl Cathy MacDonald, W Hosp who not only hit goal posts but missed open nets...repeatedly. She did get on the board though with a short stay in the penalty box after setting a pick on an unsuspecting Sud. Quite a few of the players are throwing the body with a bizarre mixture of basketball pick-setting and football blocking. Girls, in broomball this is called INTERFERENCE!!! This point will be discussed at the next practice.

In the last game of the first round the team faced reigning Manitoba Provincial Champions 'The Bandettes,' who are undefeated so far this season in the WWBL. The excitement flew from goal line to goal line until finally the bad guys found the mark and put in the lone goal with only 55 seconds left in the game. A last valiant effort to answer that goal was unsuccessful despite pulling the goalie and dominating play in the offensive zone for the remainder of the game.

Previous criticism of reffing in the league can now be retracted, as they were quick to call any and all infractions in the game. This is very important in a full contact game where things can quickly get out of hand and dangerous if the calls are not made. The Flyers were caught red-handed no less than four times. Cpl BJ 'Bruiser' Wiswell, W Tn Sqn flattened quite a few members of the opposition and the refs had her number. She sat twice while Cpl Laurie 'Karate Chop!' Moore, 1 Air Mov Sqn decided to match BJ in the penalty stats.

TEAM STATS: Capt Dee Manson 3G, 2PM; Cpl Tara Langley 1G; MCpl Sue McLeod 1A; Cpl Misty Shearer 1A; Cpl Cathy MacDonald 2PM; Cpl Laurie Moore 4PM; Cpl BJ Wiswell 4PM. (G=goal, A=assist, PM=penalty minutes.)

GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	OT LOSS	GF	GA
5	1	4	0	1	4	8

Winter Workouts

By Chris Merrithew, Sports Coordinator

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17 WING SPORTS SECTION



Flying Tigers

Congratulations go out to the 17 Wing Flying Tigers. 19 swimmers participated in the Brandon Bluefins' Halloween Invitational swim meet the weekend of 1-2 Nov 97. The Tigers came away with a lot of well deserved points. Points are awarded for the top 6 finishers in each age group. While the place finishing is important, another factor that comes into play is personnel best times. That is, a swimmer enters an event and if they beat their previous time, it is considered a personal best time. The swimmers had a very successful weekend and we are proud of each and everyone of the kids that took part.

In the 8 and under girls Angela Furlotte finished first place overall. 8 and under boys Adam Schildknecht finished 2nd overall and in 4th position overall was Mitchell Hagans. In the 9-10 year old girls Rachel Hunstad finished 4th place overall. 10 and under boys Shaun Maclean finished 4 place overall and in the 11-12 year old boys Niall Martin finished 5th place overall. 13 and over girls Kristy McBey finished 4th place. 13 and over boys James DeBeer finished 2nd place overall; Scott Sparrow was 4th, Rick Bhullar was 5th and Graeme Sprange finished 6th place.

While this is the list of overall finishes, the following swimmers made A or B times or achieved their personal best. They are Melissa Furlotte, Amber Hagans, Matthew Hagans, Ashley Hunstad, Brian Hunter, Audrey Rivest, Kathleen Rivest, Blair Schildknecht and Heather Peterson.



Front Row (L-R): Angela Furlotte, Rachel Hunstad, (Chaperon/Publicist) Heather Furlotte, Audrey Rivest. 2nd Row (L-R): (Coach) Steve Smyth, Adam Schildknecht, Melissa Furlotte, Mitchell Hagans, Shaun MacLean, Ashley Hunstad. 3rd Row (L-R): (Road trip organizer) Dan Rivest, (Coach) Joanne Schildknecht, Amber Hagans, Blair Schildknecht, Kathleen Rivest, (Marshaller) Michelle Hunstad. Back Row (L-R): (Photographer) Tom Furlotte, Kristy McBey, Graeme Sprange, Brian Hunter, Scott Sparrow, James deBeer and Rich Bhullar. Missing: Heather Peterson.

Our head coach has returned and we know that he will be very proud of what his assistant coaches have done with the team while he's been away. Many thanks to all that attended the Brandon swim meet to cheer our kids on. Even though mother nature made her presence felt, it didn't dampen the team spirits. Many special thanks to our bus driver, Jean, who had the pleasure of dealing with Mother Nature and more.

A Kodiak Moment

By Cpl. W.J. Ford

Upon our return from a two week exercise in CFB Shilo, I was approached to write this article on the 17 Wing Kodiaks. Now that we've completed our exercise phase, our season will be going into full swing. However, I've noticed something missing from our games, FANS!

As a former base brat and a player, I find that nothing makes for a better game than the fans themselves. I can remember when Canadian Forces Hockey was the main source of entertainment throughout any military community. Stands were packed as fans cheered and supported their unit or base hockey team. It was a fast paced, hard hitting game, and it still is! Families would come out for a night full of entertainment. Rinks have changed a little over the years and the Highlander Sportsplex is no exception. Fans can watch the game from the comforts of a heated sports lounge, drinking their beverage of choice with no more sitting in a dark and cold arena.

Sports and support has dropped dramatically throughout the Canadian Forces; hockey is no exception. So if you are a fan of the sport, come out and support the 17 Wg Kodiaks. Admission is free!

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I/S Hockey standings

A DIVISION

NO	TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
3	MPS (see note)	10	6	1	3	50	30	15
1	435 SQN A	8	7	1	0	56	18	14
4	733 COMM SQN	8	6	2	0	53	33	12
2	2PPCLI (SGT MESS)	8	4	4	0	45	29	8
6	WCE	9	3	4	2	36	45	8
7	2PPCLI (JR RK)	6	3	3	0	21	22	6
5	1 AIR MOV SQN	9	1	8	0	24	60	2

NOTE: 4-1-2 record carried from B Division.

B DIVISION

NO	TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
1	CFS/402	9	7	1	1	51	18	15
7	GEORGES' FAT BOYZ	9	7	2	0	38	20	14
6	1 CAD BAND	8	3	2	3	35	30	9
5	WEME/SUPPLY	8	3	4	1	24	42	7
3	402 SQN "HOUNDS"	10	2	7	1	26	47	5
2	435 SQN B	8	1	6	1	19	46	3
4	1 CAD OT	9	0	7	2	17	50	2

Kickers Korner



Well the outdoor season is over for another year, after a disappointing third place finish at the regionals in Shilo. The team is now in high swing for the indoor season. The team started practicing for the indoor season on the first Tuesday of October, at Lipsett Hall. All practices take place every Tuesday evening between 6 and 8 p.m. and usually finish with a game against a team from a higher division.

As we prepared for our first game, on the 23rd of October against the Kilconan Cavaliers, the players from the battalion surprised us by going to Shilo for a 2 week exercise. So, that left us short a few players and a goal tender. But the team went into to the game hoping for the best. With the manager/coach Bush (don't shoot that ball at me) Thornhill in net, (not to mention that he's only the oldest player in the league at 51), we fought valiantly to a 5-3 loss, and we went home to lick our wounds.

Game two, 3 November, the players from the battalion are back (not to mention our keeper), and ready to play. It was a very close match against Blackheart, but the Kickers got into some foul trouble. After killing off three penalties, without being scored on while scoring a short handed goal, the team was looking good. Five minutes left on the clock, scored tied 3-3, and the Blackheart's receive a free kick, just outside the box. The shot made it 4-3 for the Blackhearts. Time was now against us, as we valiantly attempt to tie up the game. The final buzzer sounded and the Kickers went down to defeat once again.

OK, so we're off to a bit of a slow start. But we know we'll pick it up. With the return of Dave Marshall, Gary Sunquist and Mike Dutcher from course at the end of the month, the team has no where to go but up.

The team would like to also congratulate Bush Thornhill for being selected the 17 Wing Volunteer of the Year. He received this honour for all of his hard work with the soccer team and the base since his retirement in May of 96.

Anyone wishing to play indoor soccer and join the team, may contact the 17 Wing Gym, or show up at Lipsett Hall on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. All games are at night, with start times as early as 6 p.m. or as late as 11 p.m. The only equipment required are a good pair of shoes and a pair of shin pads.

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LCol Haines (right) presents FlLt Carl Heine with his promotion to that rank. FlLt Heine belongs to the Royal Australian Air Force and is an exchange student on the Aerospace Systems Course at CFSAS.

Wing Hospital News

By SLt Dynes

Many changes are taking place at the 17 Wing Hospital, including some changes in time.

The following is a schedule of our services:

Monday to Friday - SICK PARADE from 0730 to 0900 - EMERGENCIES will be seen any time.

- Urgent cases should be seen at sick parade.

- Non-urgent problems should be seen at a booked appointment. The physicians can provide more comprehensive service at a booked appointment.

Monday and Wednesday - BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC held from 0930 to 1200.

Tuesday and Thursday - IMMUNIZATION CLINIC held from 0930 to 1200.

Friday - Immunizations will be provided ONLY for flight crew whose schedule is such that the only time

possible to be immunized and to follow the 36-hour grounding rule would be a Friday. Time: 0930 to 1200. If possible, please call ext. 5116 and let us know you will be coming.

PHARMACY HOURS - 0730 to 1200 and 1330 to 1600. Duty personnel can help you over the lunch hour with picking up refills already called in, or with filling prescriptions, but it is appreciated if you call ahead, during the regular pharmacy hours, for refills or inquiries. The pharmacist is the best person to answer your questions.

LAB HOURS - 0730 to 1130 and 1300 to 1600. Again, duty personnel are available to draw blood, etc. in extenuating circumstances, but the lab tech is the best person to meet your needs.

X-RAY HOURS - 0730 to 1200

WEEKENDS - sick parade from 1000 to 1200

During the week, we are open from 0730 to 1600. Outside of weekday and weekend duty hours, personnel are entitled to go to walk-in clinics or emergency departments for serious illness or injury that cannot wait until the next duty hours at 17 Wing Hospital. If you do so, however, you must report to the Wing Hospital as soon as possible afterward.

We realize that these timings may not be the most convenient for some of our patients, however scheduling out services allows us to most efficiently serve the 17 Wing population at large. If extenuating circumstances prevent meeting these timings, please call and we will try to accommodate.

Thank you.

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Chaplain's Christmas Message

By Fr Joe MacLean, WCHAP (RC), Padre Doug Ohs, WCHAP (P)

On 30 November, Christian churches everywhere will observe the beginning of the Season of Advent. Advent is the shortest of all the church seasons, lasting but a mere four Sundays before Christmas. Although Advent is often used in the Church as a time of preparation for Christmas, its real emphasis is not on Christmas, but rather the second coming of Christ. In fact, the Latin root of Advent means "coming" or "arrival".

The Chapels will have an evening of Lessons and Carols for the Advent Season. The concert will be at the North side Chapel on 7 December at 7:00 p.m. with the 1CAD Band in attendance. A free event.

In the Gospels, Jesus often spoke of his second coming. He said that he could come again, unannounced and unexpected, like a thief in the night. No one knows the day nor the hour, but God alone. He tells us that it is not a day to dread, but a day we should be prepared for.

As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas - the First Coming - let us take a little time to prepare our souls for His Coming. Take time to be with our families, take time to be generous, take time to be ourselves to pray and take time to enjoy the blessings of each other by celebrating the birth of the Child Jesus.



Energy Performance Contracting update

By Cam Pongoski, ESCo Coordinator, WCE

It has been some time now since I first submitted the W5 (who, what, where, when, why) of Energy Performance Contracting. Activity has been going on non-stop behind the scenes from that time on. A program has been developed that will see MCW Energy Reduction Services Limited infuse almost \$4,000,000 in investment. This money will cover approximately 80 buildings from hangars, to warehouses, garages, training facilities, office buildings, messes, and armouries.

The program is set up by measures. Lighting retrofit/redesign is an example of a measure. \$1.6M will be spent on the lighting retrofit/redesign measure. \$450K will go towards upgrading the Central Heating Plant measure. \$150K will cover the mechanical modifications measure such as electric to steam conversions or additional insulation or interlocking the overhead doors to disable the heating when the doors are open. \$930K is programmed to go towards a centralized Direct Digital Control system measure. \$240K will go towards a sewage lift station, which will connect the east side of the north base to our sewage treatment plant. \$115K will go towards new weather-stripping around doors. \$300K will go towards meters that will allow us to develop building profiles and identify the energy hogs. We will be watching!

The Energy Performance Contract does qualify for the Manitoba Hydro Power Smart Program as the north site is serviced by Manitoba Hydro. Just under \$150K in incentives are anticipated. Expect the lighting program to begin on the north base first. MCW is working on a schedule to implement the measures. More to follow when it becomes available. Just a reminder, you will not be working in the dark without heat!

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• Time: 1000 hrs • Place: OMN

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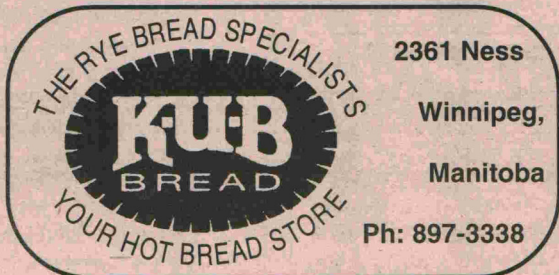
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