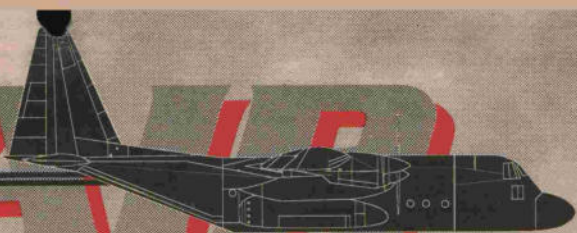




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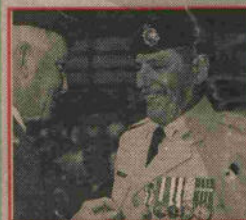
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Christmas Message from the Wing Commander

The end of 1997 is fast approaching and the Christmas season is just around the corner. For most members of 17 Wing, that means a well-deserved break after 12 months of hard work. It also means a chance to celebrate the festive season with your co-workers and more importantly, to enjoy some time with your families.

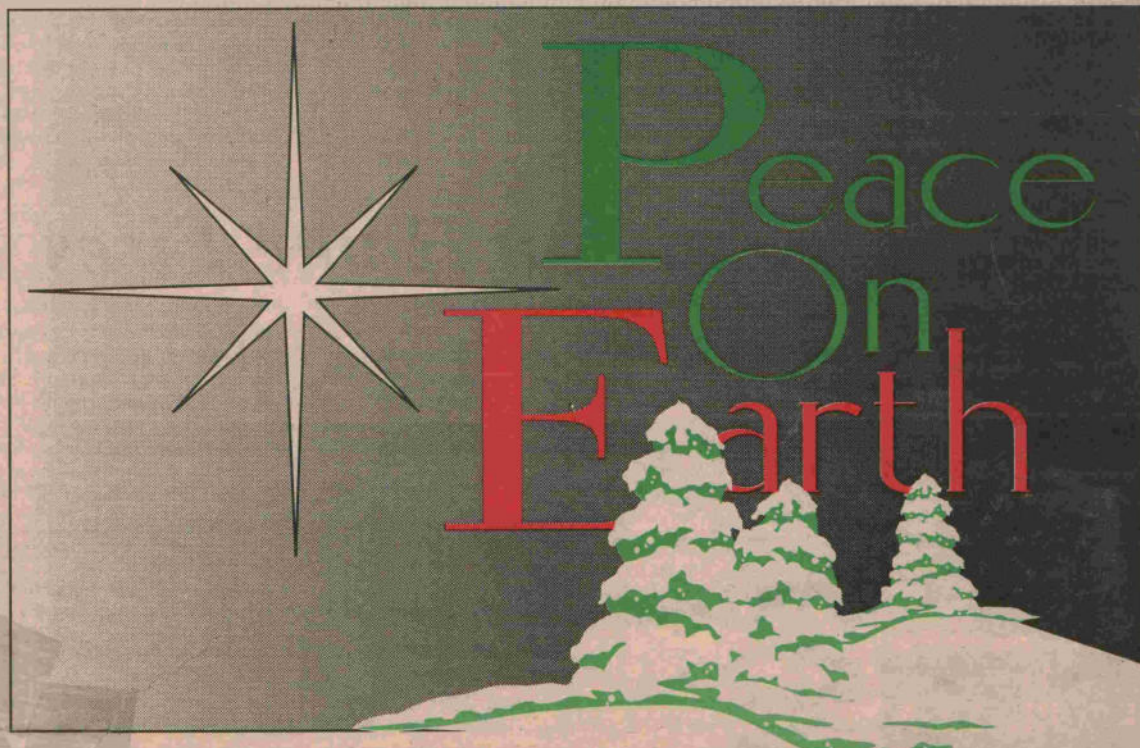
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your hard work, devotion and professionalism over the past year, and also to thank your families for their patient support and encouragement. They are a vital part of the 17 Wing community and are, more often than not, the ones who feel the most pressure from the requirements of your service to Canada.

From this perspective, I would like to ask you to give a special thought for the almost fifty members of 17 Wing, and those members of other units of the Canadian Forces, who will be separated from their families for the holiday season, whether on a UN deployment or any other Canadian Forces mission or operation. Although our people deployed abroad are serving the ultimate cause of world peace, I am sure everyone can relate to the hardship of spending this time of year away from their loved ones.

To all military and civilian personnel of the 17 Wing team and to all members of their families, let me offer my best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy start to the New Year.



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Sharing our Christmas ideas

By Major CM Walton-Simm, Managing Editor

Thanks for pausing. With your job, your kids and the rest of your life, we know you're busy! As the festive season fast approaches we all move into hyper gear, completing unfinished work projects before the holidays, buying, wrapping and shipping those Christmas gifts and planning for the holidays. On the other hand, Christmas is a time for sharing and it's an opportunity for us at the Voxair to thank all of our readers, contributors, advertisers and supporters for the input that is the Voxair's "raison d'être."

The staff at the Voxair work hard to produce a military community newspaper that captures the spirit of its readers, keeping all informed on both local and national stories that relate to our readership. Article submissions have slowed a little, but we are hoping that the new year will bring a surge of creativity and energy and the contributions will increase. To help jump-start this, we have sent a schedule to all 17 Wg units that encourages at least one article from each unit per year. New ideas, letters to

the Editor, work related articles, photos and information are always welcome. In our reflections of this past year, we felt that the newspaper could benefit from articles from military dependents in the form of anecdotes, experiences, general interest or whatever your imagination renders (we reserve editorial rights of course). More Letters to the Editor would also help see things from a different perspective and find out what is on your mind these days. So put those thinking caps on, put pen in hand and share some of your ideas!

We have made it much easier for many of our readers to provide their input and the side bar on this page provides the different means of communication you can choose from. Our new look is now in place and we are pleased with the results.

For the Voxair staff, Christmas means family dinners, Santa Claus and only one issue, so we get a bit of a holiday too. As Managing Editor of the Voxair, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication throughout this past year and wish them and you, the readership:

SEASONS GREETINGS!

Celebrate Christmas in peace...

A Christmas message from the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy

By Msgr Jean Pelletier, Administrator of the Military Ordinariate of Canada

There resides within the human heart an untiring curiosity to probe beneath the surface, to analyze the hidden and explore the mysterious. We want to understand ourselves, other people, the world and beyond. Christmas is a time when, traditionally, we search our inner selves for good feelings and tend to be starry-eyed and lost in wonderment. It is true that this feast grabs our minds and imaginations in order to carry us off in flights of joy and glory. We try to recreate the world of our childhood and the pleasure associated with Christmas. We would like all children, indeed all people, to feel the same way. However, we are too often faced with the harsh reality of our adult world, where people continue to suffer and die, even at Christmas.

For you, our Canadian military personnel, especially those operating in war-torn or economically-depressed countries,

Christmas can be a time of trial. Faced with all sorts of threats, far away from your families, the temptation is strong to give in to bouts of depression and despondency. However, the experience can be quite rewarding. As a deterrent to violence and anarchy, your presence enables people to celebrate Christmas in peace and peace is precisely the gift all human beings long for. And we know that the feeling of being useful to other people and of doing something that will alleviate people's suffering is what raises our morale to new heights.

In spite of difficulties, soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen can be proud of what they have accomplished this year in terms of helping their fellow human beings. Whether at home or abroad, you have proven your worth and you have something to feel good about. As we are about to celebrate Christmas, you can be assured that you have lived all year long according to the spirit of the feast, and truly, you can feel spoken about by the words that proclaimed the news of God's blessings to the world: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will."

Merry Christmas to all.

Operation Home Fires

By Dianne Collier

What started out to be sheer excitement at the thought of a permanent acknowledgement at CFB Petawawa for the support military spouses/partners provide to the CF, has quickly turned into a deep feeling of appreciation as this idea becomes a reality. Long known for the supportive role they play, military spouses are already shedding tears over OPERATION HOME FIRES.

The idea for the monument was created by Randy Chester of Pembroke, Ontario whose father was in the military and whose grandmother was a war bride. The creation of a monument, and

the park it will sit in as well, has become the 'talk of the base'. This project is the first of its kind in Canada and one that is proving to be extremely popular. The wording to be sandblasted into a 6' piece of Canadian granite is so appropriate: "In honour of those who kept and continue to keep the home fires burning."

A committee made up of military spouses, representatives from the Base Social Work Office, Randy Chester and a member of the Military Family Resource Centre has been formed to spearhead the creation of this monument and park. Fundraising activities necessary to achieve the project goal have begun and the Committee has set \$20,000 as the necessary amount required to complete this project.

If you would like to know more about this very exciting project or wish to make a contribution acknowledging your appreciation for your spouse, mother or partner, please contact OPERATION HOME FIRES, 19 Dieppe St. Petawawa, Ontario K8H 1K3. Fax: 613-687-7666, e-mail: tcollier@renc.igs.net

Remember, without support from those who keep the home fires burning, our soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen wouldn't be the best in the world.



Letter to the Editor

We welcome your letters of comment or concerns and will feature them here, in our 'Letters to the Editor' column. Please forward your signed letter to the Voxair, 17 Wing Winnipeg, Box 17000 Stn Forces, Winnipeg, MB R3J 3Y5 or drop off at the Voxair office.

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Announcing the re-opening of Fifth Avenue left to right: CWO Smith WCWO, LCol Newnham WLogO, Mr. George Clement Civil Design WCE, Col Watt WComd, Maj Desjardins WCEO, Mr. Garry Decaire DCC Site Engineer.

By George Clement

Pop Quiz - What creates inconvenience, headaches, traffic tickets, frustration and happiness? No! It is not Manitoba winters - well it could be, but not in this case.

It's the reconstruction of Fifth Avenue!

Fifth Avenue has been the main entrance into 17 Wing since the West Side was constructed and has served its intended purpose very well. However, like everything, as age takes its toll things begin to fail. This had become noticeable with the formation of the Fifth Avenue roller coaster, Lake Fifth, loose teeth and the proposal for an alignment shop to be constructed at one end of Fifth Avenue. Conclusion: time for reconstruction.

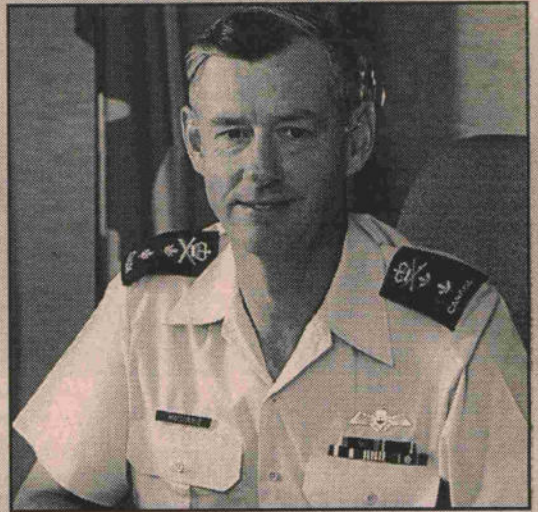
The majority of personnel who use Fifth Avenue as a means of access to work considered the reconstruction to be nothing but a terrible headache: when in reality it was much more. The reconstruction began when the project was put into the planning process in 1994. Finally, in the fall of 1996, a survey of existing conditions led to the design, estimating, specifications and contract drawings which were produced in the winter and spring of 1997. The project was tendered through Defence Construction Canada and Public Works Government Services Canada and the contract was awarded to Bituminex Limited. Construction was scheduled to begin August 25, 1997 with the opening of the new road on

October 20, 1997.

The cost of this project was approximately \$400K. OUCH!! So what did we get for our dollars? The person hours required by the contractor, including sub-trades such as Cambrian Excavations for manhole and catch basin removal and replacement, and electricians to perform electrical modifications totaled 3400 person hours. The project required 3,000 cu. meters of excavation, 6,000 sq. meters of geotextile, 3,800 tonnes of granular sub-base material, 2,500 tonnes of granular base material, 850 tonnes of asphalt pavement and 550 cu. meters of concrete. In all, a lot of time and material.

In conclusion, a considerable amount of time and effort has been performed on the part of Construction Engineering staff and contractors to provide 17 Wing with a new main access road. I would like to thank all who were affected during the reconstruction for their patience, understanding and willingness to help in any way possible to maintain the progress on the project. Special thanks goes to the Commissionaires and the Military Police for the inconvenience incurred with temporary accommodations and scramble parking. I also give a special thanks to Ian Taylor of Construction Engineering for giving up personal commitments during the design stage to ensure contract drawings for the project were completed given our time constraints. Smooth driving.

Commander's Christmas message



MGen GEC MacDonald, Commander 1 CAD

Wow! 1997 has been quite a year with all of the changes made in the air force. Throughout, the dedication and professionalism shown by all members of the Canadian Air Division and the Canadian NORAD Region have immensely impressed me. We should all be proud of our accomplishments in implementing Flight Plan 97 and everything that goes with it. Congratulations to all of you.

At this time of year, we should be especially mindful of those members who are away from home, or who have spent part of 1997 on deployment - internationally or domestically. Separations from family, operational hardships and long hours have become a regular experience of many. Our thoughts and best wishes are with those who make the personal sacrifices necessary to accomplish our missions. Your role is a critical part of the Canadian contribution to the maintenance of peace and security internationally.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable Holiday Season!

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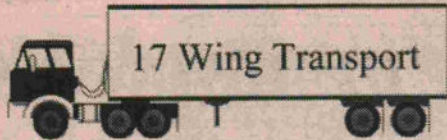
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Right to left: Major Dan Labrie, 17 Wing Transportation Officer, presents Major Wendy Rickards, Base Winnipeg's United Way Coordinator, and Dale Patterson, Chairman, Winnipeg United Way Campaign, with a cheque for \$321.75.

By Lt Dan Naylor

On Oct 15, 17 Wing Transportation Sqn again hosted its Annual United Way Breakfast. 217 generous customers from 17 Wing, 1 CAD, and the various squadrons on base paid \$3 per plate or \$5 for two to net the United Way/Government of Canada Workplace Campaign over \$321 after expenses were paid.

Thanks to all those who supported our efforts. Transport also appreciates the support of the 17 Wing messes for providing equipment and utensils. And thanks to about 20 volunteers from Transport who pitched in to allow us to exceed last year's total for both customers and money raised. Special mention must be made of the work of Sgt Doug Smuland, our Chief Cook, and Cpl Tim Gapp, our advertising coordinator.

Between "civvy Fridays", the breakfast, and canvassing in our Squadron, Transport was able to raise \$551.65 this year.

We're looking forward to seeing even more of you at the breakfast next year.

Hazardous Material

By R. Sikhian, Wing Supply, Repair & Disposal Supervisor

Oh - Oh, here we go again. That old boring subject. I can almost hear you groaning.

Well, it may be boring to some people, but to others it is a job that has to be performed according to strict rules and regulations. All of us who use chemicals at work or even at home have to follow certain guidelines to protect ourselves and the environment.

Disposal of chemical and/or their residue is just as important as the usage. I am sure you are all aware that certain hazardous waste,

which was sent to the landfill a few years ago, now has to be disposed of by a licenced contractor.

Below is a brief list on customer responsibilities which must be adhered to at all time. Each section or individual that uses Hazardous Material must be aware of these responsibilities. Repair and Disposal has printed and laminated this list, which can be placed under your phone or stuck on the wall for easy accessibility. If you prefer a laminated version, please call Wing Supply's HAZMAT Disposal Clerk, Mr. Gord Slobidnyk at ext 6091 / 6092.

We hope these few simple, but important rules will make your job and ours safer.

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CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure hazardous material and wastes are properly stored (ie: acid in plastic containers), used and disposed of.
- Ensure contents of each container is properly identified and labeled (labels are available from WSup Repair & Disposal section, ext. 6091 or 6092).
- Ensure MSDS are available for all HAZMAT material being held (customer must provide MSDS sheets upon disposal of material).
- Ensure large quantities of hazardous material which may be unsafe to transport (ie: poisonous substances, damaged containers, etc.) are reported to WSup R&D section. Arrangements will be made to have qualified HAZMAT contractors pick up items at your location. All paperwork relating to the pickup must be forwarded to R&D.
- Ensure hazardous items, which cannot be identified, are reported to R&D. Arrangements will be made to have qualified contractors test and identify items in question. Cost associated with testing is the customer's responsibility.

NOTE:

1. Under no circumstances are hazardous wastes to be returned to supply or picked up by a contractor without prior approval of WSup R&D section.
2. Recycling of oil and anti-freeze is available through CE section, ext. 2262 or 5207.
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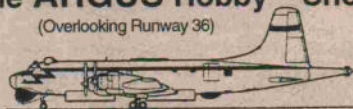
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1 Air Movements Sqn "OP Readiness" training

By Capt Deanna Manson, 2 MAMS O

In keeping with 1 CAD's Contingency Capability concept and the need for all Air Force personnel to be readily deployable, 1 Air Movements Sqn personnel recently conducted 'OP Readiness' training. By the end of next year, all members of the unit will receive this field refresher package that is coordinated by our own Squadron Training and Standards staff.

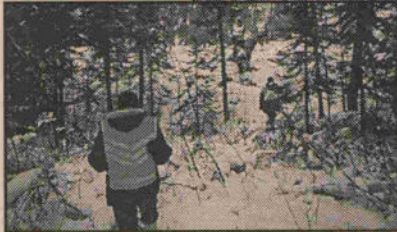
The three day exercise was conducted at the 17 Wing Search and Rescue Training Camp at Swan Lake. Here, the living conditions were austere enough to give the participants an idea of what roughing it at this time of year is all about. The group received lectures

on cold-weather hygiene and protection from the elements. We were also introduced to some of the survival gear that can be found on the CC130 Hercules aircraft in case of a crash. The instructors also shared anecdotes from previous arctic survival training experiences: we now know why Cpl Dave Carlson is such a slim and trim guy. Luckily, there was an ample supply of 'Individual Meal Packets' (IMP's) on this trip.

Communications procedures and map and compass navigation techniques were the focus of the training. A hike through the woods followed a refresher session in the classroom. This navigation exercise was quite successful, despite the interference from iron ore deposits that are common in the area. The group was able to navigate to the designated spot where a fire was ready to warm up cold fingers and toes. Lunch was prepared and a briefing on the next phase of the training ensued. The afternoon was filled with familiarization on shelter preparation and personal weapons. This was followed by a test: the two teams were tasked to prepare a shelter and start a fire as if they had crashed in the wilderness. The shelters were then marked for their positioning and strength.



Above: 1 Air Mov Sqn personnel in the midst of a compass navigation exercise stop for lunch in the bush near Swan Lake.



Left: Navigating through the bush near Swan Lake. I hope no one mistakes us for deer!

Instructors passed on advice and in the end were quite impressed with the teamwork displayed by both groups.

All 1 Air Movements Squadron personnel, particularly those employed on 'Mobile Air Movements' (MAMS) teams are deployable and are always on six hours notice to move. Very often we are expected to live in austere conditions: whether it is part of an operation in Africa or right here in our own province of Manitoba. Training such as that conducted on this session of 'Op Readiness' gives all participants a chance to practice the skills that we are all expected to be familiar with. The next group will be deploying for 'OP Readiness II' some time in March or April.

Special thanks is extended to WO Hank Snow and his staff of instructors for a very well planned excursion. Cpl Rick Burke, Cpl Dave Carlson, Cpl Dan Maddigan and Cpl Lorne Simms volunteered their time and efforts to make the trip an extremely successful one. BZ to all!

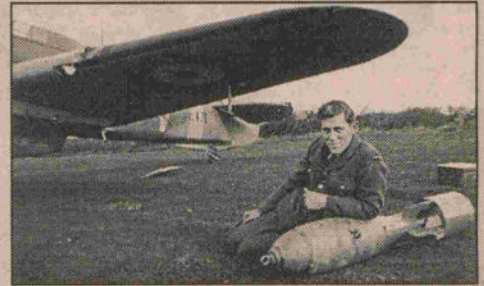
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Sgt Maureen Rockwood from CFRC Winnipeg receiving her CD1 from the Deputy Base Commander, LCol McCoubrey.

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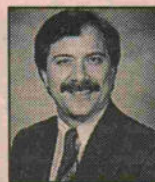
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Welcome to our financial planning & investments page at VOXAIR. With the help of a number of our sponsors over the next year, we hope to provide timely and informative financial

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How can I minimize risk & diversify my investments?



D. H. Smith
General Manager

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If you read the article in the November 12th issue of the Voxair, you will recall that one of the myths explored was that investing involves a level of risk. The next question to ask is "What level of risk am I prepared to take?"

"I don't like risk, but I sure would like a better return on my investment!"

You may be seeking a better return on your investment, but often this implies taking on more risk of loss. Products of this nature rarely provide guarantees in respect to your invested capital. If such products are outside your level of comfort (or stress you), there is an option you will want to explore: Index-Linked RRSP or GIC. This option not only guarantees your capital, it gives you an opportunity to earn income based on the stock market performance. What a combination!

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Analysis of Comparative International Funds, October 15, 1997

CATEGORY	FUND	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
American Equity	Dynamic Americas Fund	44.01%	27.83%	20.34%	11.64%
	Fidelity Growth America Fund	36.95%	26.63%	21.95%	N/A
	Trimark Americas Fund	29.20%	13.10%	N/A	N/A
	Universal US Emerging Growth Fund	5.70%	23.10%	22.00%	N/A
	European Equity	Dynamic Europe Fund	48.44%	25.02%	18.68%
European Equity	Universal European Opportunities Fund	34.00%	29.70%	N/A	N/A
	Fidelity European Growth Fund	30.60%	20.70%	18.90%	
	Spectrum European Growth Fund	27.65%	N/A	N/A	N/A
	International Equity	Dynamic International Fund	34.66%	18.13%	18.80%
International Equity	Fidelity International Portfolio Fund	31.90%	18.21%	19.30%	N/A
	Templeton Growth Fund	31.80%	17.20%	19.00%	12.10%
	Trimark Fund	30.40%	19.50%	21.70%	14.80%

*Formerly Allied International Fund, management taken over by Goodman & Co., July, 1990. Ranked by one-year return, as at Sept. 30, 1997. Annual compound total return, as at Sept. 30, 1997. The rates of returns indicated are for the 1, 3, 5 or 10 year period ended Aug. 31, 1997. If your investment was made on a date other than Aug. 31, 1, 3, 5 or 10 year avg. your rate of return will be different. All performance numbers are historical, do not represent anticipated future returns, including changes in unit value, reinvestment of distributions, and do not take into account any potential fees or commissions. Past performance may be no indication of future returns. Unit value and investment return will fluctuate. Important information about these mutual funds is contained in their simplified prospectus. Obtain a copy from your independent financial adviser, or stockbroker and read it carefully before investing.

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Expedition 'Blister Kit' a success

By Cpl Lee Williams

When one thinks of going on an adventure training expedition what first comes to mind is danger, excitement, and visions of us playing the role of Sylvester Stallone in Cliffhanger coupled with an undisciplined sense of euphoria. When you volunteer for the "trip of a lifetime," those childish feelings quickly turn to doubt and uneasiness as the expedition draws near. This year was no exception to those that volunteered for the Base Support Services Orderly Room adventure training trip, eloquently put as Expedition Blister Kit. A three day backpacking trip up the Berg Lake Trail to Mt. Robson, Mt. Robson Provincial Park, BC.

When one thinks of Orderly Room staff we envision a group of highly trained, uncoordinated, pocket protecting, typewriter carrying, tape around the glasses clerks. This portrait is far from the truth as Cpl Lee Williams (Team Leader), Cpl Heather Demchuk, MS Cindy Burke and Cpl Kal Kuzyk organized their gear and headed off to Edmonton on 28 Oct 97 with visions of heroism and R and R.

Upon arriving in Jasper we were first greeted by park officials warning us of the Buck mating season and for us city folks to be careful. That night we laid in our tents dreaming of the days to follow as we tried counting sheep to help us sleep and drown the whimsical sounds of antler chatting in the background. The next day we arose from our tents to frost, low cloud cover and signs of rain or snow for the next couple of days. Nonetheless we packed our van and drove off to Mt. Robson some 150km west of Jasper for what we would later find out to be an educational experience.

Once arriving at Mt. Robson we began our backpacking trip ascending the Berg Lake Trail



until we reached Whitehorn Camp some 14km from the trailhead where we camped for the next two days. That night and for the next two days it rained and rained until our bodies absorbed all the water they could handle and then it rained some more. From Whitehorn Camp we day hiked to Emperor Falls and enjoyed a refreshing mist of spray from underneath a powerful waterfall and yes we were still soaked.

The following day our team of adventurers descended the Berg Lake Trail and drove back to civilization in search of a popular watering hole to relax and work out the aches and pains from the previous days. We returned back to Winnipeg 3 Oct 97 as explorers.

Adventure Training Expeditions are entertaining, educational, rewarding, and at times physically demanding. I say educational because our team had found out that Cpl Kal Kuzyk was a craftsman of necklaces, handbags, and various other craft making talents. What also makes this entertaining is the fact that Kal, otherwise known as Rambo, is 6' 1", 250lbs, served in the Airborne, carries at least 3 knives, and lives and breathes army. Now, picture Rambo making neck and wrist bracelets. However, in his defense, he said he acquired the art during sensitivity training with the army!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank W SUP, F and S, and the BSSOR staff for all their assistance in making this year's adventure training a success.

The Premier's Holiday message



Premier
Gary Filmon

I am pleased to extend holiday greeting to all members of Canada's military, especially those who worked alongside Manitobans with such dedication and compassion as we fought the Flood of the Century.

As we celebrate the holiday season, we are once again reminded of the great joy that comes from giving of ourselves as you did this spring. We try to make the season brighter for our loved ones and those that may have less than we do. Above all, in our thoughts and gestures, we give of ourselves - offering to all wishes of peace, goodwill, love and hope.

Regardless of our cultures and beliefs, the essence of this holiday season reaches out to all. Let us remember these timeless messages year-round as we interact with others in our family, our communities and around the world.

Janice and I, along with my colleagues in the Manitoba Legislature, wish you a warm and happy holiday.

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2	23 Jan 98	04 Feb 98	13	10 Jul 98	22 Jul 98
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4	20 Feb 98	04 Mar 98	15	21 Aug 98	02 Sept 98
5	06 Mar 98	18 Mar 98	16	04 Sept 98	16 Sept 98
6	20 Mar 98	01 Apr 98	17	18 Sept 98	30 Sept 98
7	03 Apr 98	15 Apr 98	18	02 Oct 98	14 Oct 98
8	17 Apr 98	29 Apr 98	19	16 Oct 98	28 Oct 98
9	01 May 98	13 May 98	20	30 Oct 98	11 Nov 98
10	15 May 98	27 May 98	21	13 Nov 98	25 Nov 98
11	29 May 98	10 Jun 98	22	27 Nov 98	09 Dec 98

Somalia medal

It was a proud day for friends and family of Chief Warrant Officer R.M.G. Clare when he was honoured with the Somalia medal for his services in Somalia from 17 December 1992 to 30 June 1993. CWO Clare served as Chief Cook of the Canadian Airborne Battle Group and as Senior Cook of the Canadian Contingent in Somalia. Medals were presented by MGen MacDonald in front of the Billy Bishop Building on 31 July 1997, during the change of command parade. CWO Clare currently works at 1 Canadian Air Division, A4 Food Services.



Chinthe Bits - Kiwi style

By MCpl J. Beaugrand
With Christmas just around the corner and winter well on its way, I had a fortunate opportunity to delay the onset of Mother Nature's fury and spend 2 1/2 months in New Zealand, where they are just coming into summer time.

Yes, I was a part of CANZEX 97. An exchange program of approximately 25 personnel throughout the forces from different trades and flying positions.

My exchangee, Flight Sergeant Pauline Carson from 40 Squadron Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Whenuapai (fen-ua-pie), had to endure, for 2 1/2 months, the wrath of the loadies at 435 Sqn. Apparently, she survived with just a few minor mishaps. I, on the other hand, was able to adapt to the wrath of 40 Squadron loadies and came home with just a few extra gray hairs.

We boarded a CC-150 Airbus early Monday morning of Sept 1st enroute to a night in Hawaii and onward the next day to Auckland, New Zealand. On arrival in New Zealand, and after we had the pleasure of letting New Zealand Customs officials scrutinize our baggage inch by inch, we boarded an Air Force bus for Whenuapai. On arrival at Whenuapai, we were greeted by many base personnel and a customary Maori (HAKA) welcome. This is a friendship dance performed by the Maori people to welcome us and to signify the Native Maori culture.

After meeting and greeting; meeting and greeting, and meeting and greeting some more, I found my way to 40 Sqn, RNZAF Whenuapai, which is where I would hang my hat for the next 2 1/2 months. Six other Canadians were also to call Whenuapai their home, while the remaining CF personnel were sent to either Hobsonville, Woodburne, Devonport or Ohakea for their exchanges.

After a day or two of finding my way around the base and 40 Sqn, I was quickly on my way to my first C-130 mission. This was an over night trip to Townsville, Australia. From then on, the rest of the time went by fast. I was to make my way to Australia (6 times), Cook Islands, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Antarctic. I was also involved in Ex Sky Train, which is two weeks of Tactical Airlift Training. Although not tactical-ly qualified. I had the chance to

be part of the crew for a number of Tactical Airlift Drops.

One of my main objectives on the exchange was to get down to Scott Base, Antarctica. However, 40 Sqn had no missions to Antarctica, so the only way I could get there was to apply for the Ice Survival course. Who in their right mind would volunteer to spend a few days and nights living in snow caves and shelters in very frigid and windy weather conditions? After spending a few days contemplating whether or not I was insane, I decided to go for it. When the time came, I boarded a commercial flight, with 5 other 40 Sqn personnel, to Christchurch, New Zealand, which is where all flights to Antarctica originate. While there, I was given a briefing on what to expect while down there. Once again I was questioning my sanity. The following day we boarded a C-141 for the five hour flight to the ice. As it turned out, the weather was the best it had been in a long time. It was only about minus 25 or so with the wind chill, much to my delight. We finished the course, with all our fingers and toes, and headed back to Whenuapai on a C-141 via Christchurch. While in Christchurch, I had the chance to attend a rugby game. It was my first ever live rugby

game and it just happened to be the finals between Canterbury and Counties. This is like the super bowl of rugby. What a game! The beer wasn't bad either!

Back at the base in Whenuapai, we arranged a Remembrance Day ceremony at the local church. After the ceremony we whipped up a batch (pail full) of moose's milk and proceeded to - well, you can guess the rest. We were forced by the New Zealanders to make this milk or face the consequences. I still don't know what they meant, but what would an exchange be if we didn't exchange national customs.

On 17 Nov, after an all night get together at the local SNCO'S mess, we departed for home, much to the delight of my family. I really enjoyed this exchange and if you ever get the chance to do this, GO for it, you will never regret it!



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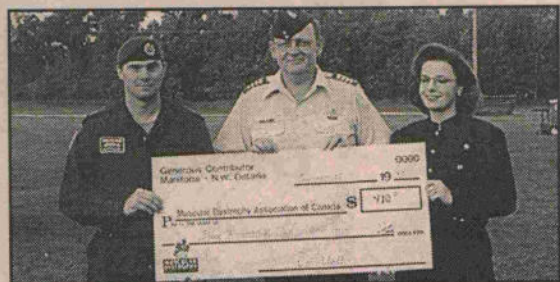
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The winter season is already upon us. Driving on Winnipeg's snow and ice covered streets can be quite a challenging experience; patches of black ice on the highways will become a fact of life from now until April of next year. Here are a few pointers to help you get through the next six months with a minimum of difficulties:

- ensure your vehicle is in good operating condition (tuned-up, good tires, adequate anti-freeze).
- adjust your speed to the road conditions (the posted speed limit is for clear/dry road conditions) and keep your distances from the vehicle ahead of you; it too will need a greater distance to stop on an icy road.
- ensure all glass surfaces are free of snow or ice BEFORE you hit the road (just a small peep hole in front of your eyes does not allow you to see all potentially hazardous situations).
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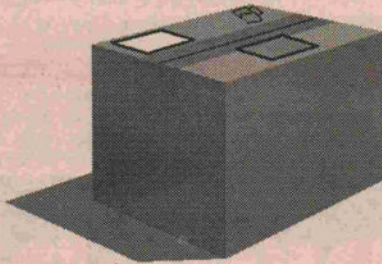


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17 Wing MQ Yard Landscaping Contest

By M.R. Lillico, Mayor, WMCC

On the 21 of Aug 97 the annual yard/landscaping contest completed the final judging for this year's winners. Judging took place in the following areas: grass, flowers, bushes, lawn ornamentation and general appearance. Congratulations should go out to all the residents of the MQ areas that participated in this event. The MQ's were decorated with many varieties of flowers and well-manicured lawns which made this year's judging very difficult. A special thanks to this year's judges, the Wing Commander Col Watt, Hon Col Van Ruiten and WCWO Smith.

The winners for this year's MQ yard/landscaping contest are:

NORTH SIDE		SOUTH SIDE			
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2nd 30 Jameswood	Cpl Poole	\$50	2nd 253 Ubique	MWO Mcardle	\$50
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There were many other residents that should be mentioned based on the work and quality of their yards, unfortunately there are only so many prizes to go around. Congratulations to the winners this year and to all the residents who participated in this year's contest. Don't forget the Xmas light contest that will take place in Dec, once again sponsored by the military community council.

Family Cold Weather Safety

By SLt Donna Dynes

The cold weather is upon us and with it the dangers of injury due to the elements. Winter can be quite bearable and even fun if common sense is used in dressing and activities.

Children can become chilled quickly if not properly dressed for the elements. Caregivers need to watch children closely for frostbite (white, waxy looking areas of skin) and shivering (cessation of shivering can indicate hypothermia). Fingers, toes, cheeks, ears and noses are some areas which tend to be exposed to the elements and risk frostbite. To avoid frostbite, cover faces with scarves (but look under the scarf frequently as it can hide frostbite), ears and heads (which lose large amounts of heat) should be covered with hats, hands with mitts rather than gloves. Children should have layers of loose clothing, with the outer layer being wind resistant. Waterproof boots with thick soles and warm socks should be worn. The common sense part of the equation is perhaps most important.

Many of you trained in winter survival will have suggestions beyond those mentioned above for winter clothing, but please remember these are children at play. Fresh air and exercise are great benefits of playing outside, but if it is extremely cold the risks may outweigh the benefits. Children who are playing and having fun will not always tell you they are cold. Be vigilant.

Adults need to use common sense for themselves as well. Dress yourself as warmly as you would dress a child (whether you are caring for children or not), and you will avoid cold injuries.

Enjoy the winter! Yes, it gets cold in Winnipeg in the winter, but the bright sunny days we get in January and February will do wonders for your mood and stress level. Dress for it, and get outside!

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Last week was ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK and a table with some very good information was displayed. Apparently it was a real hit. In fact the information was distributed all over the base. The table was overturned and the literature was thrown outside the gym doors. A screen (which was my own) used as a backdrop was broken in half and thrown outside also. A lot of good info and property wasted. It is my hope that maybe in the hoopla some of the literature was noticed and may be remembered when problems occur as a result of addictions.

If anyone saw the display or the videos shown at lunchtime and you thought it worth while please drop me a line or call. With limited funding, there is not a lot of overt support for this position and any positive feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Never fear though, I was on a course at the ADDICTIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA and got a whole bunch more.

You have not heard the last of me yet!

by Capt J Hyatt

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17 WING SPORTS SECTION

1997 CF Sports Awards Ceremony 'A very special night'

In what has become a time-honoured tradition for athletes, coaches and officials, the CF Sports Awards Ceremony was held on October 25th at Ottawa's Chateau Laurier Hotel. It was hosted by the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency (CFPSA). Many shared the views of WO Cindy Rafuse of CFB Kingston when she said "It was a very special night."

This year's banquet was the biggest ever. It was the first time in the event's nine-year history that the Minister of National Defence was in attendance. In addition to Minister Eggleton, other guests included the President of the Conseil International de Sport Militaire (CISM), General Zechner of Austria and members of his executive committee, the Mayor of Ottawa, Jacqueline Holtzman, the CDS and almost every member of the senior military leadership, including Vice-Admiral Garnett, our new VCDS, Vice-Admiral Greg Maddison, the new chief of the Maritime Staff and CPO1 Terry Meloche, Lt-Gen Al DeQuetteville and CWO Gilles Guibault of the Air Staff and the new Chief of the Land Staff, Maj-Gen Bill Leach and CWO Maurice Dessureault.

"This distinguished event highlights the very important contributions competitive sports have made over the years to the morale of the CF, the fitness of its members and the cohesiveness and 'esprit de corps' of its units" stated Gen Baril.

Over 300 athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers - serving and retired - were recognized for their outstanding achievements. "These individuals serve the Canadian forces and Canada proudly by providing vivid, inspiring examples of excellent" said BGen I. Popowych, who, as the Director General Personnel Services, was the evening's host.

One of the many exciting moments of the evening was the crowning of the CF Male and Female Athletes of the Year. National-class runner, Lt(N) Joyce Switzer of CFSU(O), was named the 1996 Female Athlete. Lt(N) Switzer has won the CF National Running Championships five times and has been our top representative at the international military level for many years. "This award means more to me than any other athletics award I have received. I will always remember the evening of October 25, 1997 as a highlight in my life" said Lt(N) Switzer. "I'm thrilled." That view was shared by RMC/CMR's OCdt Kent Coates who was crowned CF Male Athlete of the Year. In addition to being a top triathlete himself, OCdt Coates has successfully coached the RMC/CMR team at the Ontario University Championships, national and international levels.

CPO2 Terry Eustace was named CF Coach of the Year for leading HMCS Protecteur's broomball team to its third consecutive Fleet Championship and the Fleet Hockey Team to first place at the Pacific Championships. The 1996 Official of the Year went to highly respected official, MWO Don Sims of CFSU(O). CFB Halifax men's broomball team won the CF team award following a year in which they won the Atlantic and National Championships.

One of the most touching moments was the tribute paid to CF volunteers. Twenty-eight men and women from bases and wings across Canada received a standing ovation.

Skating Warm-up Exercises

By Chris Merrithew

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By Jodi Peckover

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Athletes of the Month



CWO Allen & his wife, Jody
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LCol Marcotte
is the man in the spotlight. Our December athlete of the month can be found sweating up a storm at Bldg 21 at lunch hour nearly 5 days a week. He is a strong believer in fitness and feels "if you are not fit, you should not be in the military. We have the facilities, why not use them?" LCol Marcotte has been participating in fitness activities his whole life; he plays inter-section hockey and was a member of our golf team, who won the Prairie Regional Championships. Individuals like him prove fitness is a lifestyle not a style of life!

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17 WING SPORTS SECTION

Stats climbing for Women's Broomball!

By Capt Deanna Manson, 1 Air Mov Sqn

The 17 Wing Flyers have confirmed that they are a team to be reckoned with in the WWBL. The 'Selkirk Hawks' received a wake-up call this past Saturday night when their home (and extremely slippery) ice proved to be no advantage. The Hawks had just returned from the 1997 Western Canadian Championships in Edmonton where they were silver medalists after a double overtime loss. The Flyers decided to take this opportunity to knock the Hawks out of their nest - Cpl Heather Demchuk, CFTMPC marked the lone goal that won the game. MVP for the game was goalie Cpl Nathalie Mallet-Leyte, 1 Air Mov Sqn who once again did an incredible job between the posts.



GP	WIN	LOSS	TIE	OT LOSS	GF	GA
7	3	4	0	1	11	8
PLAYER				GOALS	ASSISTS	PM
Capt Dee Manson, 1 Air Mov Sqn				4	1	2
Cpl Heather Demchuk, CFTMPC				2		
Cpl Cathy MacDonald, W Hosp				2		2
Cpl Tara Langley, LWOP				1	1	
Cpl Rochelle Heudes, 2PPCLI				1		2
Cpl Laurie Moore, 1 Air Mov Sqn				1		4
MCpl Sue McLeod, 2PPCLI					3	
Cpl Linda Giguere, W Tn Sqn					2	
D. Gagnon					1	
Cpl Misty Shearer, Minto Armouries					1	
Cpl BJ Wiswell, W Tn Sqn						6

In the GOON CORNER we have Cpl BJ Wiswell, W Tn Sqn who has taken the lead in the penalty stats. BJ has a tendency to pick on those teeny little forwards who get in her way. The refs automatically feel sorry for the one hundred and five-pound players as they fly through the air, and thus, BJ gets called for the occasional penalty. By contrast, Cpl Rochelle Heudes, 2 PPCLI picks on opponents who are twice her size. She also had a two-minute break after trying to physically remove the facemask of one of the largest Hawks players with her bony little elbows. 'I was just trying to protect myself!' she yelled as she headed for the box. Rochelle, perhaps you should wear elbow pads to protect yourself!

The team's goals for and against average is looking good after a 6-0 trouncing of the 'The Suds' on Nov 16th. In this game some of the forwards were able to break their slump and put the ball in the net. Unfortunately, this game also resulted in a couple of injuries that will affect the composition of the bench until the new year. The team will miss go-getter Cpl Misty Shearer, Minto Armouries who tore a ligament in her knee. Luckily the other bumps and bruises healed and the rest of the team was back in action for the next game.

The Flyers will be travelling to Moosejaw for the 15 Wing Invitational tournament on Dec 5 - 7th. The tournament will definitely be a great opportunity for the team to gel and get some of the plays worked on in practice into action. Best of luck!

17 Wing Basketball Blue Devils get busy

By Lt(N) Mike Fitzpatrick

The 17 Wing Basketball Team hit a busy stretch in November with 3 games over 10 days. This followed a period of several weeks during which cancelled or postponed games were the norm.

On Thursday the 13th, the Blue Devils made the trip to Otterburn to play Providence College. In two games against Providence last year the team lost both times in closely fought affairs, so the team was looking for a measure of revenge. They got it with a solid 82-73 victory, led by Cpl Rohan Wilson's stellar game-high 36 points.

The game started with an early lead for the Blue Devils, with Cpl Wilson slamming home a dunk that made amends for last year's attempt (during which he was rejected by the rim). But Providence managed to make a run near the end of the first half, when a 16 point margin was cut to 4 at the half. The Blue Devils were able to regroup, and came out for the second half firing on all cylinders. A larger lead was quickly restored, and they controlled the ball at the end to seal the victory. Other leading scorers for the Blue Devils were Capt Vic Castelli with 15, Capt Jay Burt with 14, and Pvt Chris Major with 11.

The Blue Devils next played the Greyhounds in a City League game. Again, the 17 Wing team jumped out to an early lead. But this time, they had the game under control throughout, scoring an 88-78 victory. Cpl Wilson showed his scoring prowess again with a game-high 27 points, but the scoring was more spread out this time. Other leading scorers were Capt Burt with 17, Pvt Major with 14, and Cpl Rob Worthy with 10.

The busy stretch ended with another City League game, this time against Showtime. Unfortunately, the team had to play without Cpl Wilson and Capts Burt and Castelli, which is like the Chicago Bulls playing without three guys named Jordan, Pippen and Rodman. With the remaining players asked to fulfill unfamiliar roles, the team suffered a close 103-52 loss. Top scorers for the team were BGen Steve Lucas with 16 and Cpl Worthy with 10.

The Blue Devils next play in the new year, when they will be warming up for the Prairie Region championships at the end of January.

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17 WING SPORTS SECTION

Spitfires - struggling for 1st win, but still having fun

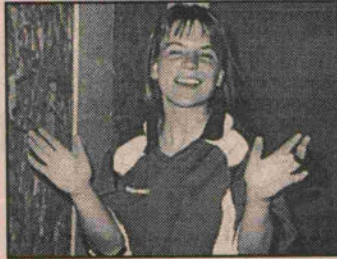
By Capt TES McLeod

We're still struggling for our first win, but things are not as dreary as one might expect. These girls have heart!! We might be defeated on the score board for now, but we are not defeated in spirit. The girls, not the coaches, have asked for more training time. Fortunately for us, Peter and Danny are dedicated and are making the commitment to train an additional night during the week. What a change in attitude; it's a far cry from the days when nobody showed up at practice because nobody showed up at practice. Last practice we had a record setting 12 girls out.

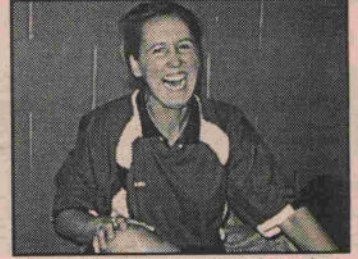
But besides the need to improve soccer skills, there are a few other areas the girls may want to work on. Rachael and Mandy are banned from using their "high five" at games until they get it right. Last practice they got their legs twisted up during the leaping into the air part and ended up looking like a slow motion, rolling ball of arms and legs before splattering themselves on the gym floor. Hilarious to watch but not something we want the opposition viewing! And Roberta has to learn that mid-shot-on-net is NOT the time to be tying shoelaces. Definitely, it has potential as a distracting ploy but the practical application of it in a game may be wanting. And finally, no one - repeat no one - is to challenge Peter when he is carrying the ball during a scrimmage. We're just too rough on him, especially after his recent knee operation. If we take him out again, we just might take him out for good. Sorry Peter!!

The bottom line is: despite the frustration of always being so close to winning, we are still dedicated and having fun to boot - no pun intended.

For those interested in watching a game, we will be playing at the Soccer Spectrum, southeast corner of Waverley and McGillvary on Dec 14 at 1730 hrs and Jan 4 at 2130 hrs. Hope to see you there!



Spitfires' top scorer Mary Ann Williston! Mild mannered by day, Mary Ann is a powerhouse on the field. We'd all die for the punch and accuracy she has with her kicks. I'm just glad she's on our team!



"Shoe-tie" Roberta Krawak is obviously going to be the team's Safety Officer. Despite the fact she ties her shoes at odd times during practice, she's an absolute bulldog on the field. Nobody takes her soccer ball away and gets off scot-free.

Curling at Fort Osborne 1947 - 1997

By Maj Eldren Thuen, 17 Wing Heritage Officer, as related by Sgt Doug Steele (Ret'd)

The Fort Osborne (FOB) Curling Club was initially formed in 1947 but had no curling facilities on the base at that time. The "Club" started its operation in the 1947/48 curling season as a rental league, on Saturday afternoons, at the Elmwood Curling Club. When the work week was cut to 5 days from 5½ days, the Club moved to the Thistle Curling Club. Finally, the Club got its own facilities at Fort Osborne in 1957.

The development of an actual curling rink for the Club was the result of great efforts put forth by the then Commanding Officer of Prairie Region Command, MGen W J Megill, and his Chief of Staff, Col James Tedlie. Through their efforts and the efforts of many more, the Fort Osborne Curling Club was given the building that had been the Canadian Women's Army Corps dining hall during the Second World War. The building had fallen into disrepair and required a lot of work in order to make it a reasonable curling facility. Part of the terms of getting the building was that the Club members would be responsible for all renovations. All members of the Club assisted in gutting the building and creating a curling rink. Anyone who has curled at, or visited, the present Club has seen the pictorial display of the efforts of the members of the FOB Club. The volunteers were "assisted" by the engineers from 10 COY Royal Canadian Engineers, two of whom were Maj Dave Surtees and Capt Bruce Kinred.

The Club was finished in the fall of 1957 and the Official Opening was held later in the fall. As part of the Opening Ceremonies, there was a four-end game between a Club team and the Canadian Brier Champions. The Club Team was made up of Sgt Doug Steele, Col Jim Tedlie, MGen Bill Megill, and Gunner Taffy Jones. The Brier Championship Team was skipped by Bill Walsh. He had Al Langlois at third, Andy McWilliams at second, and a fourth member whose name cannot be remembered. The Club team did not fare so well but thoroughly enjoyed the first game in their new home. As Sgt Steele related to me, the ice was not in the best shape; the ice surface sloped almost a foot from one end to the other.

The Club held its first bonspiel, the Prairie Region Command Bonspiel, in January 1958. Teams from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario took part. The eventual winners were Sgt Doug Steele, Pte Ray Barkwell, Sgt Denis Kehler, and WO1 Dave Rainford. While relating this brief history to me, Sgt Steele stated that this team was different than the Official Opening team because,

although MGen Megill was a reasonable commander, he wasn't much of a curler.

The Club moved to its current site in 1962. The Club got a building from CFB Shilo and, again, with a lot of hard work from the members, the new building was completed in time for the 1962/63 curling season. Minor repairs were carried out on an annual basis to ensure that the curling rink was maintained in at least a reasonable condition.

The loss of the North Side rink in a fire in the summer of 1985 led to much discussion as to how the CFB Winnipeg Curling Club would operate in the years to come. The initial discussions involved the building of a new recreation complex on the North Side and the possible demise of the FOB site. However, as funds became more and more scarce it was decided that a new rink on the North Side was an impossibility. This led to the major renovations that were carried out at FOB in the summer of 1992. As in previous renovations, Club members played a key role. The members gutted the old lounge/bar area of the building in preparation for renovations by a contractor. A larger lounge area, a games room, a new modern kitchen and bar and larger locker rooms were added. Several Club members including Ross Forbes, Cyril McFate and Gary Littlewood did the majority of the oak finishing in the lounge area, once the contractor was finished. The result was that the CFB Winnipeg/ FOB Club has become one of the finest curling clubs in the city.

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MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

350 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg MB R3N 1W8 489-7003

2nd Annual MFRC Open Forum

We would like to hear from you! On 21 January 1998, 7:00 p.m. at the Westwin Community Centre, Whytefold Road. The Military Family Resource Centre cordially invites you to join us and share your ideas on what programming and services you want.

The Public forum provides an opportunity for the MFRC to solicit feed-back from the community at large on our programs and services.

Nous aimerions avoir de vos nouvelles! Le 21 janvier 1998, à 19 h, au centre communautaire Westwin, chemin Whytefold.

Le Centre de ressources pour les familles des militaires vous invite cordialement à venir exprimer vos idées sur les services et les programmes dont vous aimeriez bénéficier. Le débat libre offre au CRFM la possibilité de recueillir les réactions du public en ce qui a trait aux programmes et aux services.

COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM - CHRISTMAS BREAK

LIPSETT HALL

BLDG 90 GYM

Date	Lipsett Hall Bldg (Weight & Aerobic Rms)	Lipsett Hall Gym Floor-Casual	Lipsett Hall Casual Swim
22 Dec	0730-2000 hrs	1400-2000 hrs	1400-1545 hrs & 1800-2000 hrs
23 Dec	0730-2000 hrs	1400-2000 hrs	1400-1545 hrs
24 Dec	0730-1300 hrs	0900-1100 hrs	0900-1100 hrs
25 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
26 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
27 Dec	1100-1600 hrs	1100-1600 hrs	1300-1530 hrs
28 Dec	1100-1600 hrs	1100-1600 hrs	1300-1530 hrs
29 Dec	0730-2000 hrs	1400-2000 hrs	1400-1545 hrs & 1800-2000 hrs
30 Dec	0730-2000 hrs	1400-2000 hrs (Kids sports tabloid 1400-1600)	1400-1545 hrs Kids Pool Games
31 Dec	0730-1300 hrs	0900-1100 hrs	0900-1100 hrs
1 Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
2 Jan	0730-2000 hrs	1400-2000 hrs	1400-1545 hrs & 1800-2000 hrs
3 Jan	1100-1600 hrs	1100-1600 hrs	1300-1530 hrs
4 Jan	1100-1600 hrs	1100-1600 hrs	1300-1530 hrs
5 Jan	Normal Schedule	Normal Schedule	Normal Schedule

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SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	GENERAL INFORMATION
22 Dec	0930-1130 hrs	Crafts/Xmas Wrapping	Westwin Community Centre	Chance to make a special gift for someone or perhaps you need to wrap those last minute gifts. Free, but please register with MFRC at 489-7003.
23 Dec	1400-1600 hrs	Glow Bowling	Academy Uptown Lanes 394 Academy Road (We have the entire to floor)	*Free. Meet us at Academy Lanes or catch the Bus scheduled to depart the Westwin Community Centre at 1320 hrs, pick up at Lipsett Hall Gym at approx 1330 hrs then to Academy Lanes. Open to all ages. Please register at the MFRC at 489-7003.
29 Dec	1500-1700 hrs	17 Wing Family Skate	Highlander Arena 1871 Ellice, St. James	*Free for Military and 17 Wing Rec Pass holders (Guests \$1.00). Meet us there or catch the Bus scheduled to depart Lipsett Hall Gym at 1420 hrs, pick up at Bldg 90 Gym at approx 1430 hrs then to the Highlander Arena. All ages invited.
30 Dec	1400-1600 hrs 1400-1545 hrs	Sports Tabloid Pool Games	Lipsett Hall Gym Lipsett Hall Pool	Free for 17 Wing Rec Card holders.
31 Dec	0900-1100 hrs	Pool Games	Bldg 90 Pool	Free for 17 Wing Rec Card holders.
2 Jan 98	1400-1600 hrs	Glow Bowling	Academy Uptown Lanes 394 Academy Road (We have the entire to floor)	*Free. Meet us at Academy Lanes or catch the Bus scheduled to depart the Westwin Community Centre at 1320 hrs, pick up at Lipsett Hall Gym at approx 1330 hrs then to Academy Lanes. Open to all ages. Please register at the MFRC at 489-7003.
3 Jan 98	1830-2130 hrs	Youth New Year's Dance	Westwin Community Centre	With a D.J. For ages 9-14. Cost \$1.00 at the door. Canteen will be available.
4 Jan 98	1500-1700 hrs	17 Wing Family Skate	Highlander Arena 1871 Ellice, St. James	*Free for Military and 17 Wing Rec Pass holders (Guests \$1.00). Meet us there or catch the Bus scheduled to depart Lipsett Hall Gym at 1420 hrs, pick up at Bldg 90 Gym at approx 1430 hrs then to the Highlander Arena. All ages invited.

*Note: It is our intention to provide Military Transportation for this event, pending unforeseen Military commitments. Please contact the MFRC one to two days prior to event at 489-7003.

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

PLEASE NOTE:

All Children's Programs will be cancelled as of Saturday, December 20th. They will resume on Monday, January 5, 1998

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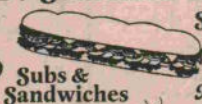
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"Ocean Bridge" is available at McNally-Robinson Booksellers. The author will be at the Grant Park location on Monday, 15 Dec 97 at 8 p.m. to discuss the genesis of this remarkable book and to share his experiences with the public.

Dr. Christie provides lectures on air warfare for the 17 Wing extension of RMC's War Studies program. In Jan 98, he will offer a senior undergraduate seminar on the Military History of WWII. Those interested in RMC Continuing Education may contact Capt R. Tetz, W Grd Trg O, ext. 6297.

Do we need a full-time day care?

This questionnaire will assess the child care needs for the Winnipeg Military Community. Please mark an "X" in the appropriate answers and return the form by 15 Jan 1998 to the MFRC at 350 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg R3N 1W8, Attn: Children's Program Co-ordinator.

- Is your childcare need currently being met?
 - yes no
- As a parent which group pertains to you?
 - Single Parent
 - One parent military member
 - Both parents military members
- If full time day-care were made available by the MFRC, would you use it? yes no
- What is/are your child/ren's age group(s)?
 - newborn-12 months 12-36 months
 - 36 months-5 years 6-12 years
- When looking for childcare, what types of problems concern you?
 - Flexibility of day-care hours (shifts)
 - High Fees
 - No or limited childcare available for specific age groups
 - Distance between day-care provider and place of work/home
 - No emergency care available
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Day-care fees are determined by provincial legislation as follows:
 - Infants: \$25.05-\$27.45
 - Pre-schoolers: \$16.00-\$18.00
 - School Aged: \$4.65-\$5.85 (1 sessions) or \$4.20-\$9.60 (2 sessions)
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 - MFRC Other
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SATURDAY, 13 DECCHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
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WEDNESDAY, 17 DECWOS & SGTs AT HOME
• Meet at Officers Mess at 1430 hrs.

WEDNESDAY, 31 DECNEW YEAR'S EVE BALL
• Reservation Close: 16 Dec 97 at 1600
• Cost: \$50 per member couple - \$60 per guest couple
• Dress: Mess Dress M-1/FM-1, Tuxedo, Black Tie or business suite or female equivalent.

WOS' & SGTs' MESS
17 WING WINNIPEG

WEDNESDAY, 17 DEC ..WCOMD COFFEE BREAK
• Time: 1000 hrs • Place: OMN

WEDNESDAY, 17 DEC ...WOS' & SGTs' AT HOME TO THE OFFICERS
• Place: WSMN
• Dress: #3 (no medals) • Assemble at Mess NLT 1430

FRIDAY, 19 DECEGG NOG BY THE FIREPLACE
• Time: 1900 • Place: Bison Lounge

WEDNESDAY, 31 DECNEW YEAR'S EVE BALL
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Grace General Hospital Auditorium, 408 Booth Drive
6 December 1997 and 13 December 1997

Door will open at 9:00 a.m.

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LIPSETT HALL / BLDG 90 CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

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Tuesday	23 December	0730 - 2000
Wednesday	24 December	0730 - 1300
Thursday	25 December	CLOSED
Friday	26 December	CLOSED
Saturday	27 December	1100 - 1600
Sunday	28 December	1100 - 1600
Monday	29 December	0730 - 2000
Tuesday	30 December	0730 - 2000
Wednesday	31 December	0730 - 1300
Thursday	01 January	CLOSED
Friday	02 January	0730 - 2000
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Sunday	04 January	1100 - 1600
Monday	05 January	NORMAL SCHEDULE

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Santa's Village

Like every year, Santa, Mrs. Claus and some of the toy workshop elves from the North Pole come down to Winnipeg by sleigh to visit young Francophones and Francophiles.

This French program is offered to young children ages 2 to 7 from now until December 18, 1997. A host of elves have organized lots of activities related to the Christmas theme and everyone can have a traditional visit with Santa. To conclude the visit to Santa's Village, an amusing puppet show called "Le Noël des animaux" by Éline Tougas will be presented.

A very special day is organized for young children and their families on December 14th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the CCFM's Foyer. Children accompanied by their parents will be greeted by the elves and live a wild French adventure that will lead them to Santa's Village. Fun activities, recreational games and lots of fun with the elves will be followed by a song and dance show at 1 p.m.

Tickets for Santa's Foyer on December 14th are on sale at the CCFM's reception desk for \$4 each (children and adults). For more info. call 233-8972. The CCFM thanks all the sponsors for this program.

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New Commander at 17 Service Battalion



Last October, Colonel Dennis Tabbornor (center) thanked Major John Lawrence for his service to the 17th Service Battalion, while the newest CO, Major Garry Leech (left) looks on.

This past October saw the installment of the newest Commander for the Winnipeg-based Service Battalion unit.

Major John Lawrence signed the documents with the Brigade Commander, Colonel Dennis Tabbornor as Major Garry Leech accepted the reigns of the unit. With change comes uncertainty as the word "Restructure" looms for the Service Battalions. Major Leech has promised to take on the responsibility of leading his Unit through the changes.

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Single military parent requires childcare for two children ages 10 and 14, preferably on a live-in basis, only in the event of taskings and/or deployment. Would be suitable for older student or college-aged dependant. Must be responsible and reliable. Serious inquiries only. Please call 885-9302 if you are able to help.

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