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By Captain Elizabeth Cameron

"Portage?!? Isn't Portage closed?" As a member of the military staff at 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School (3 CFFTS) Portage La Prairie, I hear this question a great deal. As a result I have decided to dedicate our Voxair submission to all of those individuals who really don't know what's in Portage and offer a sort of mini-history lesson.

The history of RCAF Station/CFB Portage La Prairie began in 1940. Since it's inception, Portage has been in the business of training pilots and while yes, it's true Portage is no longer a base, the same holds true today.

In 1989 the decision was made to close CFB Portage and to contract out Flying Training. In 1991 Bombardier Canada's Canadair Military Aircraft Division (now Bombardier Services Defence) was awarded the contract for the provision of primary flying training and support to multi-engine and helicopter training. Consequently, CFB Portage La Prairie ceased to be as of

1 September 1992 after 52 years of operation. It was at this point 3 CFFTS became an integral unit of 17 Wing. As a matter of interest, there are currently 43 regular force personnel at 3 CFFTS, a reduction from the 700 military personnel prior to 1992. Even more interesting is that the number of aircraft hours flown and the number of students trained has not changed very much! We still fly approximately 19,000 hours annually and train several hundred students a year.

Southport Aerospace Centre Inc assumed control of the facilities (ergo they are the landlords) and consequently, the former CFB Portage La Prairie is now called Southport Aerospace Centre (thus the confusion as to whether we are located in Portage or Southport). Support services are provided both by 17 Wing and by a number of sub-contractors including Frontec (CE services), Serco (ATC and weather services), Field Aviation (aircraft maintenance) and Versa (food services and housekeeping).

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MQ Rent Adjustments

Submitted by Colleen Ridley, Housing Manager, CFHA Winnipeg

You may have heard that married quarters rent will be going up. Treasury Board policy is that CFHA is to charge market rates.

Explaining how rents are determined and annual adjustments are made is a formidable task. Just explaining the Base Shelter Value (BSV), the annual evaluations done by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the government policy on housing charges, abatements, reductions, maximum charges and phasing, would confuse anyone. So what does all this mean?

Put in plain language, if we hear what our residents are saying - they don't see why there should be an increase. They don't want an increase. They don't think that anyone is listening to what they are saying. CFHA fully appreciates and shares the concerns that families have about current housing policies and the demands placed on family budgets. Some changes to government policy are being pursued but in the meantime,

CFHA must follow current policies. Without going into a long explanation about rent adjustments, there are two things, that you might like to know, have been done in the last year.

At present, married quarters rental charges across Canada have fallen behind the market rate and CFHA is obliged to close the gap. While any rent increase is unpopular, DND/CFHA was able to influence how quickly the gap will be closed. Rent increases will be phased-in gradually starting 1 August 1998. In order to minimize the impact on families, rent increases will not go up more than \$20- \$35 per month, depending on rank, for those who currently live in married quarters.

Yes rents will be adjusted in August 1998 and you may well have to pay more. Residents will receive a letter in the next few days with details of what they will be paying on 1 August 1998. Once you find out what your new rent will be, if you are interested, the HMO can provide clarification as to how rents are determined and who decides what.

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VOXVIEWS

CF Personnel Assistance Fund 17 Wing Year in Review

By Major CM Walton-Simm, Managing Editor

A few months ago an article "Paying for all the Trimmings" ran in the Voxair, featuring the Canadian Forces personnel Assistance Fund (CFPAF). It is a program offered by the military providing financial aid to serving or former members of the Canadian Forces and their immediate families, when warranted by distress or other qualifying circumstances. Fiscal Year (FY) 97/98 was a very busy one for the CFPAF program at 17 Wing, with the approval of 312 self-improvement loans totaling \$474,700. The average amount of loans was \$1,521 and distribution included 17 Wing as well as its integral and lodger units.

A lot of effort goes into the proper management of the program and at 17 Wing CFPAF representation is a secondary duty. Many other Wings and Bases have opted to fulfill this mandate with full-time military and/or civilian personnel. In order to streamline the CFPAF process and workload as well as injecting unit interaction, the 17 Wing CFPAF Coordinator, MWO Wilson Hutchings (Financial Management Officer) established CFPAF

representatives at the unit level. He believes it to be a positive step, with member requests vetted at the local level where unit representatives better understand the needs of their personnel.

Last year the CFPAF Board of Directors increased the maximum amount of a loan denomination from \$2K to \$4K. This strategic change and the injection of unit representation in the process resulted in fewer loans being issued than in previous years but the value of these loans increased. The FY 97/98 allocation of CFPAF funds for 17 Wing was sufficient to meet the

demands, meaning that not one eligible applicant was denied assistance. To be eligible, requests must be screened through eligibility conditions and then prioritized by severity of financial stress.

At left is a breakdown of the CFPAF loans issued in FY 97/98 by request type. This list highlights the fact that these loans are fulfilling the CFPAF mandate of 'preventing financial distress'. Full particulars of the CFPAF Strategic Plan, including eligibility conditions, are contained in the CFPAF Manual (A-PS-007-000/AG-001).

Breakdown of the CFPAF loans issued in FY 97/98

Reason for loan requests	No. of loans issued	Amount of loans issued	% of loans issued
Debt consolidation	59	\$110,700	23.3%
Debt payments	59	100,600	21.2%
Vehicle repairs	73	87,500	18.4%
Home repairs	39	58,200	12.3%
Household appliances/furniture	25	34,400	7.2%
Legal fees	21	33,400	7.0%
Education upgrading expenses	18	27,500	5.8%
Compassionate travel expenses	11	12,200	2.6%
Computer purchases	7	10,200	2.1%
TOTALS	312	\$474,700	100%

Alive and well *Continued from page 1*

Versa, by the way, is renowned for their fabulous chocolate "chunk" cookies. In fact, during a recent visit, the WComd, Col Watt, attested to the tastiness of these cookies several times!

Under the auspices of the contract we can train up to 296 pilots a year. In general, untrained pilots first come to Portage for the Primary Flying Course which is conducted by the Canadian Aviation Training Centre (CATC). After this they proceed to Moose Jaw for the Basic Flying course. Upon completion those pilots selected for helicopter or multi-engine training then return to Portage for the Advanced Flying which is conducted by 3 CFFTS. What may be an interesting little known fact about 3 CFFTS, is that currently, about 4 out of 5 CF pilots receive their pilot wings at Portage.

In addition to the CF pilots we train, we also currently train students from the Jamaican Defence Force and have trained students from Great Britain and Germany.

I should mention that 3 CFFTS does more than train the untrained pilot. We conduct Flight Instructor training for our own staff, initial training (ie: rotary to multi-engine) and re-certification training for already qualified pilots. As well, we have a staff that conducts contract surveillance and exercises quality assurance over primary flying training.

For the aircraft enthusiasts, primary training is conducted on

the Bombardier owned Slingsby T-67C Firefly aircraft. Multi-Engine training is conducted on the Bombardier owned King Air C90A and Basic Helicopter on the CH 139 Jet Ranger which is owned by DND, but leased to Bombardier for the purposes of the contract.

Under the command of the School Commandant, LCol Dan Edgar, the 45 military/civilian staff in Portage are for the most part qualified flying instructors. However, 3 CFFTS also provides administrative and pay services from a military support staff of three. We have on-site supply services and an MIR. We also have our own combined mess in Portage which does very well for one of it's size.

For most individuals stationed in Portage the experience is enjoyable. The business of training men and women and seeing them achieve their goals is extremely rewarding. There are few locations in the CF that offer such an unfettered environment to achieve our mission of flying training.

We are into our sixth year of the contract, and those in Portage claim it to be a complete success. With the implementation of NFTC, the future of pilot training in Portage appears to be secure and we look forward to carrying on the tradition of many more years of flying training.

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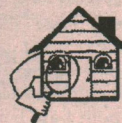
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Chinthe Bits... Sweet Reminder

By Capt Bjerke, 435 Sqn

This particular morning the grueling task of crawling out of bed to get ready for work was less attractive than usual. Being 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning and knowing full well that most other people still had a couple more hours of precious sleep to savour didn't help any. As I walked out the door my attitude was less than enthusiastic! Arriving at 435 Squadron Servicing, I found out which aircraft we would be using for the weekend. I then proceeded with preflight duties that C-130 co-pilots are familiar with, such as publications check, loading personal baggage, and checking mission file for any last minute changes, etcetera. An hour and a half before the proposed take-off time, our front-end crew met in order to check weather, notams, and file our flight plan for the day. The weather was forecast to be excellent the entire weekend. Our mission consisted of departing Winnipeg Saturday at 9:00 a.m., arriving in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan about two hours later.

Once in Prince Albert, our crew gave a brief to the CASARA personnel (Civilian

Aviation Search and Rescue Association). The brief consisted of spotting techniques used in search and rescue. After the brief the spotters were taken up and given the chance in calling the aircraft around to a target on the ground. Once completed, spotters were de-briefed on their performance. The next day, the whole process was repeated in Swift Current, Saskatchewan with a new group of people.

Being one of the newest C-130 co-pilots at 435 Squadron, I hadn't had much exposure with CASARA personnel previous to this mission. I flew the first leg of the day which turned out to be quite uneventful. After landing in Prince Albert, we taxied in for shutdown and I was caught off guard by the number of spectators we had attracted (the same occurrence was found when we arrived in Swift Current).

All the people associated with the Prince Albert and Swift Current area CASARA organization were very enthusiastic and prepared to learn. Before the spotter flights, some of the local residents were given an opportunity to tour the C-130 Hercules. Watching the way the people, especially the children, reacted to the tour of the aircraft was a real eye opener. Sometimes people take for granted the opportunities which they are given and it takes someone on the outside to show them their fortune.

17 Wing Parking Enforcement

The Contravention's Act became law in Manitoba on the 1st of April 1998. This Act is a federal Law which allows federal police, including the Military Police, to process a myriad of offenses in provincial court. A problem which has existed here at 17 Wing for several years is about to finally go away. The Security and Military Police Sqn has received numerous complaints from building occupants, motorists and heavy equipment operators that there are illegally parked vehicles blocking the roadway or causing a serious traffic hazard. I remind you all that parking on any roadway at 17 Wing, which is not clearly indicated as a parking area, is strictly prohibited. It has been recognized that many of the signs of the Wing need to be upgraded and efforts are presently being made with MSE Safety and WCE to commence these repairs.

Please also be advised that parking in an area that is clearly indicated as a "NO Parking Zone" may result in a traffic violation ticket. This ticket will cost the owner of the vehicle \$37. Please take notice of this new policy as although you may have parked there illegally in the past, parking enforcement at 17 Wing is now in effect.



RCSCC John Travers Cornwell V.C. Dry-docked!

By LCol R. C. Hunt, 1 CAD

On Thursday evening, 30 April 1998, the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) John Travers Cornwell V.C., will hold its last Ceremonial Divisions onboard HMCS Chippawa at 51 Navy Way. Following that evening, the Corps will be relocated or "DRY-DOCKED" to 17 Wing/CFB Winnipeg for an interim period. The relocation is due to the pending demolition of the current Naval Reserve facilities at HMCS Chippawa sometime in 1998. A decision regarding new facilities for the Naval Reserve that will include the RCSCC John Travers Cornwell V.C. are pending.

With Thursday evening, 30 April 1998, being the last formal Ceremonial Divisions for the Corps onboard HMCS Chippawa, the ship's company extends an invitation to all former cadets, officers, instructors, parents, and

friends to join them in bidding a fond farewell to the venerable old stone frigate. The evening commences at 7:00 p.m.

with an inspection on the Main Deck by the Commanding Officer of HMCS Chippawa, Lieutenant-Commander Jerry Dawson, CD, a march past by the cadets to include the old guard (former cadets, officers and instructors of the Corps) and ends with an informal reception in the Officers Mess.

RCSCC John Travers Cornwell V.C. has been part of the City of Winnipeg for over 75 years. Starting as the Boy's Naval Brigade in 1920, RCSCC John Travers Cornwell V.C. has been closely associated with the Naval Reserve in Winnipeg and has operated out of HMCS Chippawa since the early 1950s.



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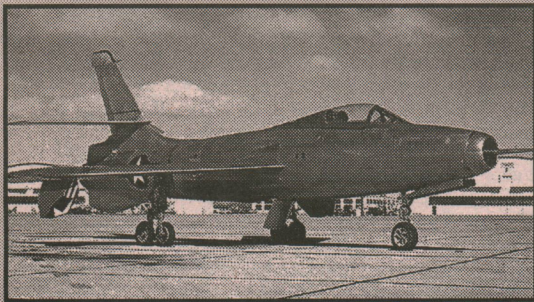
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GOOD LUCK!

SOS Overflow...

By Capt J. Tardivel

This is the second of a series of articles designed to inform you of some of the highly interesting points covered during a few of the CF Management Development School (CFMDS) Senior Officer Symposium (SOS) 9701 presentations.

SECOND EPISODE: Change and the New Organizational Context.

Guest speaker: Dr. J-P. Brunet, Associate Professor, Faculty of Commerce and Administration, Concordia University. Dr. Brunet teaches business policy and strategic management at the Master's and Ph.D. levels, as well as being an active consultant and seminar leader to many public and private organizations throughout the world.

Dr. Brunet started out by stating that he deplored the fact that leaders and managers typically do not have the opportunity to stand back and reassess what is going on, simply because their basket would too soon overflow. Management, unlike science, does not rely on predictable laws. "Newton always gets the apple on the head the same way" he said. The management context is always changing. Managers cannot use a set of fixed rules and laws, and do not have the luxury of the other sciences. He explained that the military is subject to marked contextual changes, such as war to peace times, a more demanding public, societal and cultural changes, etc. He noted that more and more people were placing the emphasis on personal instead of organizational goals; asking first "what's in it for me?" He pointed out that the vision statements of our senior leadership are very important and that, for clarity sake, they should also include statements of what will not be pursued.

Dr. Brunet went on to say that there are several ways to manage the workforce in an organization. He indicated that "values" are a very important means of managing personnel, defining values for an organization as "...a set of shared beliefs that guide behaviour, ...that defines the group/sub-groups..." Illustrating the point that values do not change overnight, Dr. Brunet used the analogy that values are not changed by "hitting home runs, but by one base at a time", with emphasis on the consistency of our actions. Values, he stated, are powerful and

will develop no matter what.

Leaders should therefore foster positive and useful organizational values. He noted that people learn about values through:

- Stories: dramatic accounts, war stories, etc.
- Rituals - activities that reinforce values, i.e. ceremonial parades for awards and medals, and "approved rituals" such as the crossing the equator ceremony.
- Physical symbols - emblems, colors, badges, office layouts, etc.
- Language: jargon, acronyms, and other "quiffs" unique to a group / sub-group.

It was noted that sometimes we learn a lot about ourselves as an organization by listening to what outsiders say about us. Many positive comments were reported by SOS participants who had been on UN missions and had heard what members of other nations were saying about Canada in general and the CF in particular.

Dr. Brunet next presented the concept of "entrepreneurship", defining it as "a sense of personal ownership in a business or project, including a commitment to achieve challenging objectives on a continuing basis". He claimed that entrepreneurship is a state of mind which can be present in government organizations such as DND/CF, suggesting that on a continuum we would have at one end the entrepreneur and at the other end the bureaucrat. He stressed that we need both the entrepreneur and the bureaucrat in an organization, one complementing the other. It is not easy to change, he said. We often hear with nostalgia "the older we get, the better we were". He offered four keys to master the challenges of tomorrow:

- Revise the old notions of rigid hierarchies (but don't discard them!).
- Create a partnership environment.
- Recognize and value employee knowledge, skills and opinions.
- Provide useful, practical training.

In concluding, Dr. Brunet thanked the participants for both their attentiveness and particularly for their meaningful contributions to the session, claiming to having learned a great deal every time he came into contact with such an audience.

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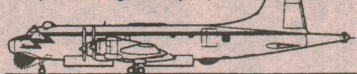
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Over the course of two weeks, the performance of the INAV solution and its degraded modes exceeded the highest expectations of the contractor (translation: well within contractual specification guidelines for equipment performance). All that remains to be tested for the navigation system is its performance in the high Arctic, which will be an unscheduled addition to the contractor flight test program at the end of the planned sequence of activities.

Once the autopilot gains had been programmed into the flight control computer, the test team proceeded to fly a programmed series of approaches to certify the autopilot system in accordance with civilian regulations. Keep in mind that the AUP suite will integrate a military FMS with a civilian Automatic Flight Control and Display System (AFCDS). The contractors involved in this program hope to market this unique avionics suite to other potential operators of older Hercules fleets around the world.

The month of January concluded with a test of the GCAS, which uses a predictive mathematical algorithm with information from the radar altimeter to give the flight crew warning of hazardous terrain ahead.

The next test points flown in early February assessed flight director guidance in various flight regimes: enroute lateral and vertical guidance using FMS as the navigation source; interception and tracking of radial signals from ground-

based navigation aids, such as VOR and TACAN; and guidance and execution of various operational specialty-role mission patterns. It is still too early to tell how some of these mission patterns will be implemented into Air Transport operations. This is why even though these new avionic systems will be accepted into operational service from the contractor, further testing in operationally realistic scenarios will determine the AUP airplane's true operational capabilities.

Another capability new to the Hercules fleet will be that of flying approaches to Cat II minimums, that is, to 100 feet above the end of the runway with a horizontal visibility of 1/4 mile. Currently, CC-130 pilots may fly approaches only down to Cat I minimums - 200 feet and 1/2 mile. For the airplane to acquire Cat II certification, the test crew flew at least 20 approaches in conditions which satisfied Cat II criteria. A Cat II capability demands that many dual systems monitor each other independently and provide data which agrees to given tolerances. These Cat II approaches were flown in late February in Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Seattle/McChord.

One of the often-overlooked aspects of an avionic system is the accuracy, clarity and completeness of its

documentation. All of the equipment in the AUP suite came with the associated technical and operating manuals. However, since the integration of the suite in the CC-130 is unique, it has been a considerable challenge to write, review, and edit a supplement to the existing Aircraft Operating Instructions (AOIs) reflecting the actual functionality and operating procedures of the complete system - some of which is not incorporated in any manual. The process of investigating this functionality has been one of the most time-consuming and challenging aspects, and an unforeseen complexity (to the operators), of the entire program. Although this AOI supplement will be part of the AUP aircrafts acceptance into fleet operations, there will be incremental fixes and improvements to the equipment and software indefinitely, necessitating more testing and documentation updates. There is a lesson to be learned here for the concept of a combined off-the-shelf and integrated avionics suite.

The final installment of the contractor flight test program is the Arctic flight. The next article on the CC-130 AUP will be dedicated to reporting on this mission.

Old Unit recently discovered at 17 Wing

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By Bruce Derraugh

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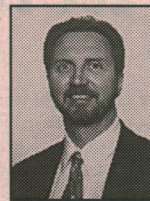
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These features may be exactly what are needed for your financial plan. For example, if you have a business and could be sued, the creditor protection could be beneficial. Nervous investors may find the maturity and death benefit guarantees, along with the reset option, to be the perfect opportunity to jump into equity funds and their potential for better returns.

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The nicer side of El Nino

By Sgt W. Whitaker

It seems a day doesn't pass by when El Nino isn't mentioned in the news, ice storms in Quebec, flooding and mud slides in California, droughts and forest fires elsewhere around the world. Nature has its way of balancing out and bad weather in one place usually means good weather in another. That was the case for us this past winter.

The winter that wasn't has now past and thoughts begin to wander towards the backyard barbecue. Looking back I can count on my hands the number of times I had to plug my car in, or the one time I got the snowblower out and felt guilty doing so because of the meager amount of snow on the ground. This was not the typical winter we have come to know and love, no endless days of -30°C. At the time, I remember presenting a morning weather brief at one of the squadrons, on the blackboard in the briefing room was an ongoing game of hangman, it was labeled "weatherman". Let go back one year when we were hit by the storm of the century followed up by the flood of the century. And if my memory serves me right, we had a mostly green Christmas. So compared to most, we were lucky this past winter.

Looking at our stats of the

Fm the 17 Wing CWO

For your information, I'd like to pass on the following communique on quality of life issues. THE FLYER is a new air force newsletter keeping personnel abreast of Flight Plan For Life (FPFL) concerns.

THE FLYER

Volume 1, Issue 1

April 1998

This first issue of The Flyer is being distributed throughout the air force by the Flight Plan For Life core team to inform you on quality of life issues. By distributing this one page update on a frequent basis, we hope to provide you with the most up to date information regarding what is happening in those areas in which you have expressed concern.

FLIGHT PLAN FOR LIFE (FPFL)

FPFL is the Chief of the Air Staff's (CAS) mandatory program that examines and then takes steps to improve the quality of life of the air force team. The CAS has directed that 5 million dollars annually be allocated to the Wings to be spent exclusively on local quality of life enhancements.

The FPFL team consists of a permanent staff of three at CAS plus a Working Group composed of the Director Air Personnel Management and Services, the CAS and 1 CAD CWOs, the 17 Wing CWOs and other selected CWOs. The Working Group meets regularly to review progress and examine ways to improve quality of life.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Initially there were some 250 specific proposals identified for action. To date satisfactory progress has been made on 75 (30%) and 31 (13%) involve action at the Wing level. CAS and

NDHQ staffs are working on 86 (34%) items, and 36 (14%) have been referred to SCONDVA - the government committee currently conducting public hearings on quality of life throughout the CF. Only 22 (9%) of the proposals suggested have been judged to be not being feasible at this time.

RECENT EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pay adjustment and economic increase totaling 3.2% for NCMs and 4.4% for officers effective 1 April 1998 was recently announced by the MND. Over two years, overall compound increases represent 9.3% for NCMs and 9.4% for officers (LCol and below).
- 48 million dollars in spending approval to upgrade community centres, gyms, arenas, fitness centres and pools at 3, 4, 9, 14, 17, 19 & 22 Wings.
- 2.1 million dollars for the renovation of the medical and dental facility at 4 Wing.
- 3.6 million dollars annually for the operation of wing Military Family Support Centres.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For details on all FPFL issues see your Wing CWO, or click the FPFL icon on the Air Force web page either via the Internet at: <http://www.achq.dnd.ca> or via the DND intranet at: http://winnipeg.dwnpg.dnd.ca/in_locl/1cad_canr/section/info/HTDOCS

month of March, the average temperature of -5.5°C was above the normal of -7.0°C and apart from the week between the 7th and the 14th when the temps dropped down into the -20s, most of the other days were above normal. The 26th stands out as the warmest day with a temperature of 12.8°C while the coldest was the 10th with a low of -25.6°C. Interestingly, March ended up being colder than February.

Precipitation of 9.9mm for March was well below the normal of 23.1mm with fifteen days out of the month seeing some form of precipitation fall. Thankfully winter didn't put in a final effort like last year.

On a personal note, despite having lived in Nova Scotia, Labrador, Southern Ontario, NWT and of course, Manitoba, winters are hard on me. I attribute this to being raised in England and having

settled on the West Coast where wind and rain is more the norm than meters of snow. There's something to be said about snow on mountain tops and it staying up there, or the smell of the forest after it's rained and winter clothing consisting of a sweater and rain jacket. But don't get me wrong - humans adapts well to their environment and that

includes me. I have come to love this part of the country...especially when we have winters just past.

And finally, a last word on the environment specifically at 16 hangar. Having endured weeks of listening to the pounding of sheet metal, we can look forward to a more comfortable summer through the benefits of air conditioning.

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FROM THE MINISTER

24 APRIL 1998 - Safety of Anthrax Vaccine

Defence Minister Art Eggleton assured the House of Commons yesterday that Canadian troops in the Persian Gulf are not in danger from anthrax vaccine that was produced by a US plant that has been charged with regulatory violations. Eggleton said the plant was the only licensed agent for the vaccine in North America. He added that the drug has been re-tested and pronounced safe for Canadian troops.

(OSun 16, TSun 52, CTV 11:00pm, Global 11:00pm)

NATIONAL NEWS

22 APRIL 1998 - Lt. Gen. Romo Dallaire disclosed his treatment for post-traumatic stress syndrome. Dallaire said his daughter and one son are also receiving psychological treatment and wondered aloud whether his wife should as well. Dallaire displayed a "stress chart" that he developed to show the stress levels in the military, which he claims are higher now than at any time since WW II. Reform MP Art Hanger said he did not understand Dallaire, and said if he had brought his chart to the troops, they would have "laughed him out of the building". Liberal MP David Pratt said it would be difficult to find a psychologist who would verify the chart, which was designed by the general himself. (OSun 7, TSun 10, CBC-R 6:00 am)

Another report said that Dallaire's appearance was often "emotional". The General emphasized the need for the military to have a way to deal with the stress load both at home and in the field.

(G&M A4)

24 APRIL 1998 - Defence Helicopter Purchase

The Defence Department stated yesterday that fifteen new search-and-rescue helicopters will cost Canadians just under \$580 million under the final contract negotiated with E.H. Industries. (Civ A6)

24 APRIL 1998 - Canadians' Views on Foreign Policy

A poll conducted by COMPAS for the Ottawa

Citizen and the International Institute for Strategic Studies has found that Canadians support the Chretien government's activist foreign policy that emphasizes both exports and human rights. The study concluded that Canadians "want foreigners to have the benefit both of our trade and our core values of peace, order and good government". Support for Canada's contribution to the Gulf War remains strong (80 percent); 78 percent would support sending a larger military contribution if the operation were repeated. Support for NATO also remains strong. However, Canadians are not prepared to spend a lot of money to expand the military or to boost foreign aid to poor countries. (Civ A5)

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

22 APRIL 1998 - Canadian Regiment to Guard Buckingham Palace

Ninety-four men from the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Alberta are visiting Britain for a program of events that includes the re-opening of the refurbished Canadian High Commission. The regiment will serve as a mounted guard at Buckingham Palace for about one month beginning next week. Colonel Alexander Matheson of Britain's Household Division welcomed the Canadian troops and expressed satisfaction that they were able to accept the British invitation to take part in the Queen's guard. (TStar A1)

17 Wg Ops Situation Report

06 - 12 APRIL 98

OPERATION	COUNTRY	PERS DEPL
Op Bison	Italy	3
Op Danaca	Golan Heights	10
Op Palladium	Bosnia	1
CFS Alert	Canada	3
Op Determination	Kuwait	75
Pers Task/EX/TD	Various	3
TOTAL PERS DEPLOYED		95

23 APRIL 1998 - Sanctions against Iraq

An Ottawa Citizen editorial said that the UN Security Council is obliged to review its sanctions against Iraq every six months, so will discuss Iraq again next week, along with a fresh report from weapons inspectors that Iraq is no closer to compliance with UN weapons directives than it was last October. The Citizen suggested it would be misguided to lift sanctions to avoid civilian suffering since the Iraqi people are being abused, not by sanctions, but by Saddam Hussein. (Civ A17)

24 APRIL 1998 - Sanctions against Iraq

Iraq has demanded that the UN Security Council lift its embargo unconditionally when it reviews sanctions against Iraq next week. A document sent to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan by Iraq Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz claims that flagrant fallacies and lies aimed at "justifying the continuation of the unjust embargo". (Civ B5)

24 APRIL 1998 - Serbs Reject International Mediation

A majority of Serbs reject foreign mediation in Kosovo by a vote of 97 percent. The vote came a day after the expiration of a four-week suspension of a decision by the six-nation Contact Group on the former Yugoslavia. (G&M A8)

24 APRIL 1998 - NATO Plan Scuttled

A NATO plan to seize Radovan Karadzic has been cancelled after it was learned that it had been leaked by a French officer. The French government has denied that Major Herve Gourmelon scuttled the abduction attempt. (G&M A8)

REGIONAL NEWS

24 APRIL 1998 - Military Discharge

Nathan Leblanc has been discharged from service with the First Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment in CFB Petawawa. Leblanc had been charged in the beating death of a Sikh temple caretaker and had also served time in military prison for break and enter. Military spokesman Capt Dave Salhany said that Leblanc was "released for racism". (Civ A1)

1st Woman Operational Commander

8 Wing Trenton Public Affairs

8 WING TRENTON - 429 Transport Squadron held a change of command parade on Friday, 24 April 1998 at #10 Hangar, 8 Wing Trenton. Command of the squadron was handed over from Lieutenant Colonel Ken Pfander, CD to Lieutenant Colonel Karen McCrimmon, OMM, CD.

DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Lieutenant Colonel Pfander, the squadron's commanding officer for the past two years, has enjoyed a distinguished career highlighted by lengthy tours with the CC-130 Hercules, both in instruction and training and in operational tours. LCol Pfander is retiring to the Belleville area, twenty-nine years after first enrolling as an Officer Cadet Pilot candidate in 1969.

FIRST WOMEN OPERATIONAL COMMANDER

Lieutenant Colonel McCrimmon started her military career in the Army Reserves, as a member of The Windsor Regiment (Armoured), before joining the Regular Forces in 1980, when aviation occupations were opened to women. LCol McCrimmon returns to 8 Wing Trenton and 429 (Transport) Squadron

from 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters in Winnipeg. On assuming command of 429 (Transport) Squadron, she will become the first woman in the Canadian Forces to command a front line operations unit.

429 SQUADRON

429 (Transport) Squadron is a front line, first response, tactical and strategic airlift squadron at 8 Wing Trenton, home of the Canadian Air Force's Air Mobility Forces.

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429 Squadron is a world-class air mobility unit poised and ready to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

429 (Transport) Squadron is comprised of 89 personnel, including pilots, air navigators, loadmasters, flight engineers, administrative personnel, six reservists and a civilian secretary.

Fortunae Nihil - Nothing To Chance

CFS Promotion

LCol Bert Doyle, Comdt CFS congratulates the Stds Flt Comd, Maj Peter Young on his promotion to LCol effective 26 March 1998. LCol Young departed CFS on 9 April 1998 to take up his new position as A1 Air Ops Trg at 1 CAD HQ.

Congratulations and best wishes from the staff of CFS.



The Cartooning Canuck

By Capt Sue Gray, a PAffO with CFB Shearwater and D-News contributing writer

Norway - What do you get when you cross an aviation technician with a cartoonist? 425 Tactical Fighter Squadron's very own Corporal Dan Raymond.

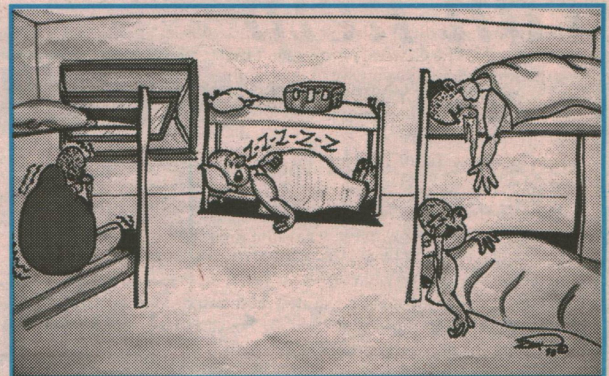
"I like to make people laugh, especially the ones I

work with" explains the smiling airman from 3 Wing Bagottville, Quebec. "So I draw cartoons about the funny things that happen in the squadron."

Cpl Raymond found inspiration for one recent cartoon when the padre, deployed to Norway in March with the squadron on Exercise Strong Resolve 98, broke a bottle of wine during a church service. In his cartoon, Cpl Raymond replaced the wine with a six-pack of Canadian beer.

Then there's the crew member who insists on sleeping with an open window in his Andoya barrack. Keep in mind that Andoya is above the Arctic circle and its not exactly summertime right now. Cpl Raymond's depiction of the member snoring next to three blue, shivering airmen brought numerous laughs to squadron-mates.

He is not a trained artist and he has only been sketching cartoons since 1993. But his friends always look for-



Even a snow cave in the mountains of northern Norway would be warmer. (Photo: Cpl Troels Hoe)

ward to the next cartoon.

A TRUE MORALE BOOSTER

The way I see it is that deployments away from your family can be difficult and everyone likes to laugh, explains Raymond. No one should be too serious too much of the time.

Although the squadron isn't sure who will be the target of the Canuck's next chuckle, his colleagues don't like leaving home without him. He is now a tradition within 425 squadron.

Lets hope he likes Bagottville - 425 Squadron may never let him go.



Corporal Dan Raymond, of 3 Wing's 425 Tactical Fighter Squadron, stands proudly next to a group of his latest cartoons, depicting the funnier side of the squadrons deployment to Exercise Strong Resolve 98. (Photo: Cpl Troels Hoe)

The Adventures of Mr. Greentree

The Bloggins family take a walk at 17 Wing...

Gee, look at all that long grass. They should cut it down, like it used to be in the old days!

I'm sure there's a good reason why they don't, Dad.

That's right, Timmy. There are lots of reasons for us not to cut all grassed areas to look like golf courses...

WOW, it's Mr. Greentree!

You see, Timmy, long grass areas reduce the costs of maintenance - saving your dad tax dollars; encourages native plants to return AND keeps unwanted birds out because they don't like tall grass.

Kew!!

One the way home...

Uh, Dad? What did you think of that? For home, I mean?

Forget it son... I mowed grass as a kid until I was sick of it & now it's your turn to have that pleasure.

CDS sends Message to CF personnel

I am sending you this short message to update you on my initial thoughts in CANFORGEN 091/97.

Since 17 September 1997, I have familiarized myself with our missions, our personnel and our equipment by visiting a myriad of locations both here in Canada and abroad where Canadian Forces personnel are serving. I have nothing but praise for the work you are accomplishing on an ongoing basis. Despite intense scrutiny and unprecedented change, you are all performing outstanding service for Canada. The CFCWO and I, as well as the senior leadership of the CF, are very proud of your efforts.

It is obvious from the feedback I received during my visits that the paramount issue for the CF is the support for our members and their families. Ensuring that this support is provided remains one of my top priorities. I am presently preparing for my next presentation to the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCONDDVA) on the last day of the committee's hearings. I will be focusing my comments on the burdens on our personnel. I will summarize the information they have received from all of you and I will outline proposed solutions that are achievable in a timely fashion.

I look forward to communicating with you further on the results of my presentation.

Gen JMG Baril, Chief of the Defence Staff, sends

'Connecting Canadians'

Industry Canada's SchoolNet is an Internet educational service that supports educators' use of the Internet. SchoolNet has created a program called CanConnect to support Canadian schools getting on to the Internet. As part of CanConnect, SchoolNet is setting up a national resource bank of organizations and individuals who are willing to volunteer a couple of days per year to help a school with Internet-related activities from wiring classrooms to designing web pages. You can find more information about SchoolNet and CanConnect at <http://www.schoolnet.ca>

Many Canadian Forces personnel have Internet and technology skills that can be used by local schools. Norman Lee, the national coordinator of CanConnect, is trying to identify people who are willing to help schools in Winnipeg. If you are interested, you can contact him at:

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Off to Nationals

By Cpl D. Miazga

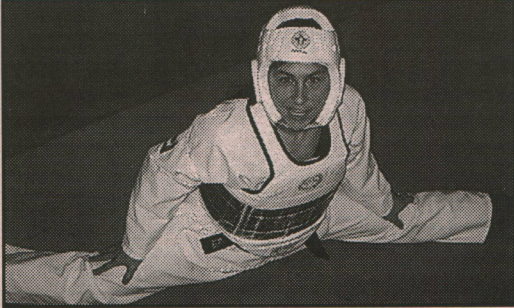
Cpl Rochelle Heudes is a RMS Clk employed with 2PPCLI since summer 1996, after being appropriated from 402 Sqn. Just prior to that, she served one year overseas at HQ in Zagreb, Croatia. Since she has been with this unit she

again went overseas to Bosnia for six months, Jan. to July 1997, serving as a rifle company clk.

Cpl Heudes will be representing the CF at the Canadian National Tae Kwon Do Championships 1 - 2 May 1998 at St. John, NB. She started training in 1991 in Ottawa under Master Tai Eun Lee and she currently trains with Master K.S. Cho at K.S. Cho College on Portage Ave., where she recently earned her first level black belt.

Cpl Heudes plans on starting a Tae Kwon Do club on base in the near future. If anyone is interested in joining, they should contact Cpl Heudes at 6171 or through 17 Wing Recreation Services at 5976.

We are proud to have Rochelle as one of our members & wish her good luck at the Nationals!



Gators at Large



By Capt S. Morency, Team Captain, CFANS

Welcome to this year's first edition of 'Gators at Large'. The season commenced the last week of April and extends to August. So far the team has 8 veterans and 8 new comers. The team is as follows:

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|-----|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Lt Andy Appleton | NEW / CFSAT |
| 2. | MCpl Ernie Augot | NEW / CFSAT |
| 3. | 2Lt André Boucher | 1 AMS |
| 4. | 2Lt Steve Donaldson | NEW / CFANS |
| 5. | Capt Silvain Gazaille | 402 SQN |
| 6. | 2Lt Brent Hoddinott | NEW / CFANS |
| 7. | MCpl Chris Kelly | CFSAT |
| 8. | MCpl Lee Marshall | CFSAT |
| 9. | Cpl Wayne Mockford | 1 AMS |
| 10. | Capt Stéphane Morency | CFANS |
| 11. | MCpl Kim Morey | CFSAT |
| 12. | Cpl Ray Point | NEW / WSUPO |
| 13. | 2Lt Jocelyn Poirier | NEW / CFANS |
| 14. | 2Lt Steve Seguin | CFANS |
| 15. | 2Lt Jeremy Smith | NEW / CFANS |
| 16. | 2Lt Dave Venne | NEW / CFANS |

The team participated in a league tournament on the weekend of 17 - 19 April 1998. Unfortunately we did not make the finals, but with 2 wins and 1 loss, the team did make the 7th position out of 16 teams...not bad for a beginning. We owe this good performance to the dedicated players of the Gators, but also to the strength of our goalie, "I can stop anything", Steve Seguin. We made it to the semi-finals last year and we will take no less than finals this year!

We hope that some of you will come out to encourage the team during the upcoming regular season. If you would like to do so, contact Chris Merrithew at ext. 5511 for the schedule and location of the games. Until next time, Cheers!

Golf's 10 golden rules

1. Play the ball as it lies.
2. Don't move, bend or break anything growing or fixed, except in fairly taking your stance and swing.
3. You may lift natural objects not fixed or growing, except in a water hazard or bunker. No penalty.
4. You may move manmade objects, even in a bunker or water hazard. If they are immovable, you may drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief (no nearer the hole). In a hazard, you must drop in the hazard. No penalty.
5. You may drop away from casual water, ground under repair and burrowing animal holes or casts. On the putting green, place (or in a hazard, drop) at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole; otherwise drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. No penalty.
6. In a water hazard or bunker, don't touch the ground with your hand or your club before the stroke.
7. If you hit your ball into a water hazard and cannot play it, either drop behind the hazard or at the place where you played the shot. One penalty stroke. If you hit into a lateral hazard you may also drop within two club-lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the hazard margin, or a point equidistant from the hole on the opposite margin. One penalty stroke.
8. When you hit your ball out of bounds or lose it, add a penalty stroke, go back and drop a ball at the place where you played the shot. On the tee, you may tee the ball. If you think you have hit your ball out of bounds or lost it outside a water hazard, play a provisional ball before searching for the first one.
9. When you have an unplayable lie, you may drop a ball at the place where you played the previous shot, adding a penalty stroke. On the tee, you may tee the ball. Alternatively, drop within two club-lengths, no nearer the hole, or any distance behind the unplayable spot keeping it between you and the hole. If the ball is in a bunker, you must drop in the bunker, under either of the alternative options.
10. On the putting green, you may repair ball marks and old hole plugs on the lie of the putt, but not spike marks.



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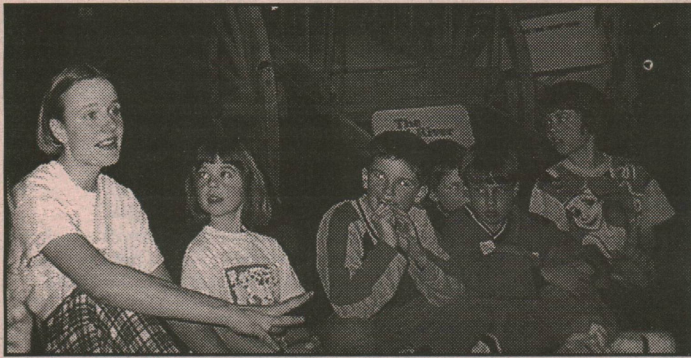
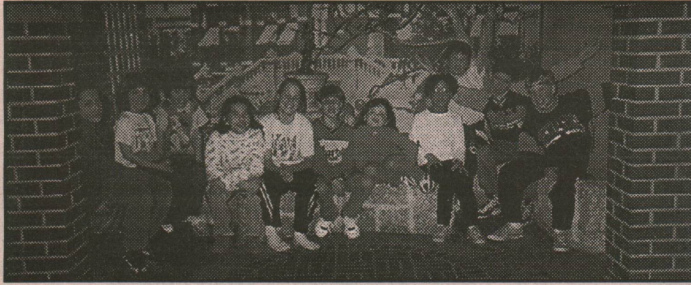
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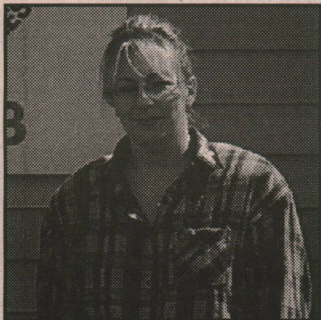
Spring Break fun...

The Military Family Resource Centre's Youth Group recently took part in some spring break activities at the Museum of Man and Nature.



Meet Victoria Lambert

The new MFRC Parent Education & Special Needs Coordinator



Victoria Lambert is a professional Social Worker and a member of the Manitoba Association of Social Workers. Her work includes several years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Child & Family Services and Children's Special Services in Northern Manitoba. She is also learning to speak French and encourages everyone to speak to her en français...l'entement s'il vous plait!

Being a parent can be one of the most rewarding jobs we ever take on. When you hold your child for the first time, it can feel like all the world's hope, promise and love in one small package.

Being a parent is also challenging, particularly when we move, experience separation from spouse and/or family or feel isolated. Having a child with special needs also challenges us as we try to meet those needs. Connecting with schools, professionals, daycares, the community and other parents is important, and I'm here to help.

- If you:
- have parenting concerns
 - want information
 - have interest in current programs (New & Expectant Moms, Single Parents, Mom's Morning Off)
 - want to share ideas
- please feel free to contact me at the MFRC, 489-7003 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Watch for new programs this fall!

Toy Lending Library

The Military Family Resource Centre Toy Lending Library now has a total of 50 toys. There is a wide assortment of toys for most ages. Of course the library is always accepting requests for new toys. Is there something you would like to see purchased for the library? Call the MFRC at 489-7003 or drop by our Centre at 350 Doncaster Street.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mon. 1 - 3 pm • Wed. 11 am - 1 pm • Fri 9 - 11 am

Library Hours are determined by the availability of our volunteers. Do you have some free time to help? If so, please call the Centre.

REMINDERS:

NEW & EXPECTANT MOM'S GROUP

meets every Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
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Victoria will be providing some parent education and welcomes the opportunity to meet anyone interested in coming out.

Are you interested in

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or do you know someone that is?

Please contact Victoria at 489-7003 (MFRC) as there are some parents interested in forming a support group for this.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The Military Family Resource Centre offers children's programs at two locations.

Lipsett Hall Children's Centre is located on the south side and the Westwin Children's Centre is on the north side.

Both centres are licensed nursery schools. They are licensed through the provincial government. The Manitoba government is a strong supporter of childcare and facilitates quality childcare with strict regulations and follow up inspections. Both centres are subject to regular health and fire inspections. The staff are trained in early education and are all certified in first aid.

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- FALL 1998 -

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British Commonwealth Air Training Plan Memorial

Aims and Intent of 500 (City of Winnipeg) Wing, Air Force Association of Canada

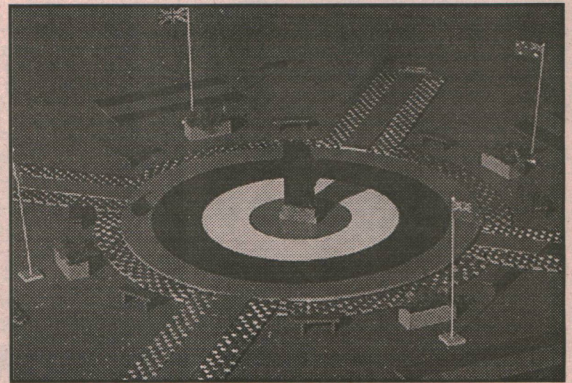
This memorial is our plan to make a final salute to those Men and Women who, in the tumultuous years 1939-1945, put their lives on hold, whilst they banded together to fight a foe so ruthless and dangerous that, had he succeeded, the world would have become as Sir Winston Churchill said "More perverse by the thoughts and deeds of perverted men and science". These young men came from all parts of the British Commonwealth, and from those countries overrun and occupied by the Nazis. They came to the only part of Commonwealth that was able to firstly comprehend and then have the available resources to build what again Sir Winston Churchill called "The Aerodrome of Democracy". There were no previous plans to work from, only the skill, knowledge and fortitude to get the job done. What started as a trickle eventually developed into a raging tide of humanity, turning young boys into men. The whole free world owes a debt of gratitude to these young persons, many of whom were destined never to see their homes and families again.

We, the members of 500 (City of Winnipeg) Wing, Air Force Association, wish this memorial to be a tribute in perpetuity of those generations, not only those who were trained, but also to those who did the instructing and to

the civilian population of this Province who assisted in many ways to make it work - the Nurses, Cooks, Clerks, Typists, Telephone Operators, Shop Assistants, etc., and to the families who made these young men welcome in their homes. We wish this memorial to be a reminder to future generations of the sacrifices made for the freedoms we now enjoy.

It is our hope that we can raise sufficient funds that will allow us to set up a Trust Fund that will provide for the upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the memorial without all levels of authority needing to contribute. It is also hoped that our "Garden of Memories" will serve as a constant reminder to all people as to what a Nation and it's peoples, especially of this Province of Manitoba, can do when called upon. We are the last generation who remember those days, and we must do it now, or it will be forgotten. And finally, to uphold and remember the glorious traditions of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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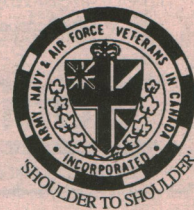
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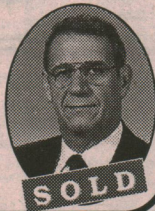
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