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Military units from across the city came together at the Winnipeg Stadium on the first of July to celebrate Canada Day with the community. Canadian football fans rushing to the stadium for the opening game of the CFL were greeted by an extensive showcase of military vehicles from HMCS Chippawa, 2PPCLI of 17 Wing, 3CFFTS of Portage la Prairie and the RCHA of CFB Shilo. 435 Squadron also presented a static display on their role in Operation Determination.

Minutes before game time, the Skyhawks parachuting team landed in the stadium with the official game football before a giant Canadian flag carried by cadets from units throughout the region, as three CT-114 Tutors flew overhead a cheering crowd.

Needless to say, the day's events were a resounding success.

The first member of the Skyhawks Parachuting Team touches down in Winnipeg Stadium amid the cheers of a delighted crowd as the Winnipeg Blue Bombers run off the field. The Skyhawks carried the official football of the opening game of the Canadian Football League on Canada Day as part of the Canadian Forces celebrations organized by 17 Wing.

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New era of navigator training

June 8, 1998 was a milestone date for CFANS in that it heralded a new era in Air Navigator training. This was the start date for Basic Air Navigator Course, BANC, 9802, which is the first course to train under a new curriculum representing the most sweeping change in fifty years of Air Navigator instruction.

The curriculum update commenced with the revised BANC Training Standard of June 96 which produced the first fundamental shift in Air Navigator training. Recognition was finally given to the modern role of the Air Navigator - which is to say that navigation, in and of itself, is no longer the overriding function of the Air Navigator. Rather, the traditional Air Navigator functions have shifted dramatically in emphasis from navigation to tactical direction.

In particular, modern navigation computers have moved the role of the Air Navigator away from labour intensive and manual navigation techniques to navigation computer monitoring, namely Global Positioning and Inertial Navigation Systems. At the same time, however, the advent of modern sensor suites and weapon systems has demanded far more decision-making and analysis than ever before. In multi-crew aircraft, this evolution has dynamically increased the tactical workload and focus of today's Air Navigator.

Contemporary missions now include such tactical roles as Adriatic Arms Embargo flights, African Humanitarian Relief taskings, and Persian Gulf ops. Decades old, procedural focused, navigational training is no longer as effective or applicable to these types of missions. It became apparent that an updated emphasis on tactical/mission management training was needed to reflect the operational reality in Air Navigator employment. In fact, continued use of the old training focus at the basic Wings level could easily have manifested itself downstream in reduced operational effectiveness.

Therefore, the new BANC training mandate has been established and is focused on producing highly skilled and effective operational aircrew officers who are extremely competent mission managers and tactical directors. In the end, the new BANC will produce Air Navigators capable of conducting operations in the demanding and sophisticated environment of modem air warfare.

The new BANC is a three-phased course that takes students from the most basic essentials of flying to advanced tactical missions in three phases of instruction. The objective of Phase One is to develop fundamental Visual

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VOXVIEWS

ASD in today's military

Part two

By Major CM Walton-Simm, Managing Editor

In my last article I provided an overview of what exactly Alternate Service Delivery (ASD) is and its implementation in today's military. As mentioned previously, it involves looking at our support activities and finding the most cost-effective way of delivering the required service. Currently, there are over 30 activities under review ranging from aircraft and fleet maintenance support, LAN services and base support services. The following is an update recently provided by BGen Gartenburg DGMRS on the most significant ASD reviews that are underway:

Site Support Services Project

One of the broad areas identified by the defence management committee last October for ASD potential was base support services. Support services at bases typically includes food and hospitality, transportation, construction engineering and roads, security, telecommunications and fire services. The intention was to open for competition all base services at a number of sites. Last October, seven sites were tentatively identified for ASD review. The Project Manager has completed further analysis and made a recommendation to the defence management committee. The former DM committed to the unions in Dec 97 that in-house bids would be allowed to participate in the process.

Supply Chain Project

The supply and distribution system is an integrated supply system providing support for all elements of the Canadian Forces. The Supply Chain Project includes functions such as inventory management, warehousing, receipt and issue, inventory replenishment and control, distributed and related functions at bases, depots and units. Because the supply system involves employees at virtually every CF location, an in-house bid is not considered feasible and the unions were so advised in Dec 97.

Preliminary discussions with private sector providers of integrated logistics services have revealed that there exists a very competitive marketplace for services which generally correspond to the static supply and distribution operations at depots and bases. While potential also exists for third party support to deployed operations, the marketplace in this area is somewhat more restricted.

Similarly, inquiries with other countries (Australia, UK and USA) indicate an increased use of reserves, contractors and improved battlefield distribution systems in support of deployed operations. Reports indicate improved service delivery at reduced costs. In the same vein, NATO/AEPC is currently staffing a position paper on third party logistics support services to deployed operations for approval at the upcoming Senior NATO Logisticians' Conference.

The project team continues to identify potential efficiency and effectiveness opportunities for discussion with stakeholders as part of the review.

The project is still in the early stages and a Solicitation of Interest has been released to industry. The SOI is a brief explanatory document that is broadcast to industry via Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC), which permits us to talk freely to the private sector and to seek useful information without being binding on the Crown in any way. Information surrounding the release of the SOI is included later in this package.

Military Pay

The analysis of the Military Pay ASD review is now complete. The potential for savings through contracting out was significantly less than originally envisioned and it was decided to continue to reduce cost through further internal efficiencies. The Department is currently introducing a new human resources management system and will shortly be implementing a re-engineered military pay system. The re-engineering project of the Regular Forces pay system (CCPS MK III) began in 1995 and, when finished, will provide a Y2K compliant system which will pay both Regular and Reserve Force, in agreement with the Department's total force concept. It is believed that the human resources system and the re-engineered pay system, together with other internal changes, will result in the provision of quality pay services to the men and women of the Canadian Forces while achieving savings for the Department. These factors resulted in the decision not to take this project to competition at this time. The pay system will be reviewed again in two years.

Aerospace Engineering Test Establishment (AETE), Cold Lake, Alberta

This establishment is the flight test and acceptance authority for the CF in the areas of engineering test, development and evaluation. AETE conducts airworthiness flight testing for CF aircraft and their subsystems. AETE has undergone considerable personnel reductions over the past few years and identified core and non-core in preparation for an ASD examination. DND offered, through the competitive process, the irreducible spare capacity of its AETE for commercial purposes. Under this concept, the contractor would provide capital upgrades of equitable value to the old AETE infrastructure in exchange for use of the spare capacity. The ASD review of AETE is now complete. The one bid received was assessed as technically non-compliant and no contract will be awarded. The project will be re-evaluated in two years time. We will work with ADM (Mat) to capture lessons from this experience to feed back into the ASD program.

Proof and Experimental Test Establishment (PETE)

The review examined the activities, infrastructure and human resource capabilities of the PETE at Nicolet and the Defence Research Establishment Valcartier (DREV) Southside at Val-BClair. The study recommended that DND cease to provide contract compliance testing (CCT) which would be assumed by SNC Industrial Technologies (SNC IT) under an arrangement which would allow them access to the Nicolet site for this purpose and would see SNC IT offer employment to a number of PETE personnel. The review identified that significant savings could be achieved if the related experimental testing activities at PETE and DREV were combined and if SNC IT performed the CCT activity. This review is in the implementation phase and the transfer of CCT to SNC IT and the transition to the new METC at Val BClair are both well underway. An MOU with SNC IT for their provision of CCT was signed by both parties as of 24 Mar 98. The 1998 Global Munitions Contract with SNC IT was amended on 31 Mar 98 to include the provision of services to conduct CCT, effective 1 Apr 98, at a cost of $3.7M. A "Contract" between Her Majesty The Queen and SNC IT, which states the conditions for the SNC IT use of our Nicolet site and facilities, and for their leasing of some of our equipment, was signed on 7 Apr 98.

Under the guiding principle of avoiding any involuntary layoffs, 45 of the 73 remaining civilian indeterminate employees (22 ERI/EDI surplus letters, 15 SNC job offers, 5 move letters and 3 Alternates) who worked at Nicolet have already elected for a preferred option (most were offered at least one incentive option and another option). One security guard will remain at Nicolet. It is expected that another 17 civilian employees (12 EDI surplus letters, 5 move letters) will elect their preferred option by the end of Apr 98, and that an additional 2 civilian employees will be selected to remain at Nicolet where they now work, leaving only 8 individual cases to be resolved as soon as possible. Of the 4 military members at Nicolet, 3 will be posted out and one took his release to accept employment with SNC IT.

Canadian Forces Parachute Maintenance Depot (CFPMD), Trenton

The CFPMD supports parachute and airdrop capability of the CF through the provision of parachute repacking and maintenance services, supply support and parachute rigger training. Additional support tasks include accident investigation, equipment modification, support to airborne trials, technical publication input and Rigger augmentation for parachute and airdrop operations. In January 98, ADM(Mat) endorsed a proposal from Land Force Command (LFC) to combine the operations of CFPMD with its largest customer, the Canadian Parachute Centre (CPC) in Trenton, an LFC unit. The amalgamation will enable the Department to achieve cost savings of $581K per year. This option ensures a streamlined management and accountability structure, with a heightened operational focus. Therefore, the outsourcing of parachute maintenance functions will not be pursued at this time.

202 Workshop Depot, Longue-Pointe, Montreal, Quebec

202 Workshop Depot (WD) is the sole Canadian Forces strategic facility for repair and overhaul of unique Land Forces equipment, such as armoured fighting vehicles (AFVs) and weapon systems. 202 WD has a highly skilled workforce, a complete and modern infrastructure, a well-developed efficient business network and 25 years of proven performance in program management of AFV repair and overhaul. Its proximity to major highways, railways, air routes and the St-Lawrence Seaway provides the Unit with a privileged geographical location, which combined with its co-location with both 25 Canadian Forces Supply Depot and 3 Canadian Support Group, contributes to making 202 WD an integral component of the Canadian Forces strategic capability to mount and sustain off shore operations. There are currently 108 military and 241 civilian indeterminate employees working at the depot. An ASD examination of 202 WD has just been launched. The project is currently in the screening stage.

NATO Flying Training in Canada (NFTC) Program

This innovative program is a fully integrated undergraduate and graduate fighter pilot training program designed for nations interested in NATO standard flying training. Initial flight training operations will begin in late 99 for instructors and early 2000 for students. The ASD review conducted at 15 Wing Moose Jaw and the implementation of NFTC will allow the Department to offer a state of the art training program to our Allies. Bombardier supports NFTC as the prime contractor for the international aerospace industry team, and is responsible for the provision of services, equipment and two new fleets of advanced glass cockpit aircraft. The site support work includes building and grounds maintenance, runway cleaning and emergency response services, and has been included in the signed NFTC Contract. Bombardier Inc. was obligated to make Type 2 job offers for this work and it must draw at least 70% of its new site support organization from current Moose Jaw public servants. In addition to the NFTC contract, DND arranged a separate interim contract for transition work prior to the stand up of the NFTC program. This will facilitate additional job opportunities and will ensure that all eligible employees get access to departure incentive packages, which expire in 1998. From a national perspective NFTC will mean almost $1 billion in direct industrial benefits for Canada, including over 5,600 person years of long term jobs, primarily in high-technology industries.

A catalyst for introducing ASD into the military has definitely been the budget reductions we have faced in recent years and continue to face into the future. We must become innovative if we are going to meet our budgetary targets and ASD is one approach that may make us more efficient and cost effective. Looking for more information on ASD in DND? Check out these Web Sites: DND Intranet address: 131.134.112.25/vcds/mccrt/asd/index_e.htm DND Internet address: www.vcds.dnd.ca.vcds/mccrt/asd/index_e.htm

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Have you seen us? Since mid-April, we've been marching up to seven hours a day, four days a week, rain or shine (or snow), while carrying a rucksack weighing at least ten kilograms. Why, you ask, would anyone do that? Because we are the 17 Wing Nijmegen Team.

Nijmegen is a city in eastern Holland which hosts an annual four day march. Each day, marchers travel about forty kilometres, carrying their ten kg rucksacks. Military teams come from around the world to participate, and thousands of civilians also march. This year, the Canadian Forces is sending sixteen teams, each consisting of eleven personnel. This is the first time that CFB Winnipeg has had a team.

For military marchers, Nijmegen is primarily a team event. Each team member who successfully completes the march receives a medal, but the team medal is what we really want. To achieve it, we must finish with 90% of the team (ie: at least ten mearchers complete the march each day). The team is monitored by Dutch officials to ensure that we maintain a high standard of appearance and discipline.

Canadian soldiers and airmen have a special relationship with the Dutch people due to our role in their liberation during the Second World War. Nijmegen is perhaps best known as one of the cities liberated by Operation Market Garden, the paratroop assault on Arnhem (402 Squadron participated in the air battles during this operation, and received a battle honour for Arnhem).

Eleven Winnipeg CF personnel, who departed 17 July 1998 to Holland, will compete with more than 40,000 worldwide in the 1998 Nijmegen March. The opening ceremonies commenced 20 July and the trek spans 21-24 July. The team returns home 26 July 1998. 17 Wing Nijmegen Team members are (back row, left to right): Cpl Van Helvert, 402 Sqn; Cpl Hubbard, 402 Sqn; Lt Bisson, WSup; 2Lt Neal, 402 Sqn; Cpl Charbonneau, 402 Sqn; Pte Penner, 402 Sqn. (front row, left to right): Cpl Bell, 402 Sqn; MCpl Murray, 402 Sqn; Cpl Wilson, 1 Air Mov Sqn; Pte Semper, 402 Sqn; WO Viens, 402 Sqn.

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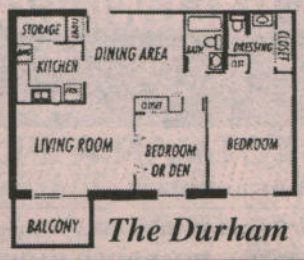

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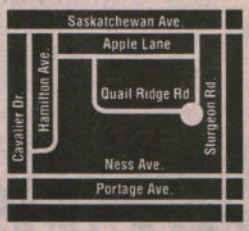

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Canada Day at the Stadium

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Members from 17 Wing and Winnipeg's navel reserve unit, HMCS Chippawa, march the colors onto the center field to perform the National Anthem. HMCS Chippawa was among many military units from Winnipeg, Shilo and Portage la Prairie that participated in the Canada Day celebrations.

A Winnipeg boy enjoys the view from atop a M113A1 armored personnel carrier showcased by the 2PPCLI of 17 Wing Winnipeg. The M113A1 is an amphibious vehicle designed to provide ground forces with increased mobility and protection on the battlefield.

Capt Stuart Thom (right) and Capt Blair Springate (left) of 3rd Canadian Forces Flying Training School in Portage la Prairie show off the features of the Bell BH06 Jet Ranger for members of the Blue Lightning cheerleader team. The Jet Ranger is used as a Basic Helicopter Trainer for Canadian pilots.

Crowds gather around a Coyote from 2PPCLI. The Coyote is a light armored reconnaissance vehicle designed to carry out surveillance and combat missions on a modern battlefield.

Snuggled comfortably between two vehicles from 2PPCLI, a M109A3 self-propelled 155mm Howitzer from the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery of CFB Shilo draws in its first visitor.

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Flight Rules/ RADAR navigation skills and mental Dead Reckoning abilities, along with a basic understanding of airborne emergency procedures. The flying actually starts at South Port in Portage La Prairie on the Slingsby T-67C Firefly, a two-seat, single engine aircraft also used for pilot training. Six low level flights are flown before students return to Winnipeg for seven further low level and radar flights on the CT-142 Dash-8 Air Navigator training aircraft.

Phase Two develops Instrument Flight Rules knowledge, along with basic crew coordination and emergency navigation. This phase consists of nine trainers and nine CT-142 missions including flights to Operational Training Units in Trenton, Greenwood and Shearwater as well as a trip to the US to experience foreign flight operations.

The final phase is designed to develop the student's ability to direct a crew and an aircraft to successfully achieve a tactical mission. CFANS generated scenarios such as Tactical Airlift profiles and airborne retaskings for Search and Rescue are used to develop these skills. Phase Three includes ten trainers and ten CT-142 flights of increasing complexity emphasizing tactical awareness and mission management.

The instructional philosophy in conducting the new course has also changed. Traditionally, instructors were assigned to each flight and trainer on an as available basis from a "pool" of staff. The new approach is a dedicated team assignment to each course headed by an experienced staff instructor as Team Lead, a junior instructor as Course Director, a CFANS pilot, and one other staff instructor. This core team will instruct and fly most often with a course and be able to address specific student training issues far more precisely.

There are also supporting initiatives to the new BANC. The software in the CT-142 is being updated to permit each student and instructor to operate an emulated GPS and INS navigation computer. In addition, a Tactical Display System is being developed to allow the insertion of Fly-to-Points for steering commands and tactical symbology for mission management.

One of the biggest projects is a new simulator for Air Navigator instruction. The Tactical Mission Trainer will not only provide fully functional simulations of aircraft consoles, but it will permit a host of previously unavailable training functions. For instance, the student will be able to see how his or her mission decisions are actually affecting the aircraft by seeing external, birds-eye views of the aircraft as it would fly in response to directional commands. This ability to '"jump" outside the aircraft and see what is going on is expected to be a great leap forward in getting students to think in terms of the bigger tactical picture.

With all of this activity and modernization, it shouldn't be a surprise that the new BANC is attracting more and more foreign military interest. In fact, CFANS has been training Republic of Singapore Air Force Navigators since 1995 and course 9802 has one Royal New Zealand Navy Observer (Navigator) student. There is also a Royal New Zealand Air Force Navigator joining CFANS this summer as instructional staff. Many other countries are investigating training possibilities at CFANS and a concept paper is currently under review to explore these opportunities more fully.

It is indeed a busy and exciting time at CFANS as the staff make the new BANC a reality. While much work remains, the successes and support received so far are pointing to a bright future for Air Navigator training. If you would like to learn more about what is going on at CFANS, visit the school's Web page, www.cfans.com, where updates to the programme will be published.

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The Air Force has taken a keen interest in the quality of services and working conditions provided to its members. In keeping with the spirit of "People First" the Air Force Quality of Life Program has been developed and is currently being implemented at 17 Wing and across the Canadian Forces. With the advent of this project, a portion of each Wing Commander's budget will be allocated to quality of life issues every year.

The broad-based nature of this plan allows 17 Wing the freedom to tailor make a strategy designed to improve the quality of life of all CF members in Winnipeg. This means different projects will meet the needs of the Wing as a whole, specific units or, in some cases, individual members.

The Working Group consists of representatives of various ranks and units and meets monthly. The program currently being developed by the 17 Wing Quality of Life Working Group is guided by some fundamental thoughts:

a. The program is designed to affect all members of all ranks and classifications. Whether civilian or military, regular or reserve force, the Working Group is determined to improve the quality of life of the members of this Wing and its lodger units.

b. Anyone may submit suggestions (through the chain of command) for improvements at the Wing. The Working Group welcomes these suggestions, as it is important to gather the opinions of many people in order to successfully determine requirements.

c. No suggestions will be discarded without having been sufficiently investigated. Everyone is entitled to personal opinions and all submissions will be considered.

As the program progresses, updates on accomplishments regarding projects funded by Quality of Life money will be available in the Voxair and throughout the Wing. Keep in mind that this is a program designed to assist YOU. Suggestions, submissions and member participation are a must. If you would like more information on the Quality of Life Program, please feel free to contact any of the Working Group members listed above.

CF to build arena in Little Grand Rapids

Winnipeg - In the first project of its kind, Air Force personnel from 17 Wing and reservists from several other locations across Canada deployed to Little Grand Rapids, Manitoba to begin construction of an arena for the community.

29 Canadian Forces personnel will spend up to six weeks in Little Grand Rapids clearing and grading the site, excavating and placing the foundations in this first phase of the construction. Personnel deployed included airfield engineers, vehicle operators and maintainers, medical technicians, and food service specialists. The lead unit is the 171 Airfield Engineering Flight from 17 Wing with support coming from other 17 Wing units as well as reservists from the 4 Airfield Engineer Squadron detachment in Abbotsford, British Columbia and from 14 Airfield Engineer Squadron detachments in Lunenburg and Pictou Counties, Nova Scotia and Gander, Newfoundland.

As part of a new Air Force program, the project provides the opportunity to deploy personnel into remote areas and practice construction techniques in isolated conditions while providing a tangible benefit to the local community. Training in such remote locations is invaluable to the Canadian Forces as it provides both a simulation of conditions which may be encountered during UN or NATO missions and a requirement for effective planning, self-sufficiency, and strong leadership to achieve success. Canadian Forces personnel provide the labor and expertise for construction, as well as transport & support services for themselves. The local community provides all the material for the project, construction equipment, vehicles, accommodations and other general support.

The project was selected in consultation with the Southeast Resource Development Council Corporation, the agency that represents several First Nation communities in southern Manitoba. The arena met the project selection criteria: meeting the training needs of the Canadian Forces, building relations with the community, and meeting community need. Current plans call for Air Force personnel to redeploy next summer to complete the facility.

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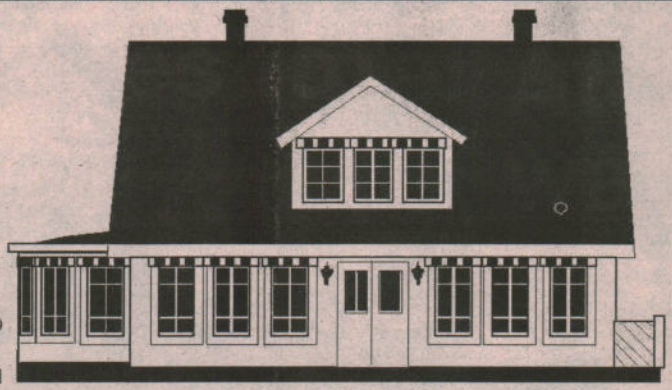
Summer sales sizzling



A contributing article from Century 21 Carrie Realty.

Ten Multiple Listing Service sales over $300,000 with five of the sales over $400,000 and two topping $600,000 in June are indications that the local real estate market is performing at quite a clip.

Typically, it takes a full year for 10 homes to sell in the $300,000 range, not a mere month.

"An average MLS selling price approaching $90,000 and June dollar volume closing in on $110 million is clear evidence of brisk market activity, especially in the higher price ranges," said Winnipeg Real Estate Board president Rolf Hitzer.

"For example, the typically busiest two single-family dwelling price ranges of $70,000 to $79,999 and $80,000 to $89,999 were equalled in June by the highest price ranges of $120,000 to $149,000 and $150,000 and over."

June MLS sales were up two per cent and dollar volume sales were up four per cent when compared to June 1997. In fact, dollar volume sales were the highest in the last four years for June.

In all, 1,207 homes sold in June for a dollar volume of just over $108 million. Since the start of the year, there have been 5,748 home sales for a total dollar volume of $479 million.

The pick-up in the real estate market also translated in increased sales for the first six months of the year when compared to the same period last year. Year-to-date sales and dollar volume sales were up five and seven percent, respectively. And, the year-to-date average MLS selling price rose two percent to $86,662 over 1997.

The average single-family dwelling selling price in June was $97,598, a four percent increase over June last year. The average year-to-date single-family dwelling price increased three percent to $93,214 over the first six months of 1997.

Hitzer said four areas of the city were particularly high in sale - Windsor Park, River Park South, River Heights and Charleswood. One home in Tuxedo on Park Boulevard sold for $650,000 and another just down the road sold for $451,000.

In River Park South, 27 homes were listed in June and all were sold by the end of the month.

Hitzer said the strong housing market reflects confidence in the Manitoba economy and low interest rates. Interest rates have remained virtually unchanged for the past couple of months, and the Bank of Canada hasn't made a move to increase interest rates even though they are lower than those in the United States and the Canadian dollar has taken a beating when compared to the Yankee buck.

"Even if short-term interest rates temporarily edge higher due to a sagging Canadian dollar," said Pierre Beauchamp, chief executive officer of the Canadian Real Estate Association, "long-term mortgage rates will remain historically low."

"Since it is long-term mortgage rates that matter most from the perspective of housing activity, we expect MLS sales to enjoy another busy summer."

"We expect continued strong market activity in July which will create pickets of listing shortages in areas where demand is outstripping supply," added Hitzer.

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SAR training with 435 Squadron

By Ron Lapp

Since arriving in Winnipeg in July 1994, 435 Squadron has become an active and highly visible member of the 17 Wing Community. Following an absence of 10 years, the sight of Lockheed CC-130 Hercules aircraft on the apron and in the circuit has once again become a common and welcome sight.

On August 26, 1997, I had the distinct pleasure of joining members of 435 Squadron on a practice SAR mission. I had been in contact with Capt Richard Pamplin, 435 Squadron Public Affairs Officer, throughout the summer, and we had finally set a date to go flying. It was a day that I had looked forward to, and I would not be disappointed.

As previously arranged with Capt Pamplin, I showed up at the 435 Squadron reception area in 16 Hangar at 0800. I was met by Captain Steve Rundle, who would be the aircraft commander for my flight. Steve showed me around the 435 Squadron area, introducing me to various members of the squadron. I was then introduced to Capt Dennis Bjerke, who would be flying the aircraft with Steve, and Major Rick Furney, who would be our navigator. There would be a total of ten bodies on this particular SAR training mission - including an extra Flight Engineer and Loadmaster.

At 0900 we all headed into the squadron briefing room for the daily briefing. The briefing started with a review of the weather conditions, followed by the squadron aircraft status report.

Following the briefing, we returned to Steve's office to plan the mission. A variety of options were reviewed, including a trip to Cold Lake, AB, a mission in Saskatchewan, or a mission in northwest Ontario. Based on weather and a variety of other factors, a training mission to northwest Ontario was the one selected. Planning was then started on the route we would follow, where we would land, where we would do some practice drops, and when we would return to Winnipeg. Weather permitting, we would fly IFR to Egg Island, VFR to Little Grand Rapids, and then on to Pikangikum, ON. We would be flying in CC-130 No. 336, with a planned engine start at 1320 local.

Steve gave me a complete tour of the 435 Squadron facilities, including the SARTEC training area. It was quite an eye opener. The training that is required to be a SARTEC is phenomenal. Following the tour, we joined the whole crew and went for lunch at the Mixed Ranks Mess and then returned to 16 Hangar to prepare for the mission.

At 1300 we headed onto the apron and walked towards the SAR aircraft. I climbed into the Hercules and negotiated my way up the stairs to the flightdeck with Steve and the rest of the flightdeck crew, while the SARTEC's and loadmaster's strapped into the cargo area at the back of the aircraft. Steve gave me a headset and microphone, made sure that I was fastened into my seat and at 1320 proceeded to start the four Allison T56-A-15 engines. By 1327, all four engines were running and we began to taxi towards the runway in preparation for take off.

Steve taxied CF 336 to the threshold of Runway 18 and conducted a final check of the engines. With everything in the green, he advanced the throttles and our Hercules began to roll down the runway. We accelerated rapidly and then smoothly lifted off the runway. Within seconds we were in cloud and lost all visual contact with the ground. We climbed steadily to 12,000 feet, broke out of the cloud, and then leveled off. Steve checked that everything was in the green, and then set the scenario for the upcoming search mission. Throughout these early stages of the flight, I was impressed with the coordinated team work and conversation among all crew members on the flight deck. These missions truly were team efforts.

Above: MCpl Ivan Callan and MCpl Roger Moroni install the search window on the starboard side of the aircraft.

Right: MCpl Denis Patterson drops some practice markers over the Gimli Airport.

There was a cloud break over Egg Island, our first destination, so Steve set our aircraft on the designated course. He then indicated that it would be an appropriate time to go to the back of the aircraft to watch the SARTEC's and loadmaster's as they began their search duties.

Upon arriving at the back of the aircraft, I was given a harness to strap into. Connected to the back of the harness was a strap which was then fastened to the floor of the aircraft. This harness, also referred to as a 'monkey tail', acts as a safety measure to keep any occupants from inadvertently falling out of the aircraft. Once I was safely fastened to the floor, the loadmasters installed the large plexiglas search windows on each side of the aircraft. The procedure was very impressive, and once both windows were securely installed, I moved rearward and took a seat in the port search chair. I sat in the chair and watched as we circled around Egg Island. We had descended to 400 feet above ground level, and the view out of the window was spectacular, particularly when we banked and turned. I was advised that due to the constant motion and movement, searchers usually do not spend more than twenty minutes at a time at the window.

Steve then set course for our second destination which, due to the IFR weather conditions, would now be Pikangikum. The conversation from the flightdeck indicated that the weather over Pikangikum consisted of low cloud and rain showers and that we may not be able to land as planned. Every now and then we would break out of the cloud, but for the most part the ground was obscured. Steve decided that the cloud was too low so we veered off and headed to Gimli, where the weather appeared to be improving enough that we could do some practice marker drops.

Upon arriving at Gimli, Steve set up for some practice marker drops. Unfortunately, the ceiling was still too low for the SARTEC's to do a practice jump. SARTEC MCpl Roger Moroni swivelled the search chair so that it now faced aft, and I then strapped into the chair to watch the loadmasters practice their techniques. Once everyone had checked that their harnesses were securely fastened to the aircraft, the rear doors were opened. It was an awesome sight as the wind rushed by and sucked any loose debris out of the back of the aircraft. The scenery was spectacular as we descended to 300 ft. and flew over the airport. Loadmaster MCpl Denis Patterson then moved to the back of the ramp and on signal, threw three markers out of the aircraft in order to gauge the wind drift. We then circled back, descending to 150 ft., and MCpl Patterson dropped two message markers. We could watch them fall as we flew away from the airport. We circled back for one more drop, and Steve advised that we would land at Gimli to pick up the markers and then return to Winnipeg. I thanked the loadmasters and SARTEC's for the hospitality, unfastened my safety harness and then made my way back to the flightdeck to watch the landing in Gimli.

Steve brought the Hercules down smoothly and we taxied to the main apron. The loadmasters jumped out and retrieved the message markers and wind drift indicators. Within a couple of minutes Steve was given the green light and we taxied back onto the runway for our return flight to Winnipeg.

Capt Dennis Bjerke flew the aircraft for the last leg from Gimli to Winnipeg. Our flying time to Winnipeg was approximately 15 minutes. It was 1630 when Steve shut the engines down - 3.2 hours after start up.

My flight with 435 Squadron had been an educational and an enjoyable experience. My understanding of the role of the squadron and its many missions was increased, and my respect for the incredibly tough and demanding role of the SARTECs was further enhanced. It is comforting to know that the capable men and women of 435 Squadron are available when their services are needed. Thanks again for the opportunity to experience first hand the Search and Rescue role within the Canadian Air Force.

Special thanks to LCol Leboeuf, Capt Richard Pamplin, Capt Steve Rundle, and the rest of the crew of CF 336.

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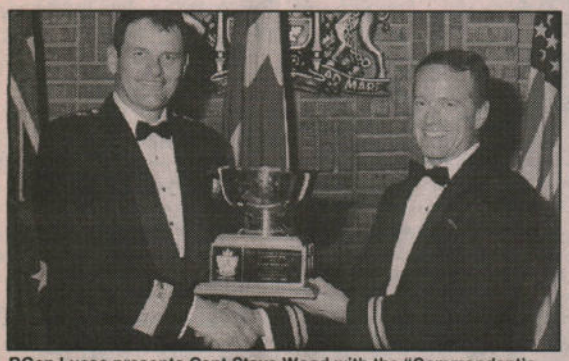
LCol Murray Haines, CFSAS Commandant, presents Maj Mike Barrett (AEC) with his new rank.

ASC 50 - back row (left to right): Capt Henri Legros, Capt Rob Gascoigne, Capt Tim Shopa, Maj Steve Leeming, Capt Brian Doucette, FLTLT Carl Heine, FLTLT Greg Maguire, Capt Nick Lisney, Capt Pete Boone, Capt Claude Désgagné, Maj Mike Barrett.
Front row (left to right): Capt Dave Freake, Capt Jeff Paul, BGen Steven Lucas (A3 Ops/1 CAD HQ), Capt Steve Wood, Capt Wayne Karperien.

BGen Lucas presnts Capt Wayne Karperien with the "General P.D. Manson Award" for the best Individual Project research paper.



BGen Lucas presents Capt Steve Wood with the "Commandant's Trophy" awarded to the top graduate.

BGen Lucas presents Capt Jeff Paul with the "Award of Excellence" for the best Individual Project presentation.

Visit report debriefs. Project research deadlines. Academic worksheets. Test & Evaluation exercises. These are but a few milestones by which the members of the Aerospace Systems Course (ASC) keep track of the course's timeline. But after ten months of hard work and personal sacrifices, fifteen new members graduated from this demanding course on 25 June 1998. With this graduation, ASC reached a milestone of its own: 50 years of dedicated and successful training.

As tradition would have it, ASC kicked off its graduation week with its annual Symposium during which the course members presented the findings of their individual research papers and the results of their syndicate projects. The three-day event was held in Mynarski Hall (1 CAD HQ) and was open to all DND employees. Those who attended were very impressed with the technical content and the quality of the presentations. This year's topics covered a wide area of exciting aerospace technologies including High-energy Laser Weapons, High-speed Rotorcraft Designs and Hyperspectral Imaging Techniques to only name a few. To echo the words of MGen Campbell, Comd 1 CAD, ASC has produced and continues to produce some of the brightest Air Force Officers around - their astute intellect and technical prowess were once again made evident at this year's Symposium. Despite the tough competition, Capt Jeff Paul (CELE) earned the "Award of Excellence" for his riveting presentation on Small Satellite Technology. Well done Jeff!

With another successful symposium under its belt, ASC took to the John Blumberg Golf Course for a day of well-earned relaxation. Capt Ron "Carny" Carnahan (ANAV) defended his title and once again shot the lowest score (Carny's score made it obvious that he is a staff member and not a course member. Course members are way too busy to practice their swing). Capt Tim Shopa (CF-18 Pilot) managed to bring Iron on Target (at least once) and won the prize for being closest to the pin (well actually his golf ball was). Maj Bill Learmond (our senior golfer) surprised us all with the longest drive (hopefully that was with one shot). Thanks to our numerous sponsors and to the efforts of Capt "he's the man" Chris Pogue, several other prizes were awarded for participation.

After a day of grass chopping and mosquito swatting, the group wrapped up the week's festivities with its formal Graduation Dinner. BGen and Ms Steven Lucas were the guests of honour. Col Tom Watt, Comd 17 Wing, and Col Win Koch, former CFSAS Comdt, were also in attendance. In addition to Capt Jeff Paul, two other graduates were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Capt Wayne Karperien (CF-18 Pilot) was awarded the "General P.D. Manson Award" for his technical research paper on Advances in Hypersonic Flight (who said pilots couldn't write?). Capt Steve Wood (CELE) clinched the top student award and was presented with the "Commandant's Trophy". Congratulations Steve - it's a first for the CELEs.

No doubt that all these ASC activities sound like a lot of fun, but what exactly is ASC - you may ask! ASC is the most advanced, technology-oriented, professional education course in our Air Force. This prestigious course prepares selected officers for appointments that require broad background knowledge of aerospace operational requirements, and a practical appreciation of the technology available to meet them. Candidates are typically at the rank level of Captain, with members occasionally being promoted during the course - as was the case this year for Maj Mike Barrett and Maj Steve Leeming. Graduates typically move on to employment in the fields of requirement definition, management of aerospace equipment and programmes, test and evaluation, and equipment procurement.

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17 Wg Supply Squadron update

What's new in Supply?

Oh please, can we talk!

Let's start with the new Army green short sleeve shirts. It seems that our Army fashion statements are keeping other armies in stock.

In addition to the shirts, the Army will soon start the initial issue of items from the "Clothe the Soldier" project. The aim of this project is to acquire and issue to Land Force personnel, 24 compatible items of individual environmental and battlefield protective clothing and equipment required to address immediate operational deficiencies. Many of the clothing items are similar to the Air Force gortex (CAG ECOWW) which incidentally is to begin its third and final issuing phase this fall. This phase will enable Supply to outfit all those air force personnel who were not kitted in the first two phases, as well it will allow us to address the shortfalls of phases one and two.

In keeping pace with the other branches of the military, Supply has introduced its share of new software applications - CSA, AIMS, and MIMS. Supply has been getting up to speed with the aforementioned programs while dealing with the newest four-letter "f" word in NHDQ...FMAS. But hey, I'm getting ahead of myself, let me introduce you to Wing Supply.

Wing Supply's mission is simply "to support all our customers in the most cost-effective manner to enable them to accomplish their mission".

So what are our responsibilities and who are our customers? We are responsible to provide material support and supply information to 17 Wing Integral and Lodger units, CFB Saskatchewan, and Outside Canada NORAD units. Our customers include 17 Wing, CFB Winnipeg (including 2 PPCLI), Reserve Forces (Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, CFB Saskatchewan), 3 CFFTS Southport, NATO/NORAD missions, CFB Saskatchewan, and NORAD units (Tinker, Tyndall, Griffiss, and Langley).

Supply currently inhabits six buildings/facilities and covers approximately 200,000 square feet. We share other space with Pan Am, Non-Tech Workshops, and Emergency Measures Organization/Health Canada. We stock some 73 NATO groups and warehouse 33,696 line items, nationally managed or locally purchased. Last year we input 22,991 demands (including 6,943 OX/01 demands). Like other "Air" entities, we also have been subject to the OPRAM formula; in 1994 Supply was staffed by 124 personnel, by this APS we will be down to our "final" number of 77. And that hurts! But as we've gotten smaller, we had to reorganize and computerize for the future.

In addition to the infamous FMAS that everyone is having fun with, Supply saw the introduction of three major supply-orientated software applications - Clothing Stores Automation (CSA), Material Information Management Systems (MIMS), and Unit Material Information Management Systems (UMIMS). In 97, it was the "Flood of the Century", in 98 it is the "Flood of Technology".

CSA is the automation of all individual clothing records, making them accessible across the CF and decreasing the demand processing time. MIMS is the replacement for AIMS; it essentially integrates all the former Supply applications into material management accessible to the end-user. UMIMS is a materiel management system that will enable the customer to get more involved with their acquisitions.

Above: Clothing Stores (south) MCpl Bertrand showing Sgt Park (2PPCLI) the new Clothing Stores Automation program.

Left: Repair and Disposal area.

It is hoped, in the not-to-distant future, to integrate the information in FMAS with uploaded data from MIMS, thereby decreasing the number of transactions involved.

In an effort to maintain a certain level of customer service we have amalgamated several sections, with success. However the success has not come without growing pains and it is the latter that we are continuing to work through. Like all other organizations we are working at becoming a Most Efficient Organization or MEO, but like all routes to change we have a way to go.

On the customer services side of the house we have birthed a myriad of initiatives: acquisition cards, competition, devolution of budgets (laundry and bottled water), green procurement, Customer Service Units (CSU), and the Customer Comment cards. And those are but a few. In an effort to meet the flexibility requirements of our diverse customer base, the acquisition card system was established - this enables Unit COs to initiate procurement when and should the need arise. To become conscientious corporate citizens we have recently secured several standing offers that provide products that are environmentally safe - if you want to 'go green' simply annotate your demand or talk to your CSU rep. Speaking of the CSUs, back in the fall we implemented this concept to alleviate the frustrations of the customer having to deal with an infinite number of people any time they wanted things from Supply - now they deal with either one of two people in their designated CSU. Frustration levels are down and service levels are up. In the past, one of the most frustrating things about Supply was if you had a problem or a question you were passed around never resolving the situation. To address this we developed the Customer Comment Card on which we are looking for your feedback to better assess how we're conducting business. Many of you have already taken the opportunity to tell us what you think about our operation. Don't be shy, cards are available at any Supply outlet. If we don't know we can't take steps to address your concerns - good or bad.

Supply is not just the Customer Service Units; we have many other integral sections. General Stores is where all the items you didn't think you needed until you did are stored, along with rations, pubs, major equipment, and small arms. Repair and Disposal is just as the name suggests - here items are returned to Supply for repair or disposal, this includes HAZMAT. Material Distribution Center or MDC is the amalgamation of the former CMTT and Receipts and Issue, here material is received off shipment, broken down (receipted and issued), and either warehoused or shipped to a customer. Clothing Stores is where all clothing is held and issued, whether it be north side, south side, Minto, or Thunder Bay. We currently manage 2896 line items of clothing and environmental kit. Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants or POL now manages all packaged POL products. Ammunition is managed jointly with the Wing Ammo Techs. Aircraft Supply manages all aircraft specific and common items for 435 and 402 Sqns. We also manage a consumption point for PP&S in ICAD.

And last but certainly not least is the Business Management Office, which looks after the administrative end of the Squadron; whether it is claims, projects, or stocktaking it all starts there.

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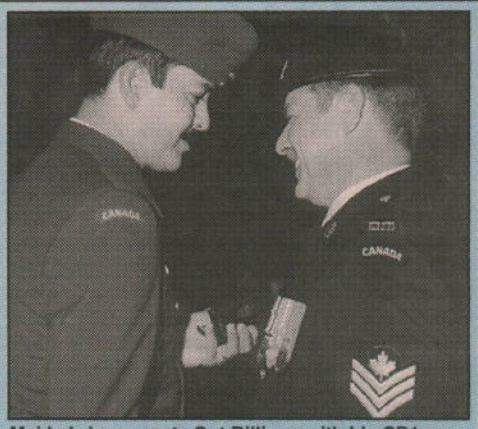
By Cpl Theresa McKinnon

On 29 May 1998 17 Wing Transportation Squadron took a few minutes out of its very hectic schedule to honour some of its key personnel.

The Reviewing Officer was Major J.H.D. Labrie, 17 Wing Transportation Officer. Lt. D.D. Naylor, the Mobile Support Equipment Officer, assumed the role of Officer Commanding the parade. Maj Labrie arrived promptly at 0730 hrs and proceeded to inspect the troops in their best bib and tucker. Upon completion of the inspection, Maj Labrie had the honour of bestowing the CD 1 on Sgt G. Billings for 22 years of loyal and dedicated service to the CF. Maj Labrie also had the pleasure of presenting the Five-Year Safe Driving Award to Cpl M. Tremblay and Cpl K. Smith. This award recognizes five years of accident free driving. Mr. G. Sapinski, one of our civilian personnel, received the Ten-Year Safe Driving Award. This is a real achievement, recognizing Mr Sapinski's high level of dedication and professionalism. The final award was presented to Cpl B. Hughes for distinguished service in providing over 60 hours of instruction in Defensive Driving. She received the Bronze Plaque from the Canada Safety Council. Congratulations to all those who received awards.

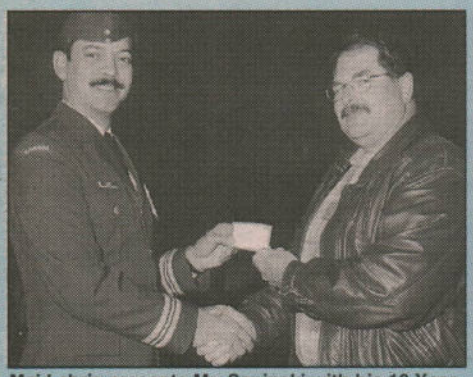
Once all the honours had been bestowed upon these deserving personnel, Maj Labrie gave an insightful and inspirational message to all those in attendance. At approximately 0815 hrs, the Reviewing Officer departed and the parade was turned over to the MSE Controller, MWO Sparkes. He reminded the troops of the need to maintain high professional standards and asked for their continued support and expertise in the future. MWO Sparkes congratulated those individuals who had received awards and also complimented the entire Squadron on an excellent turnout.

Until next time, KEEP ON TRUCK'N!

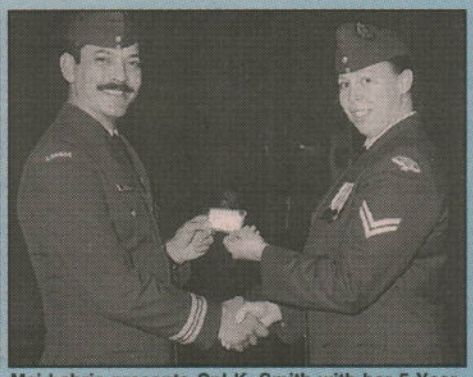


Maj Labrie presents Sgt Billings with his CD1.

Maj Labrie presents Cpl Hughes with the Bronze Award for teaching more than 60 hrs of DDC.



Maj Labrie presents Mr. Sapinski with his 10 Year Safe Driving Award.



Maj Labrie presents Cpl K. Smith with her 5 Year Safe Driving Award.

Maj Labrie presents Cpl Tremblay with his 5 Year Safe Driving Award.

Around the Canadian Forces

Did you know...

FROM THE MINISTER

13 July 1998 - Federal Cabinet Performance

In an analysis of the federal cabinet, Sun reporter Robert Fife awarded Defence Minister Art Eggleton a "B+". Fife described the Minister as a "bland, but competent manager in a job that no one wants". Fife said Eggleton's biggest mistake so far is his belief that "tarnished brass can handle sexual abuse scandals" (OSun 6).

OTHER NEWS

13 July 1998 - New PR Man for DND

Military Public Affairs Officer Captain Jean Morissette has confirmed that Georges Rioux will lead DND's Public Affairs Branch starting on July 27. Mr. Rioux does not have previous military experience. Capt. Morissette stated that as many as 15 new public affairs officers will be added to the branch to replace personnel who have left (Ctz A6 – July 11).

13 July 1998 - Canada's Role in NATO

An editorial in the Ottawa Sun suggests that Canada should not become involved in bombing threats made by NATO and the US against Yugoslavia. The piece argues that Canada's commitment of six CF-18s to the NATO force that is meant to discourage the Serbs from retaliating against Kosovo is misplaced. The editorial states that the situation is not like Bosnia, as Kosovo is legitimately part of Serbia and the Kosovo Liberation Army is causing trouble with the hope of drawing NATO and the US into the Balkan "quagmire" (OSun 13 – July 11).

In a letter to the editor, Radmila Swann, of the Ottawa Serbian Heritage Society, underlined that "NATO is supposed to be a defence alliance and that the Serbs are not attacking any NATO countries". Swann argued that Yugoslavia's sovereignty is being denied and the suffering of its people ignored as NATO prepared to strike (Ctz A12).

13 July 1998 - CFS Alert

A report said that Canadian Forces Station Alert is the most northern community in the world and costs Canadians between $12- and $15-million a year to operate. Military cutbacks have left the base with just 79 on-site personnel, and there is talk that it may be shut down altogether. The station was opened in 1958 by the Canadian and American military for the purposes of monitoring the Russians during the Cold War. As technology has changed over the last decade, most of the work on signals can now be securely transmitted to CFS Leitrim for analysis. It is noted that 80% of the signals can be gathered at Eureka at a much lower cost, but there is concern that there may be important information in the 20% of signals that would be lost if Alert was shut down (Ctz B3 – July 11).

Another article describes the current use of encryption technology to transmit the information gathered in Alert. The piece describes the challenges of transmitting to a satellite from such a northern location. To get access to a satellite, the High Arctic Data Communications System (HADCS) was created. The system stretches 500 km from Alert to Eureka. The article elaborates on Operation Hurricane, the mission to maintain the towers that make up the infrastructure of HADCS (Ctz B3 – July 11).

13 July 1998 - Mob Keeps Cold War Alive

Former Russian spy Stanislav Lunev has gone public with his accusations that the Cold War is still on and that the Russians still have many plans in place which could cause harm to the US. He also has stated that the Russian mafia controls key parts of the Russian government (OSun 4 – July 12).

16 JULY 1998 - India Rejects Nuclear Treaty

A report said that India yesterday rejected a Pakistani proposal for a bilateral nuclear test ban. Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Vasundhara Rage affirmed that the threats to his country's security were not confined to Pakistan alone, and noted that nuclear weapons have a global reach and impact (OSun 22, Gaz C8).

17 Wg Ops Situation Report

29 JUNE - 5 JULY 98

OPERATION	COUNTRY	PERS DEPL
Op Danaca	Golan Heights	9
Op Palladium	Bosnia	6
CFS Alert	Canada	1
Op Echo	Italy	1
Op Hurricane	Alert	2
Ex Cooperative Chance 98	Slovakia	6
DCDS Taskings - note 1	Domestic	5
Indiv Tasking - note 2	Domestic	1
TOTAL PERS DEPLOYED		**31**

Note 1 - DCDS Taskings: LFCATC Meaford (1), BOTC Instructor (2), Cadet Camp Fort Qu'Appelle, SK (1), Cadet Camp Vernon, BC (1).
Note 2 - Indiv Tasking: CFAD Dundurn (1).

Off and flying

Capt Marc Ouellet being presented with the City of Portage la Prairie trophy by Mayor Glen Carlson.

Capt Howard Tetzlaff being presented with the SSM by BGen Brando.

Maj James Tutte being presented with the United States of America Meritorious Service Medal by BGen Brando.

By Capt Elizabeth Cameron, 3 CFFTS Adjt

On 22 May 1998, 5 students from the Multi-Engine School received their Canadian Forces pilot wings from Brigadier-General C. Brando, Director General Air Personnel. The occasion was marked with a graduation parade and dinner at 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School, Portage, where families and friends gathered to celebrate.

The graduates of Course 9801 are as follows. Capt Marc Ouellet who is posted to 435 Sqn Winnipeg to fly the Hercules. Capt Andrew Skinner, posted to 415 Sqn in Greenwood to fly the Aurora. Capt Howard Tetzlaff, posted to 429 Sqn Trenton where he will fly the Hercules. Lt Gavin Crouch who is posted to 440 Sqn Yellowknife to fly the Twin Otter and Capt Sylvio Roy who is posted to 436 Sqn Trenton to fly the Hercules.

Two graduates had the honour of being presented their wings by a family member who has had previous military service. Capt Gerry Fraser had his wings presented to him by his father, WO (Retired) Jim Fraser. Capt Fraser is posted to 436 Sqn Trenton to fly the Hercules. Capt Steve Lamarche had his wings presented to him by his father-in-law CWO (Retired) Robert Squires. Capt Lamarche is posted to 435 Sqn Winnipeg to fly the Hercules.

Mayor Glen Carlson was present to award the City of Portage la Prairie trophy (awarded to the student with the highest overall flying results) to Captain Marc Ouellet.

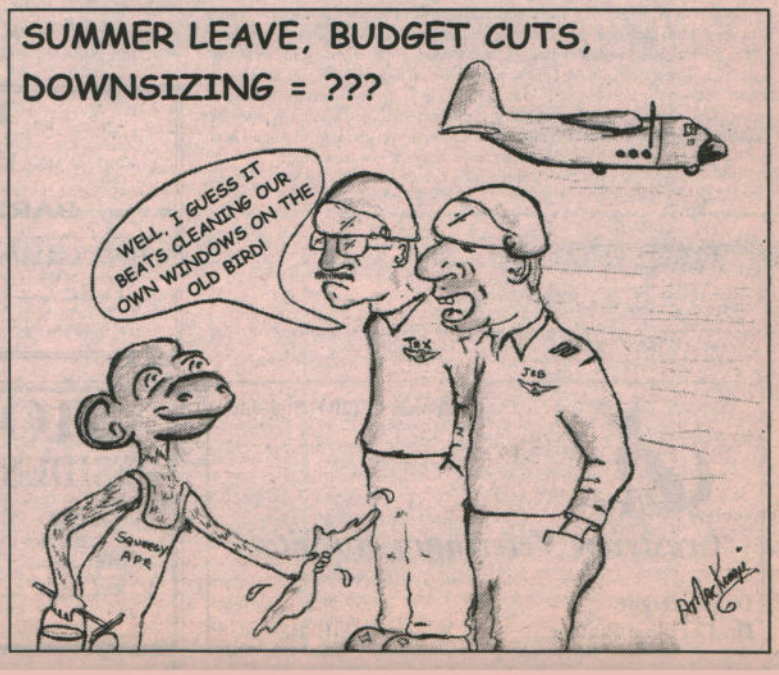
In addition to the Wings presentations Capt Marc Ouellet received the CD and Capt Howard Tetzlaff received the SSM - Humanitarian and NATO service bars from the Reviewing Officer.

As well, Maj James Tutte was presented with the United States of America Meritorious Service Medal by BGen Brando. In that he, distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as Missile Warning Center Crew Commander at Cheyenne Mountain Operations Centre from 1 Sep 94 to 30 Jun 97. Maj Tutte is currently posted to 3 CFFTS Portage as the Chief Standards Officer.

Front Row: Capt Bill Canham, D/CMI; BGen C. Brando, DG Air Pers; LCol Dan Edgar, Comdt; HCol Hal Wishart, 3 CFFTS HCol.
Back Row: Capt Gerald Fraser; Capt Howard Tetzlaff; Capt Andrew Skinner; Capt Marc Ouellet; Capt Steve Lamarche; Capt Glen Maxwell, Multi-Engine Course Director.

CFSAS promotion

LCol Scott Howden recently received his promotion to that rank from the Commandant of CFSAS, LCol Haines. LCol Howden is completing the Continuous French Course, after which he will be posted to the 1CAD HQ Det Halifax.



435 Sqn promotions

LCol Dan Leboeuf, 435 Sqn CO and WO Claude Major, SARTECH Leader congratulate MCpl Shawn MacDiarmid on his promotion to Sgt effective 6 May 1998. Sgt MacDiarmid has more than 330 jumps on record as a SARTECH.

MCpl John Leclerc, 435 Sqn SARTECH, receives his Sgt promotion from LCol Dan Leboeuf, 435 Sqn CO and WO Claude Major, SARTECH Leader. Sgt Leclerc's promotion is effective since 1 May 1998. Sgt Leclerc has more than 170 jumps on record as a SARTECH.

VOXBACK

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Lt Colonel Edgar
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Dear Sir:

During the past two years, I have had the privilege to work with the Canadian Armed Forces on two occasions. During the Flood of the Century, I was impressed by the professionalism and dedication of the members deployed to help during the flood. Recently, I was once again impressed by two members of the Armed Forces with their spirit of cooperation and professionalism.

On June 16, 1998, several of our members were involved in a manhunt for two individuals who had been breaking and entering into residences in the Warren, Man. area and a subsequent chase by police in a stolen vehicle. They abandoned their vehicle in a ditch near Pigeon Lake and headed on foot for the Assiniboine River. The manhunt involved members of the community, the RCMP and a Police Service Dog, however we were unable to locate the individuals because of bush and they had crossed the river on different occasions.

Captain Wilf Rellinger and Captain Craig Bessler were en route from Southport to Winnipeg in a helicopter and readily offered their services to search for these individuals. They took me as a passenger and assisted in the search. Their service was invaluable because it stopped the movement of the individuals. The suspects, after being apprehended, advised that they remained hidden in bush while the search dog was on the other side of the river and the helicopter hovered over their position. Ironically, the pair started moving shortly after the police and helicopter departed the area. They were apprehended within an hour of our departure after citizens noticed them running across their fields.

Would you please extend my appreciation to both Captain Wilf Rellinger and Captain Craig Bessler.

D.J. Agnew S/Sgt.
I/c Headingley Highway Patrol

Editor's Note: Capt Bessler is stationed at CFS and Capt Rellinger is at 3CFFTS.

Op Sarno complete success

Many thanks from Rome

This is a message from Defence Attache in Rome, Col R.G. St. John, CFA Rome -- Ambassador's comments to MND in a letter to MND Eggleton, Canadian Ambassador to Italy. Kinsman lauded performance of CF personnel involved in Op Sarno.

QUOTE - I wanted to tell you personally what a great success the operation to help the devastated town of Sarno was. The contribution of our troops was absolutely fundamental. From everything I could gather, they performed functions of mud removal that would not have been done as well by anyone else. The town's destruction had to be seen to be believed. But the month our unit spent gave the people a fast start on getting back to normal. Plus, they were such a positive presence in the town. You can imagine that a town which lost a couple of hundred people would be pretty depressed. Our soldiers helped show them a way back, possibly more convincingly that anyone else could do. We didn't seek any publicity in Italy for our troops, though we did steer some Canadian press their way. But the Italian Ministers are very grateful, and touched by your action. It was an outstanding, unqualified success - UNQOTE

Personal thanks from MGen L.C. Campbell to all members of the Op Sarno contingent

As Comd 1 CAD, I would like to add my personal thanks to those of LGen Kinsman to all members of the Op Sarno contingent for your excellent work under difficult conditions. All members of the air division join me in expressing thanks to those of our colleagues who participated in this challenging and important humanitarian effort.

I had the opportunity to speak with the Minister of International Trade, the Honourable Sergio Marchi, a few days ago. During our discussion, he mentioned how proud the Italian-Canadian community is of your exemplary efforts in Italy. I know from other messages I have received that the same feeling prevails on the other side of the Atlantic.

Once again, sincere thanks for your professional and dedicated performance during this important mission. Well done.

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CAD presentations

MGen L.C. Campbell, Commander of 1 CAD, presents Major John Foster the 1 Canadian Air Division Commander's Commendation for his outstanding contribution to air force operations during a period of unprecedented upheaval. Maj Foster was a critical member of the Operations Plans team and was instrumental in the success of numerous international and domestic missions.

MGen L.C. Campbell, Commander of 1 CAD, presents Major James P. Molloy (USAF) the 1 Canadian Air Division Commander's Commendation for his perseverance and dedication in planning and conducting Exercise CANJEX FALCON 98. Maj Molloy was the driving force behind the enormous success of this exercise.

Library News - Reading Adventure

That time of year is upon us; saying good buy and waiting to meet the new neighbors. This happens to all of us and the Library is no exception.

Betsy is leaving, not only for her up and coming new arrival, but they are posted as well. Petawawa's gain is our loss. We wish her and Louie the best with the new baby and their posting. Betsy - you will be missed.

As with all endings, we have new beginnings - John Myers has joined our team and brings with him a varied background and a wealth of knowledge. In order to get to know him, come to the library and chat with him.

New to Winnipeg? Welcome, do come and check us out. You will only need to bring in your PLCC card once and then you are off and reading.

We carry a large collection of books, fiction and non-fiction in both languages for you to browse and check out.

Library hours are: Monday to Thursday 0900 to 1900 hrs, Saturday 1300 to 1600 hrs.

Westwin Community Centre, 833-2500 ext 2490.

Read for the fun of it!

How many books can you read this summer, from 20 July to 20 August 1998?

- Fiction books from the library and from home are eligible.
- No comic books.
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- For pre-school till grade one, books need to be 10 pages or more.
- For grade two to four, books need to be 50 pages or more.
- For grades five and up, books need to be 100 pages or more.
- You will need to bring in the book and be able to tell the librarian on duty about the book you are entering.

Come join the adventure - prizes will be awarded.

VOXBACK

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8 June 1998

Colonel T.F. Watt, Wing Commander
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LETTER OF APPRECIATION
17 WING SUPPORT TO CANJEX FALCON 98

1. CANJEX FALCON (CJF) is an annual Canadian Forces Command Post Exercise designed to train Air Component Commanders (ACC) and deployable Air Component Headquarters (ACHO) staff in the planning, execution and sustainment of air operations in a joint/combined theatre campaign. CJF 98 was conducted in Winnipeg, Manitoba from 20-30 April 1998 and included the participation of approximately 130 personnel from the Canadian Forces as well as the United States and Great Britain.

2. This year, as you know, 7 Wing provided the support necessary to conduct CJF 98. From exercise planning, to site set-up, to exercise execution, the support provided by your personnel was nothing short of outstanding. I have heard numerous comments regarding the great food, great accommodations and great technical support. The professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm of each of your folks was often noted by participants, visitors and exercise Directing Staff, reflecting great credit upon themselves and 17 Wing. Your efforts directly contributed to a highly successful exercise and a valuable training experience for all involved.

3. We realize that this was a very busy time for your headquarters and sincerely thank you for your support. Please convey my sincere appreciation to the members of your Wing for a job exceptionally well done.

L.C. Campbell
Major-General

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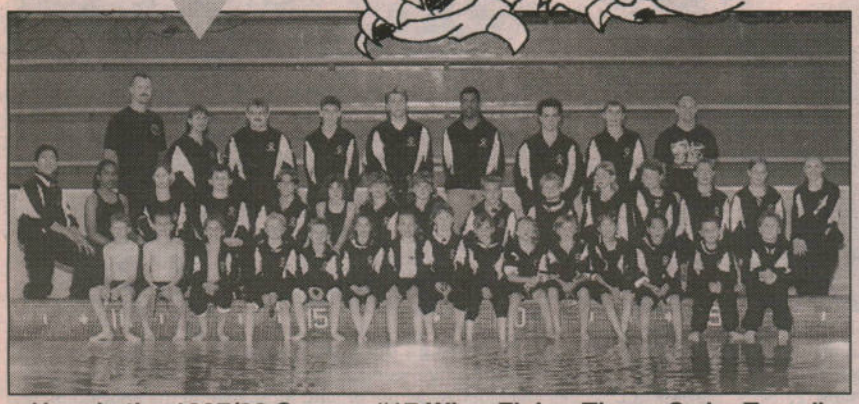

Here is the 1997/98 Season "17 Wing Flying Tigers Swim Team"

Front row (left to right): Kyle Wray, Cody MacDiarmid, Daniel Attallah-Tom, Adam Schildknecht, Christopher Bowden, Sarah Hogendorp, Lisa Hunter, Margaret Fergusson, Kairo Martin, Samantha Lake, Sabrina Lake, Stephanie Maltais, Brittany Maltais, Mitchell Hagans and Michael Leeming.
Center row: Miguel Perez, Navdeep Bhullar, Kathleen Rivest, Niall Martin, Matthew Hagans, Melissa Gauvin, Angela "Angie" Furlotte, Melissa "Messie" Furlotte, Jesse Treleman, James Bowden, Amber Hagans, Adam Hunter, Blair Schildknecht, Audrey Rivest and Kristy McBey.
Back row: Tony Hogendorp (head coach), Joanne Schildknecht (coach), Roger Bowden (coach), Brian Hunter, James "Jim" DeBeer, Rick Bhullar, David "Dave" Lowry, Graeme Sprange, Dave Wray (coach).
Missing from picture: Samantha MacDiarmid, Shaun MacLean, Heather Peterson, Scott Sparrow and Rob Lindsay (coach).

Our Tigers have done a lot of work during the swimming season and the final event of the year was the Red River Invitational held at the West Kildonan Park Pool. Most of the swimmers did quite well and some of them were selected to attend the MB/SK Open Championship.

Right now the team is on summer holiday with a well deserved rest for all the swimmers. The executive is now at its peak; there is much to do in order to be ready for next season. In the next edition of the Voxair, we should be able to inform you of the starting date for the 98/99 season and the line-up of the swimming program (so we hope).

As President of the team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who made the 97/98 season so successful: Jeff Hunter, Vice-President; Todd Martin, Treasurer; Tom Furlotte, Meet entries coordinator; Heather Furlotte, Voxair Articles; Jan Sprange, Equipment Manager; Bonnie Peterson, Fundraising Coordinator; Daphne Hagans, Head Official.

Special thanks to Deborah Niven, Wanda Maltais and Debbie MacLean - they made the Swim-A-Thon a real success and Wanda Maltais, who single-handed put together the end of the year party.

And let's not forget the coaching staff who gave their time and patience: Tony Hogendorp, Head Coach; Roger Bowden, Rob Lindsay, Dave Wray and Joanne Schildknecht, Assistant Coaches.

For next season, the team is looking for volunteer Coaches. We need people with good swimming knowledge (Master Swimmer if possible). The work is volunteer and takes a couple hours each day. The rewards are enormous from the children you are coaching...*your knowledge becomes theirs*...and the achievements are often surprising.

Next issue we will feature an article by one of the Flying Tigers swimmers...stay tuned.

Fencers strike gold

Fencers from 17 Wing's Lightning Fencing Club competed in the Manitoba Provincial Fencing Championships, held this past April in Winnipeg. The club, coached by Patti and David Howes, won four out of five provincial championships as well as a number of silver and bronze medals at this year's competition.

The following are Lightning's medal winners:
Women's Foil: 1st Cassandra Lozie; 3rd Katy Lupien
Women's Epee: 2nd Brittany Morrison;
3rd Harmony Mah
Men's Foil: 1st Adam Morrison
Men's Epee: 1st Robert Hornford;
3rd Adam Morrison
Men's Sabre: 1st Svetoslav Marinov

A number of Lightning fencers also competed at the Western Canadian Fencing Championships held in Winnipeg, May 16-18th. Strong results were achieved by many of the fencers, with the club winning three medals. Adam Morrison continued his strong season with the gold in junior men's epee and a bronze in the senior event, while Svetoslav Marinov took the silver in senior men's sabre.

Gators at Large

17 Wing Team Ball Hockey

By Capt S. Morency, CFANS, Team Captain

Welcome to the 6th edition of Gators at large. The team in now officially in the playoffs, but still fighting for the division championship against the Wise Guys. The playoffs will start on 7th July, so come and encourage us. 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!

Posn	TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
1	Gators	14	11	2	1	67	29	23
2	Wise Guys	15	11	3	1	94	39	23
3	Krustofski's	14	8	4	2	52	41	18
4	Express	15	8	6	1	58	44	17
5	Shooting Stars	16	5	8	3	42	57	13
6	Cids	16	5	8	3	36	52	13
7	El Scorchos	15	1	10	4	23	69	6
8	Porn Stars	16	0	16	0	27	150	0

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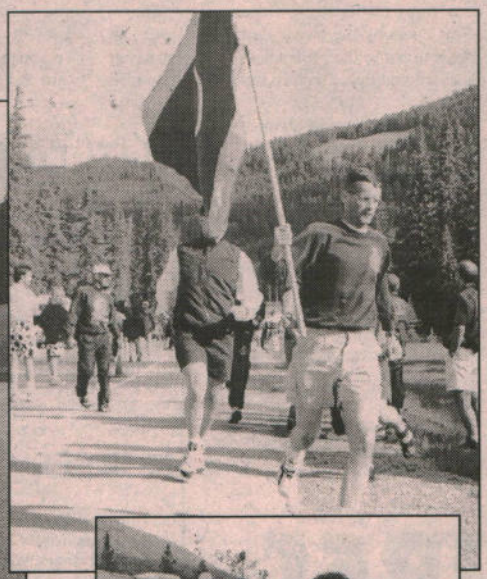
2PPCLI takes to the hills



Above: Leg 15 hand-off to Leg 16, Capt Dawe to MWO Gilfoy.

Above right: 2PPCLI brining the final runner, Cpl Underwood, to the finish line.

Right: Leg 4, 15.9 km, Pte Silver being supported by Capt McLeod.

By WO Chris Waugh, OPS 6 TRG WO

The 2PPCLI running team, other wise known as the "Flatliners", participated in the Telis Mobility Jasper to Banff relay. This was the 19th annual running of the event, which was initiated by the Chasquis Running Club of Jasper in 1980. The original race saw 9 running clubs participating in the race which is now capped at 120 teams for safety reasons.

Each team of 5 - 17 runners is challenged by 17 stages of 13 - 20 kms over 288 kms of varying complexity and terrain. Through the 24 hours of the race it is possible that runners will experience strong sun, snow, heat, altitude, rain, strong winds, pitch dark or extreme cold weather. Runners experience a lengthy climb to the Columbia Ice fields and a long drag to the Bow Summit to a max altitude of 6714 feet.

Our 17-man team consisted of volunteers with Cpl. Shaky Shaver as our team Captain. Some legs were moderately hilly or "undulating", as the race organizers like to describe them. Other legs left the runners wondering if they would require oxygen and a Sherpa. One obstacle that was prevalent during the race was the possibility of meeting a bear. For this we employed the "Buddy Principle: Run faster than your buddy"!

The camaraderie experienced during the event was outstanding. Although the Jasper to Banff relay is renowned throughout the running world as one of the harder and more competitive runs it is also a social event with teams attending from as far away as Japan and Denmark. One of the most impressive occasions during the race was the performance of a member of the Cayman Islands team who ran his leg bare foot. Obviously he wasn't interested in a running shoe endorsement.

The "Flatliners" turned in an impressive time of 23:03 hrs to place 52 of 120 teams, a good showing for a first time team. Next year we hope to be able to spend a few days in the mountains prior to the race to help adjust to the altitude.

A hearty thanks goes out to the race organizers and hundreds of volunteers for hosting a truly world class event. Expect to see the "Flatliners" next year as we prepare to advance higher up the standings.

Information regarding the race can be located at their web site: www.jasper-banff-relay.com

The 1998 relay team consisted of: WO Waugh, Capt Dawe, Lt Chorley, MWO Gilfoy, Pte Harding, Cpl Jackson, Pte Kapp, Sgt Cloutier, MCpl McCarron, Capt McLeod, Cpl Shaver, MCpl Rogers, Cpl Verzyl, Pte Silver, Sgt Park, Cpl Underwood, MCpl Yorke, Cpl Briggs and Christy Cloutier (massage sports therapy).

Special thanks to our sponsors: Astra Credit Union, Athletes Wear (Market location), Charleswood Rotary International Club, Future Shop (St. James location), Murray Chev-Olds, Orion Chev-Olds, Peak of the Market, Remax Real Estate (John Inglis), Sport Chek (Pembina location), Toronto Dominion Bank (Kenaston Place).

Athletes wanted

Women's Base Fastpitch Ball Team

The recruiting for female military members to join the Women's Base Fastpitch Ball Team is well underway. The Regionals are scheduled for 21-23 August 98. A few of the previous years' players have been posted out of 17 Wg and our roster is currently sitting at approx. 7. We need an additional 6 or 7 to complete the team. Our coach from last year, Capt (USAF) Todd Cox is eager to commence with some practices. We would have to start practicing by end of July at the latest.

If you are interested, please contact one of the following:
Chris Merrithew, Sports Coord, ext. 5511
Todd Cox, Coach, ext. 2191
Cheryl Walton-Simm, ext. 5221

Women's Ice Hockey Tournament

17 Wg is hosting a women's round robin ice hockey tournament 9-12 February 99. Any female military members interested in playing please contact Cheryl, ext. 5221.

Planning is underway for this exciting event!

17 Wing Track Team

17 Wing track practice is held every Wednesday, 1630 hrs and Saturday 0930 hrs.

We meet at the track (west of Bldg 90).

For more information, contact the Sports Coordinator, Chris Merrithew @ ext. 5511.

CISM Swimming

CISM will host a Swimming World Military Championship 30 August - 6 September 98 in Rome, Italy. All CF regular force members and reserve members are eligible to swim on the CF Swimming Team.

For more info please contact the Recreation Centre at ext. 5511.

Kung-Fu Club

Personnel 14 and older interested in forming a 17 Wing Winnipeg Kung-Fu (Northern Shao-Lin) Club are to contact Sgt Poy Croucher at loc 5661, SLt Linda Forward at loc 6867 or Carla Ryan, Com Rec Dir at loc 2059.

The club would train at the Westwin Community Centre.

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MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE, 350 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg MB, R3N 1W8 489-7003

MFRC Child Care Survey - project update

Last spring, the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) in conjunction with 17 Wing Winnipeg, distributed a child care survey to members of the military community. The survey was designed to determine child care requirements for CFB Winnipeg as part of the ongoing Quality of Life initiatives. The feedback received from the 805 participants who took the time to complete the questionnaire was used to formulate a written proposal presented to the Wing Commander on 17 April 1998.

The proposal outlined current child care realities of military families and presented the results of the survey in a statistical format. The key problem area identified indicated that a large majority of civilian day care centres and family day care arrangements do not meet the unique demands of the military lifestyle. Everything from the hours of operation, to the requirement for weekend, evening and overnight care and the lack of day care space for infants were highlighted. Also included in a separate annexes were the genuine comments made by every respondent (minus names), along with a list of volunteer names.

The final proposal outlined a community need for an MFRC sponsored child care at CFB Winnipeg and recommended five options to the Wing Commander. These options were reviewed by the Headquarters Staff and the options narrowed down to the possibility of implementing a full time, licensed child care facility for 17 Wing's military community.

The MFRC is currently in consultation with members of Construction Engineering and the Base Comptroller sections to review and present to the Wing Commander the overall operating and maintenance and annual ongoing costs of establishing a child care facility. Once these costs and the sources for funding are reviewed and forwarded to NDHQ, a final decision will be made on the economic viability of such an endeavour.

The feedback of those responding to the survey provided a great deal of insight into the current child care problems existing at all rank levels. The candid comments provided much encouragement and support to the project as well as others providing an honest reflection of their personal viewpoints and situations. Every questionnaire was read, and without the data provided by the survey, it would have been impossible to provide any type of recommendation. Please know your concerns have been heard and watch for further updates as this project progresses.

KIDVENTURES

Join us as we spend the summer travelling through time.

Kidventures is a summer day camp program for elementary school aged children. Children must be entering Grade one. Cost of the camps is $50 per week per child for Privilege card-holders. (There is an extra $10 per week charge for children without a Privilege card.) You may register for one or more weeks. Register early as space is limited to 20 children per camp. There will be before and after camp care available at a cost of $5 per day. Camp begins at 9:30 and ends at 3:30 daily. Before care is available at 7:00 and after care is available until 5:00. Contact Diane Brine, Youth Services Coordinator, 489-7003 for more info or to register for these programs.

Fees are payable one week prior to camp start date.

MUD OLYMPICS - CFB SHILO — JULY 24

The 3rd Annual Mud Olympics will be held in Shilo. If you've always wanted to play in the mud, now is your chance (and you won't even get in trouble for it!). The bus will be leaving Westwin Community Centre at 0900 hrs and returning at 1530 hrs. The games begin at 1100 hrs and there will be a BBQ lunch afterwards. All participants will require a change of clothing and towels. Cost for the day is $10.

MEDIEVAL TIMES — JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

Knights, dragons and kings aplenty during this age of wonder and chivalry. We will try our hand at fencing and archery. We may even slay a dragon or two! A trip to Heights Archery range and one other 1/2 day trip will be planned.

YOUTH TREK - EDMONTON, AB — AUGUST 5 - 9

The youth of 17 Wing Winnipeg have been invited to Garrison Edmonton. We will be joining youth from Shilo, Suffield, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Edmonton and Yellowknife. Youth Trek 98 is designed for youth 10 to 14 years of age. We will be travelling by bus via Shilo. While in Edmonton, we will be visiting Garrison Edmonton, the Alberta Science Centre and of course the West Edmonton Mall. Space is limited to 15 youths, 5 chaperones.

A WEEK OF DISCOVERY — AUGUST 11 - 15

Explorers from Europe set out to discover new worlds. This week we will follow in the steps of Marco Polo, John Cabot, the Vikings, Sir Francis Drake and Sir John Franklin. We will be getting wet at Fun Mountain Waterslides this week.

THE WILD, WILD WEST — AUGUST 18 - 22

Pioneers and cowfolk were learning about our great country. We will join them on this journey. What was it like to wander through the prairie, arrive in a New World where no one knew what to expect? We will try to answer some of these questions. A trip to Miracle Ranch will end the week.

BACK TO THE FUTURE! — AUGUST 24 - 28

During this last week of Kidventures we will explore the wonders of outer space. Robots, stars and spaceships are the order of the day. We will visit Imax theatre to explore the wonders on the big screen.

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 & 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 strick regulations and follow up inspections. Both centres are subject to regular health and fire inspections. The staff are trained in early childhood education and are all certified in first aid.

NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

FALL 1998

Our nursery school offers the preschool child the opportunity to socialize in a happy, stimulating environment. Children are free to choose from various activities including learning centres, stories, music and movement, arts and crafts, games, drama and free play. Children must be three by the end of December to start nursery school in the fall.

Lipsett Hall (English)	Westwin (English)	Westwin (French)
Mon, Tues & Thurs A.M.	Mon, Wed & Fri A.M.	Mon, Tues & Thurs P.M.
9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Cost: $72 per month. Annual registration fee: $15 (non-refundable)

PRE-SCHOOL SUMMER FUN CAMP

For ages 3-5 years (children must be toilet trained)

This program includes all nursery school types of activities such as arts and crafts, drama and music and movement. However, the emphasis is centered as much as possible around outdoor play including water play and bubbles.

Westwin Children's Centre — 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday — 17, 19 & 20th August 1998

Cost is $18/week. Payment must be received upon registration.

Children must bring a sun hat, sunscreen, a snack and a drink. Please remember that our centres are peanut free due to the large number of children with allergies.

To register, please call Wendy Richardson at 833-2500 ext. 2491.

DROP OFF CHILD CARE

This service provides members of the community the opportunity to leave their children in licensed care while they run errands, work out in the gym, attend other MFRC programs,or just have a break from their children. We provide care for children from 18 months to 6 years. Parents must provide a snack and a drink for their children. Please remember that our centres are peanut free due to the large number of children with allergies.

Children must be registered at least 24 hours in advance.

Westwin Children's Centre, 9 a.m. - Noon,
Tuesdays (from June 30 - Sept 1) & Thursdays (except August 20th)
Lipsett Hall Children's Centre, 9 a.m. - Noon, Fridays (July 3 - Sept 4)

Cost: $2/hour for the first child & $1/hour for the second child in the same family.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Diane Brine, Youth Services Coordinator
M.F.R.C 489-7003

DROP-IN CENTRE

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 12 TO 17 YEARS

The Youth Centre is open during July and August for drop-in. Donna and Denise invite all youth to come out and visit the centre. Computers, foosball, air hockey, Nintendo 64, crafts and games are available. Or come lend a hand with the new mural on the outside wall!

DROP-IN TIMES ARE:

Monday 2:00 - 4:30
Tuesday 2:00 - 9:30
Wednesday 2:00 - 9:30
Thursday 7:00 - 9:30

There is a .50¢ drop-in fee and there is a canteen on site.

Environment week

Environment Week is held each year during the first week of June to promote environmental awareness and to herald Air Force accomplishments.

This year, Elise Boisjoli, an Environmental Sciences Program Co-op student in the 1 CAD Environmental Cell set up a display in the 1 CAD atrium and also used the opportunity to present our Commander, MGen L. Campbell with the Environment Week Quiz. Later, the Commander verified his answers by visiting the new 1 CAD Environment Web Site on the DIN at: http://winnipeg.dwnpg.dnd.ca/din_locl/1cad_canr/Org/A4Sp/A4Ae/A4Env/Tp/titlepg.html

The Environment Week questionnaire and answers will remain on the new web site for a short while longer to encourage others to browse and to also get involved in environmental stewardship.

ICARUS flies again

Icarus '98, a major AIDS fundraising initiative by Village Clinic Inc., will take to the skies over Gimli again July 31, August 1 and 2, 1998.

The sponsored skydive attracted 112 skydivers last year and Icarus chairman Darryl Kippen says the hope this year is for 150 people to make the 3,000 foot jump. Last year the event raised close to $25,000.

Kippen says Village Clinic is now actively looking for people who want to do the skydive. The jump and training are free but the jumpers are asked to try and collect pledges of $200 or more to cover costs.

"Fifty people will jump on each of the three days, with training taking place in Winnipeg July 28 - 30," said Kippen. "Anyone 18 or over can take part."

The money raised by Icarus is used for the Emergency Assistance Fund which directly helps those living with AIDS by providing money for food, drugs and other essentials. The money will also be used for education and prevention.

Anyone wishing to jump or to become a Friend of Icarus can call Village Clinic at 453-0045 to get an application form. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the Gimli event can also call Corrie McGibney at the same number.

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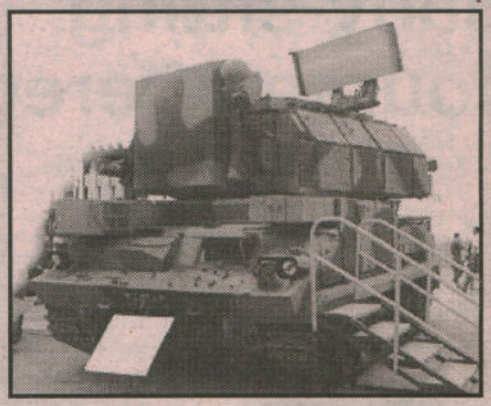

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TGIT - PIZZA
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THURSDAY, 30 JULY
TGIT - SUBS

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TGIT - BRATWURST

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST
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THURSDAY, 23 JULY
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BBQ Steak with all the trimmings
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Baby-sitting course offered

St. John Ambulance is meeting the demand for qualified baby-sitters by offering a one-day certificate program called "What every baby-sitter should know".

This course is designed for 12 to 14 year-olds, who would like to baby-sit but who have little or no experience. The program is designed to help young people feel more confident in their role as a temporary care giver.

"What every baby-sitter should know" is being offered on **Sunday, July 26, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. John Ambulance**, 535 Doreen Street. Registration is $26 per person. **Call St. John Ambulance at 784-7000 for information.**

17 Wing Community Recreation
SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS / ACTIVITIES

Non-competitive "everyone plays" sports camps/activities will be conducted throughout the summer. Camps/activities will be for 17 Wing Recreation Card Holders and will be **FREE OF CHARGE**.

BASEBALL CAMP
27-30 July
1300-1415hrs Ages 8-11
Lipsett Hall Field #4

WATER POLO
4 & 6 August
1500-1600hrs Ages 8-16
Bldg 90 Pool

WATER POLO
5 & 7 August
1500-1600hrs Ages 8-16
Lipsett Hall Pool

BASKETBALL
5 & 7 August
1300-1415hrs Ages 8-11
1415-1530hrs Ages 12-16
North Side near Bldg 90 Gym

GLOW BOWLING
8 August
Academy Lanes

OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL
10-12 Aug/17-19 Aug
1300-1400hrs Ages 10-14
1400-1500hrs Ages 15&up
Bldg 90 Gym

To register, for more info or to volunteer to assist with the camps, please contact Carla or Jillian at ext. 2059.

PMQ Landscaping Contest

The annual 17 Wing PMQ Landscaping contest, sponsored by the Winnipeg Military Community Council, will be held beginning 12 August 98 and is open to all North & South Side PMQ occupants.

Yards will be judged in the following categories: Grass • Flowers Bushes • Lawn Ornamentation • General Appearance.

Pre-judging will take place 12-14 August followed by the official judging on 18 August. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
1st Place (ea North/South) $75 • 2nd Place (ea North/South) $50
Honourable Mention (8 in total) $25

All awards will presented by the WComd. All winners will be notified by the WMCC Mayor.

17 Wing Community Recreation
SUMMER SWIM SCHEDULE

Swim Lessons	Registration Date/Location	Location of Lessons	Date of Lessons	Times
Session 4	30 & 31 Jul 0900-1200 hrs Lipsett hall	Lipsett Hall	4 Aug - 8 Aug 10 Aug - 14 Aug	0800-1115 hrs Tue-Sat/Mon-Fri

NOTE: - Due to August 3 being a Civic Holiday, Saturday, August 8 will be utilized for Swim Lessons.
- Must have a 17 Wing Rec Card to register. **(Cost $25 per child per session.)**

CASUAL SWIM:

LIPSETT HALL: 1 July - 30 August
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 1300-1500 /1800-2000 hrs
Sat., Sun. & Holidays 1300-1500 hrs

BUILDING 90: 1 July - 30 August
Tue. & Thur. 1300-1500 / 1800-2000 hrs
Sat., Sun. & Holidays 1300-1500 hrs

For more information, contact Carla Ryan, Community Recreation Director, ext. 2059.

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SATURDAY MOVIE NIGHT
The Museum is open Thursday and Friday evenings until 8 p.m. for your enjoyment. Call for the next feature and come sample Saturday Movie Night!

AQUA-FIT CLASSES

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1800-1900 hrs during July & August at Lipsett Hall Pool

Cost is $3.00 per night "Drop-in" Fee or $20 per month (must have 17 Wing Rec Pass)

For more info contact Carla at ext. 2059.

LOWER FORT GARRY
National Historic Site
1998 Calendar of Events

JULY 22, 25 & 29
FOSS/PELLY TRIAL
Performance starts at 2:00 p.m.

JULY 27 & 28
HIRING FOR FREIGHTING
Red River prepares for the annual York Boat Brigades

AUGUST 2, 9, 23 & 30
PETTY COURT
President of the Petty Court will hear and attempt to resolve local disputes.

AUGUST 10 - 14
BUFFALO TALES
Stories of the buffalo hunt

AUGUST 14 - 16
RED RIVER RENDEZVOUS
Lower Fort Garry comes to life as historic re-enactors spend the weekend at Lower Fort Garry.

For more info call (204) 785-6050 or 6071

Newcomers' Club of Winnipeg

Are you new to the city? Are you feeling a need to socialize?

If so, please join us for a monthly coffee party and/or general meeting. The Newcomers' Club of Winnipeg meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The many monthly activities, including bridge, 'Bon Appetite', potluck lunch, crafts, book club, provide an opportunity to make friends in the city.

For more information, call 992-2999 and leave a message. Someone from our Hospitality Committee will return your call.

Plan to join us and remember "You are not alone."

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National Armed Forces Day

On the occasion of National Armed Forces Day, I have the distinct privilege of honouring the men and women of the Canadian Forces and extending my best wishes.

Over the past year the Canadian Forces have continued to make outstanding contributions in a wide range of operations at home and abroad. At home, the Ice Storm served once more to demonstrate to Canadians that their forces are an important and irreplaceable national asset. Those affected by the storm understand first hand the professional and caring nature of the men and women who wear the Canadian military uniform.

Internationally, the forces have continued to contribute to peace and security under the auspices of the United Nations or as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the North American Aerospace Defence Command. During November 1997, the majority of our forces personnel left Haiti having made a significant contribution to restoring stability to that troubled island nation. In the former-Yugoslavia, our soldiers continue to guard a hard-earned peace. In April 1998, members of the forces deployed as part of a multi-force contingent to the Central African Republic to assist its security forces in the maintenance of peace and security. The wide range of operations in which Canada is participating is the best evidence of the professionalism and skill of the Canadian Forces.

Canada is valued as an ally. Our military expertise, including our excellence in peace support operations, is well know. This reputation has been earned by the outstanding performance of the men and women of the Canadian Forces. I am proud to lead such an excellent team of Canadians, regular force and reservists alike, whose dedicated service to Canada is without equal. I salute you, and extend my warmest regards to you and your families on this special day.

General J.M.G. Baril, Chief of the Defence Staff, sends

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CHILD CARE

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Day care prices too high? Affordable baby-sitting provided in my SSPMQ. Will provide lunches and snacks, and of course, lots of TLC. Call Margaret at 489-0686.

Mother of 2 (ages 4 & 6) now available for full time childcare in my southside home. I have excellent references and will provide wonderful care for children of any age. I am very flexible with hours and provide many extras such as snacks, meals, transportation to school if applicable and receipts. Call Vanessa anytime 488-3583.

Besoin Gardienne chez moi, vendredi soir (4 hrs), samedi matin (4 hrs), dimanche toute la journée, pour les mois de juin et juillet. SVP contactez Céline au 487-0887.

Nurse, mother of one - one F.T. Toddler spot open April 20, m/f; qualifications: CPR, first aid, child care I and LPN. Call Jodi, SPMQ, 487-1624.

MISC. ITEMS WANTED

Wanted - Little Tykes Clothes Washer/Dryer. Phone 895-8191.

MISC. FOR SALE

For Sale - 1996 Harley-Davidson Custom, red and chrome, 8000 kms, asking $11,500. Contact 453-7172 (res.) and ask for Carl.

For Sale - Two tires on 13" rims, P175/70R13. One 13" rim, no tire, four bolt 4.5" pattern for Hyundai, will fit Dodge Colt and Nissan. $35 OBO. Call ext. 6260 or 488-2860.

For Sale - Roll down shades, white, will fit row house windows. Aprox. 31" wide x 66" long. Less than 2 years old. $45 for all seven. Call Gina 889-3484.

For Sale - 1992 Chev Corsica LT, 4 dr., 3.1L, 6 cyl., blue, air, am/fm cass., 102,000 kms, very good cond., $6100 OBO. Call 897-4863 after 5 p.m.

MISC. FOR SALE

For Sale - Yellow-white gold ladies solitaire custom designed engagement ring with wedding band. The set is 14kt gold with a marquise shaped diamond .28 carats, SI clarity, I color. Original written appraisal available. Serious inquiries only, please call 339-2784 and leave msg.

For Sale - 8' x 8' metal storage shed, available 29 July. Asking $175. Call 889-7537 anytime.

For Sale - Lawn mower, Canadian Tire Mastercraft, w/bagger, good cond, $100 OBO. Phone 889-3484 and leave msg.

For Sale - Beige plush sofa and chair in good cond., asking $200. For viewing call 831-8977 or 837-3079.

For Sale - Kitchen/dining room set, solid wood, double pedestal table, 6 ft. upholstered bench w/storage compartment, 2 matching upholstered chairs, $230. Storage cabinet, 4 various sized drawers, painted pastel yellow and green, $10. Call 897-7972.

For Sale - Baby Items: F.P. baby carrier and high chair; jolly jumper; bathtub ring; play pen; swing; elastisized cloth diapers and plain diapers, never used; snowsuits, 12 months and 2 yrs; clothes up to 2 yrs. Phone 888-8201.

For Sale - 1990 Buick Riviera, 3.8 lt., dark red colour, no rust, super condition, $8,750. Details by phone 253-9249.

For Sale - Living room couch and chair, light in colour, 13 yrs old, great for basement, $75 OBO; Mates bed, 5 yrs old, great cond. with mattress $200 OBO. Call 832-7692 or 833-2509 ext. 5061, Karen.

MISC. FOR SALE

For Sale - Ping Pong table, $50; Single Futon mattress, $40; Rival ice cream and yogurt freezer, only used once, $45; White standing lamp, $10. Call Leigh 897-7249.

For Sale - Set of weights and bench, $50 OBO. Bruce or Debra 489-2913.

For Sale - Packard Bell 386 computer with monitor and printer, - great for word processed as an educational tool and loaded w/kid's games, asking $250. Call 833-2500 ext. 5946, ask for Dave.

For Sale - 1992 Mazda MPV 5 passenger RWD van, air cond., excellent condition, safetied, 256,000 hwy kms, asking $10,250 OBO. Please call Rex at 339-0210.

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