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Beyond the chain of command

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Andre Marin wants to hear what you think is wrong with the Canadian Forces. But, unlike the friends who you complain to at the mess, he may actually be able to make high-level changes. On June 9, 1998 Marin was appointed to the newly created office of the DND/CF Ombudsman. He was in Winnipeg from the 14-18 of September, as part of his nation-wide base tour.

After touring from Esquimalt to Halifax, Me. Marin hopes to be able to understand how the military works, and to know what is on the mind of its members. Upon completion of the tour he will present the Minister of Defense with his recommendations for the office of the Ombudsman, including his own job description.

Me. Marin has found military personnel to be open in their comments to him. Members have told him that his office needs the authority to do the job in a confidential, quick manner and have expressed skepticism that his office is merely more window dressing. Some senior officers fear he will erode the chain of command. In answer to these



Col Watt and Me Marin (left) discuss how the office of the Ombudsman should be designed to best serve all members of the Canadian Forces.

Photo by Cpl Bill McLeod, 17 Wing Imaging

concerns Me. Marin points out that he envisions his office as an

effective advocate for what is right and fair, not as a slow mechanism that pits the rank against the chain.

Me. Marin believes being a civilian is an essential quality for a person heading up a 'watchdog agency' for the military; it ensures impartiality. Although he is young (33 years old), he has experience that makes him uniquely qualified for the job. He headed up the Special Investigations Unit in Ontario, a civilian agency that investigated police officers. He was responsible for 99 police forces and nearly 25 000 personnel.

Me. Marin is the equivalent of a Lieutenant-General or a Deputy Minister. He is outside the military chain of command and reports directly to the Minister of Defense. Through the course of

the hearings he has responded to comments that as a civilian he may not be able to understand the intricacies of the military. He has responded by saying that since military personnel have learned the 'military culture' he too can learn what is necessary to do his job. He also points out that in a democracy it is the civilians who are ultimately in charge of the military.

By November, the Ombudsman's office should be operational. Andre Marin will have had five months to set his office up, familiarize himself with the forces, and convince the Minister to accept his job description. When that day comes the easy part of his job will be over and 110 000 personnel will be expectantly watching the 'watchdog.'



Based on Col Watt's (right) recommendation, Me Marin signs a pay raise for all serving members...or maybe just the guest book for 17 Wing.

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Canadian Thanksgiving A cornucopia of history

By Major CM Walton-Simm
Managing Editor

On October 12th, Canada will celebrate a traditional family holiday - Thanksgiving. When we look back at the diverse origins of this holiday we see that Canadians had and still have many things to be thankful for.

The 1st Thanksgiving Day in Canada was observed at Port Royal, Nova Scotia, in 1710, when the town and fort passed into English hands for the last time. The Scottish settlers of Nova Scotia emphasized the religious aspects of Thanksgiving and, in 1762, Halifax was the 1st community to proclaim Thanksgiving Day as "a day of General Thanksgiving to almighty God for the bountiful

harvest with which Canada has been blessed." In 1763, a day of thanksgiving at Halifax marked the victory of General Jeffrey Amherst's troops at Montreal and the subsequent end of the Seven Years' War. These early thanksgiving days were held at various times, usually to celebrate military victories or the birth of royal children. Loyalists then brought the celebration to other parts of the country.

A national Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed in Canada's Parliament in 1879. This 1st Thanksgiving Day was declared to be commemorated on the 6th of November and was celebrated as a national rather than religious holiday. Later and earlier dates were observed, the most popular

being the 3rd Monday in October. After World War I it was merged with Armistice (later Remembrance) Day for a time, but in 1931 the two were made separate holidays. It wasn't until 31 January 1957 that Parliament proclaimed the observance of Thanksgiving on the 2nd Monday in October. This decision was lamented by E.C. Drury (the former "Farmer-Premier" of Ontario) who complained that 'the farmers' own holiday has been stolen by the towns to give them a long weekend when the weather was better!

Thanksgiving draws upon three traditions: harvest celebrations in European peasant societies for which the symbol was the cor-

nucoia (horn of plenty); formal observances, such as that celebrated by Martin Frobisher in the eastern Arctic in 1578 (the 1st North American Thanksgiving); and the pilgrims' celebration of their 1st harvest in Massachusetts (1621) involving the uniquely American turkey, squash and pumpkin.

It seems we in Canada are not the only ones to give thanks as Thanksgiving Day is one of the oldest and most widespread of celebrations. There are also Thanksgiving holidays celebrated every year in the United States, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Laos, Liberia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Grenada and the Virgin Islands.

Winnipeg Military Community Council

The next 17 Wing Community Council Meeting is scheduled for 1900 hrs, Thursday, 8 Oct 98 at the Westwin Community Centre, Conference Room #2. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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CF Pro Driving Championships

Obstacles - we all face them on a regular basis in our everyday occurrences. Have you, however, ever had to face a serpentine, a diminishing clearance, or an offset alley? These were some of the obstacles facing the MSE Ops and civilian operators from Wing Transport who participated in the local and regional components of the Canadian Forces Professional Driving Championships.

Local Competition: The road rally event took place on the mornings of August 11th and 12th. This involved a journey through the local countryside and city streets, navigating by grid point references and by route card. Only MSE Ops with less than 8 years in the trade qualified eligible to compete in this event; as a result, finding enough eligible competitors was the first obstacle we had to overcome!

On August 13th and 14th, personnel from Wing Transport gathered at the 2PPCLI Parade Square to test their driving skills in vehicles such as HLVWs, 3 ton trucks, buses and tractor trailers. The obstacle course had been set according to national competition standards and the operators were ready to get behind the wheel; all hoped to move on to the next level of competition! Illustrating talent in maneuvering the vehicles was not the only requirement for success. Competitors also had to complete a written exam (testing one's knowledge of driving regulations, first aid, transportation of dangerous goods, and air brakes) and inspect the vehicles in an attempt to find all the defects. These scores combined with the demonstrated driving skills determined who would be the winners.

Col Watt, HCol Van Reuten and CWO Smith joined the squadron members at the competition site. The Wing Commander tried his hand at maneuvering a tractor trailer through an obstacle course; moments into it, however, he lost the trailer. Thank goodness it was only remote control! The WCWO, a little more daring, drove an

actual tractor around the PDC site; by that time, all the obstacles had been removed and personnel had found safety on the sidelines! We weren't going to take any chances with MSE Safety!

Regional Competition: The winners of the local competition, three from each event, proceeded to the Regional Championships in Edmonton from September 1st to 3rd. Here the competition was stiffer and nerves were much more tense. Despite these factors and the bad luck which plagued the team enroute to Edmonton, our team brought home 3 trophies. Mr. Rick Krcadinac took first place in the bus, third place in the 3 ton truck, and best over-all driver! He will be representing 17 Wing and the Western region at the CF Championships at 19 Wing Comox, in late September. Good luck Rick!

A sixth place by Cpl Fialski in the HLVW, also a sixth place by Cpl Piccolo in the bus event, and a solid performance by all the other team members gave 17 Wing a second place overall in the Prairie Region. Congratulations to all competitors!

17 WING PDC WINNERS

TRACTOR TRAILER

- 1st: Cpl Andy Fialski
- 2nd: Cpl Steve Piccolo
- 3rd: Cpl Kelly Smith

BUS

- 1st: Mr. Rick Krcadinac
- 2nd: Cpl Steve Piccolo
- 3rd: Cpl Patrick Fortin

HLVW

- 1st: Cpl Shawn Crowder
- 2nd: Cpl Andy Fialski
- 3rd: Mr. Rob Young

STRAIGHT TRUCK (3 TON)

- 1st: Mr. Rick Krcadinac
- 2nd: Cpl Michel Tremblay
- 3rd: Cpl John D'eon

ROAD-RALLY (TEAM)

- 1st: Cpls Andy Fialski & Virginia Lefurgey



First Place Winners (left to right): Mr Krcadinac (Bus, 3 Ton), Cpl Crowder (HLVW), Cpl Fialski (Tractor Trailer, Road Rally), Cpl Lefurgey (Road Rally).

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Tractor trailer backing into the alley-dock.

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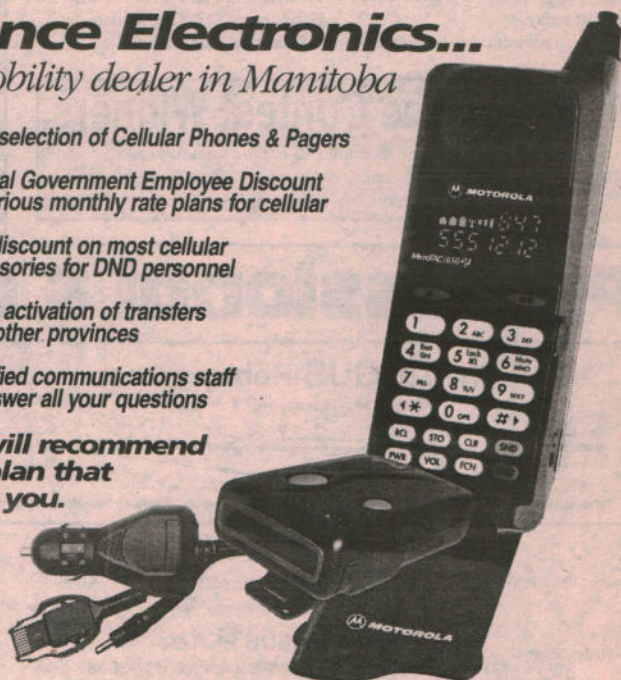
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The Supply Line

By Maj D.L. Miller, W Sup O

I was recently in the dead-files vault researching documents for an upcoming project and was surprised to run across a document that was nearly as old as I am. I knew we had to retain certain Supply documents for specific periods of time, but this is ridiculous. Wanting a break from the endless slips of paper, stock numbers, dates, accounts, and quantities, I picked up the document. It was dated 2 July 1965. It was titled "Guide Document - Tutor Programme". On the inside page it detailed the information and elements to be considered in the Tutor Programme from production to finance to support materiel to a two-page maintenance concept.

Intrigued, I continued into the document. The original programme was approved for 190 aircraft and integrated support at an estimated cost of \$83,971,500.00 - no I haven't forgotten a zero. However, through revised projected costs received from the manufacturer and sub-contractors - Canadian, General Electric, and Hawkes Siddeley - the cost increased to \$88,610,658.00.

The \$88.6 M was easily broken down into the following portions: \$44.6 M for 190 aircraft; \$15.1 M for 190 installed engines and 40 spares, \$8 M for engineering, \$3.5 M for ECPs, \$10.3 M for spares/pubs/training aids, and \$7.1 M for sales tax. AMCHQ had put this tidy little package together for its submission by the CDS to Treasury Board and then on to cabinet. The document is no more than 1/4" thick and is very easy reading, unlike the programme/project documents of today.

Today, a project costed at \$88.6 M

is classed as a Capital Crown Project while anything over \$100 M is classed as a Major Crown Project - Airbus procurement, NFTC, Sea King replacement, etc. Projects under \$3 M are categorized as Miscellaneous Requirements.

At Wing level, we are most interested in the Miscellaneous Requirements (MRs) at this time of year. Programming has already begun for FY 99/00 and all units are actively engaged in putting together their Statements of Capability Deficiencies (SCDs). All sections and units meet to prioritize their SCDs in preparation for the Wing Board. The Wing submission is received in 1 CAD who is tasked with collating all 1 CAD returns, including their own and sending them to the CAS. CAS then awaits the funding decisions from the Director Air Requirements (DAR) who has sat with his environmental counterparts to parcel out funding. All this to say 'plan early for next year's submission and be prepared to give Supply a call should you receive unexpected monies early'.

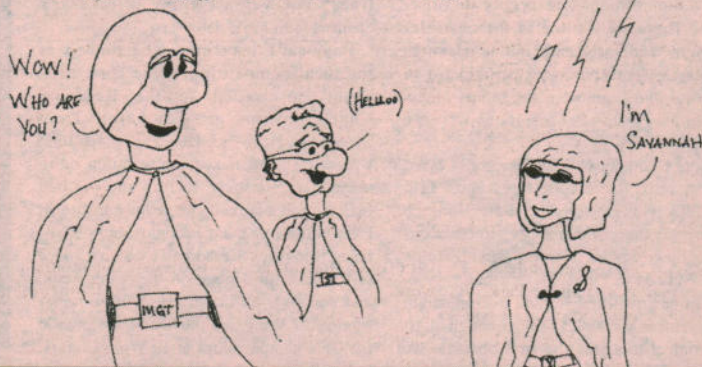
Back to the Tutor Programme guide, having read the document cover to cover, it satisfied my curiosity as to how programs of long ago got off the ground (no pun intended). \$88.6 M was a great deal of money back then but, now with all things considered, \$511 M for Airbus/Maintenance, \$750 M for submarines, and \$3 B for NFTC... it's not much. However, the planes are still flying so we must have done something right. Needless to say the document has been removed from the dead-files vault and has been secured in a place where it will not be destroyed at the appropriate date.

Next stop - the museum.

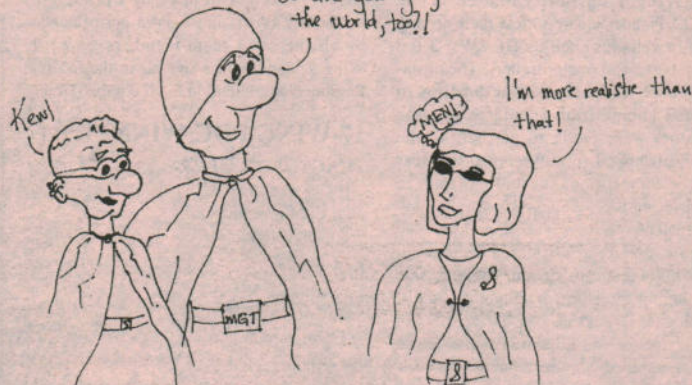
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On the 8th of September a sod turning ceremony was held at 17 Wing's Air Force Heritage Park. It marked the commencement of construction of a memorial to the Manitoba's contribution to the

BCATP, which included 12 major training centres.

"The monument is not only to commemorate those who came to Manitoba for this massive program, many of whom gave their lives, but also to those who helped them complete the training," said Mr. Norm Clark, project co-chairman for the Air Force Association of Canada. "The civilian population of Manitoba took these brave young people into their homes, made them feel welcome and performed many functions that made the project work."

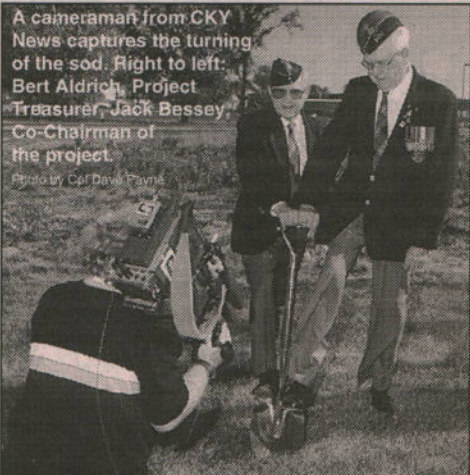
The monument will consist of a black granite slab shaped like the province of Manitoba, resting on

top of a 36 foot wide Roundel. There will be four walkways leading from this structure, which will be lined with red granite memorial stones, inscribed with the names of those being honoured. Flags from the four founding countries will surround the memorial.

The BCATP played an integral part in the ultimate victory of the allied forces.

This monument will serve as a lasting reminder of the contribution the citizens of Manitoba made to this program.

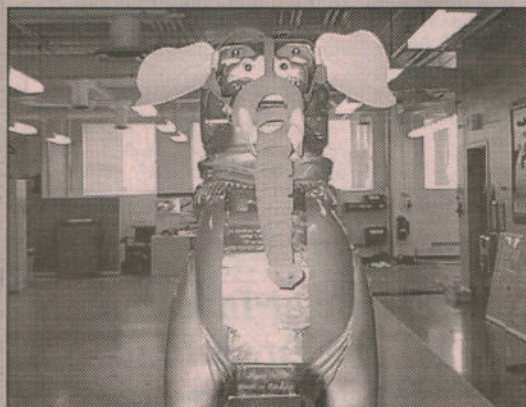
Further information on the monument is available on the Internet at: www.achq.dnd.ca/memorial/mainpage.htm



A cameraman from CKY News captures the turning of the sod. Right to left: Bert Aldrich, Project Treasurer, Jack Bessey, Co-Chairman of the project.

Photo by Col David Payne

413 Squadron? 435 Squadron?



435 Squadron's Mascot following a night out in the Maritimes. Notice how he prefers being an elephant over a lion! (A little 413 Squadron rivalry here, no doubt.)

Instrumental in the conceiving, funding, and organizing the monument, (and contributing one shovelful to its construction), from right to left: Reg Baldwin, Regional Director Air Force Association of Canada, Jack Bessey, Co-Chairman of Project, John Harvard, M.P., Colonel T.F. Watt, Wing Commander, 17 Wing Winnipeg, Gerry McCalpine, MLA St James, Chris Nielsen, President 500 Wing Air Force Association of Canada, Honourary Colonel B.A. Van Buiten, Norm Clark, Co-Chairman of Project.

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The primary consideration when choosing a mortgage is flexibility. A mortgage is probably the largest single financial commitment of your life time, so it's important to have the option of paying down your mortgage quickly.

The faster you pay off this huge debt, the less you will end up paying in interest. For example, if you were to borrow \$200,000 at 7% over a typical 25-year amortization period, you'd pay a total of \$220,250 in interest. By paying it off in 15 years, you would reduce your interest payments by about \$98,780.

Here are some mortgage options that can help make short work of your mortgage.

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PERIODS

Make sure you can change the frequency of your payments. Replacing monthly payments with accelerated weekly payments can be a big money saver.

Take your existing monthly payment and divide by four to establish your weekly amount. Since there are slightly more than four weeks in every month, this is equivalent to making one extra monthly payment a year.

LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS

Your mortgage contract should allow you to make prepayments of principal. Many lenders allow a yearly prepayment of up to 10% of the original principal amount of your mortgage loan.

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Remote construction training

By Lt Genevieve Lehoux
171 AEF OC

171 Airfield Engineer Flight (171 AEF) deployed to Little Grand Rapids from 26 June 1998 to 20 July 1998. This deployment was part of the AFRACT program (Air Force Remote Area Construction Training program). The program provides the opportunity to deploy personnel into remote areas and practice construction techniques in isolated conditions while providing tangible benefit to the local community.

The purpose of the deployment this summer was to provide an opportunity for 171 AEF to train in a realistic environment in developing and exercising deployed capabilities while assisting the Aboriginal community of Little Grand Rapids through a construction engineering project. The project selected in consultation with Southeast Resource Development Council Corporation (SERDC), the agency that represents several First Nations communities in southern Manitoba, was the construction of a pre-engineered arena. Our mission for this summer was to carry out Phase One of arena construction: site preparation and foundation work.

Due to the presence of an unsuspected waterbed under the site, the foundation work couldn't be completed. However site preparation was finished in preparation for next year's deployment. The presence of a waterbed under the site was determined since water was seeping out through the ground after excavation. 171 AEF will complete this project next summer if the community provides us with a geo-technical study of the soil and a proper foundation design for that type of ground.

Despite a change in the scope of work, everybody maintained a high morale. The flight was composed of 29 personnel: 18 personnel from 17 Wing and 11 reservists from 191 AEF Abbotsford and from 14 Airfield Engineer Squadron detachments in Lunenburg, Pictou and Gander.

The reservists augmentation was an excellent addition to the flight, who worked very well with their Regular Forces counterparts. Our two mechanics (MCpl Lefebvre and Cpl Belbin) did an excellent job repairing the heavy equipment with a chronic shortage of spare parts and material. The three heavy equipment operators (Cpl Crowder, Cpl Plourde and Cpl

O'Conner) showed dedication to their jobs by working extra hours to get the site preparation done on time. The two cooks (MCpl Haddow and Cpl Cornell) knew how to maintain high morale within the crew by preparing excellent meals.

Being a remote area, 250 km north-east of Winnipeg (accessible by air only in the summer) the

recreational activities were very limited. Cpl Chase (171 AEF Supply tech) and Cpl Couture (171 AEF) showed their baseball talents in participating in several games with the locals in the evenings. The crew also did a lot of fishing. Almost every night our four boats were gone. Cpl Wertwyn (171 AEF) got the record of the longest Pike and Cpl

Belbin caught the biggest Pickere! MWO Hamm, as hard as he tried, couldn't get the pickere! to bite his infamous 'Banjo lure'.

The flight was very disappointed at not being able to complete this phase of the project. Despite this fact it was still a learning experience for everybody. Well done everyone! CHIMO.

Commander's Commendation



The technicians and supervisors of 435 Squadron's Aircraft Servicing Organization are commended for exceptional performance in overcoming the many challenges faced in launching Operation Determination and continuing to support missions from 17 Wing from 5 Feb - 23 May 1998. The section has again lived up to the motto "Determined on Delivery"!

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THE MINISTER

21 SEPT 1998 - HMCS Toronto Crew Poorly Equipped
According to a report from HMCS Toronto, Defence Minister Art Eggleton gave crew members medals this summer but denied them summer shirts and medication while they were engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf earlier this year. The report also suggested the ship lacked targets for practice, lubrication oil for a hot climate, and passports to send sick crew members home. It explained that many of these problems arose because the ship was reassigned to enforce the US-led embargo against Iraq on February 10 when it was engaged in a cold-climate NATO exercise off Norway. The ship is now docked in Toronto Harbour for a five-day visit, during which its decks will be open to the public (Ctz A5, TSun 10, Pr A4, Dr 16, JM 15).

21 SEPT 1998 - Army Under Fire
Michael Woloschuk comments in the Ottawa Sun on the alleged "indecent acts committed at a retirement dinner for the commander of a Sherbrooke, Que., army reserve unit." LCol Bernard Pelletier reportedly sent apologies to some of the civilian people who were at the dinner. NDP MP Chris Axworthy is said to have called for Defence Minister Art Eggleton to apologize for the activities. The report states that Molly Lamb Bobak, a painter hired by the Canadian Armed Forces to capture the experiences of Canadian military personnel in World War II, is said to have told Woloschuk "that the acts of our soldiers have been overscrutinized since the Somalia debacle." Woloschuk also points out that "civilians — men and women — are allowed to attend strip clubs and watch pornographic movies. They can even dance around buck naked at parties, if that kind of thing suits them" (OSun 5, 20 September).

OTHER ISSUES

25 SEPT 1998 - NATO Air Strikes against Yugoslavia
NATO has issued a request that its generals begin to prepare for air strikes on Yugoslavia unless President Slobodan Milosevic ends his attacks on Albanians in Kosovo. U.S. Defence Secretary William Cohen said after a meeting of allied defence ministers: "Our patience is running out". The report repeated a statement from Canadian Captain Luc Gaudet, indicating that six CF-18 jet

17 Wg Ops Situation Report 8 SEP - 13 SEP 98

OPERATION	COUNTRY	PERS DEPL
Op Danaca	Golan Heights	11
Op Palladium	Bosnia	5
CFS Alert	Canada	0
Op Echo	Italy	2
DCDS Taskings	Domestic	0
Indiv Tasking*	Domestic	3
CANZEX 98	New Zealand	2
TOTAL PERS DEPLOYED		23

* Indiv Tasking: Op Persistence Halifax (2), Dundum (1)

fighters continue to fly NATO patrols over the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia. Gaudet said the mission will not change for the moment, and said that any change must come through NATO. The report mentioned that LCol Greg Matte is the new commander of the Canadian Forces air detachment in Aviano, Italy (G&M A11, OSun 8, TStar A16).

25 SEPT 1998 - Child Soldiers
The wife of Nelson Mandela, Graca Machel, expressed surprise that Canada has refused to raise the minimum military age to 18 from 16 to set an example to other countries. Machel, who chaired a UN inquiry into child soldiers, spoke passionately on the subject during the couples' visit to Ottawa. Machel noted that Canada has taken "very progressive positions on many issues". She asked how Canada can allow youngsters to vote only at age 18, but will permit them to join the military at 16 (Ctz D1, TStar A6).

24 SEPT 1998 - Naval Image
A report stated the "big guns have come out in defence of the Canadian navy". Officers aboard HMCS Toronto described how crew members did without basics while serving in the Persian Gulf, but both the ship's captain and Defence Minister Art Eggleton yesterday insisted that the ship has always been up to muster. Military ombudsman André Marin walked the lower decks and talked to the vessel's rank and file. He reportedly told the sailors that he wanted to hear their concerns and gather their input "to ensure just and fair treatment". Marin said later that he had heard some complaints, but also heard "an immense sense of pride and belonging". He added that the ship's crew were "extremely touched by the warm welcome" they were accorded by Torontonians. Toronto's Cmdr. Brett Johnson described it as the "best frigate in the world". Johnson's post-deployment report has now been made public under the Access to Information Act. Johnson explained that some complaints he made in the report were taken out of context by the media. Eggleton noted that the ship had very quickly detached from the NATO squadron for re-deploy-

ment in the Gulf, which constituted "a different mission" (OSun 24, TStar A3).

24 SEPT 1998 - Conflict in Kosovo
A report said that the UN Security Council has demanded that Yugoslavia halt its military offensive against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, but did not authorize the use of military force. China abstained from the vote, which was 14 to 0. The report added that NATO ambassadors will meet today in Portugal and are expected to authorize an "activation warning" under which troops will be committed and equipment would be sought from alliance members (G&M A14, FP 2, TStar A26).

23 SEPT 1998 - Canadian Named to Head U.N. Golan Heights Force
Canadian Army BrigGen Cameron Ross was named yesterday as new commander of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force, which acts as a buffer between the Syrian and Israeli armies on the Golan Heights. He takes over October 1st, succeeding BrigGen David Stapleton of Ireland, who commanded the 1,050-member force from June 1997 until August 31st this year. Ross, 49, joined the Canadian Forces in 1973 and will be promoted to major-general. He has had extensive U.N. peacekeeping experience, having served in Cyprus in 1974 and in Angola in 1992 as chief of staff (Gaz F12).

23 SEPT 1998 - Military Helicopters
Articles by Graham Hughes and David Gamble examined how company officials are working to convince the CF that several helicopter models by Eurocopter, including the Cougar Mark 2 and the Cormorant [a variation on the EH-101 helicopter], would meet the Canadian Navy's requirements in replacing the aging Sea King helicopters (Ctz D1, OSun 18, TSun 34).

23 SEPT 1998 - Military History
Letter writer Jennifer Polk argued against the horrors of war and noted that veteran Cliff Chadderton agrees with her that our children must not be told that there is honour in war. Polk argued that war is always harmful to every aspect of society in the long term (Ctz A8).

Jared O'Neill of Ottawa said he found it hard to imagine what the world and our country would be like had we not fought in WWI. O'Neill thinks it is important that Canadians know their military history (Ctz A8).

22 SEPT 1998 - High-Speed Rail Link
In an OpEd piece, Canadian Auto Workers union economist Jim Stanford advocated conscripting Armed Forces foot soldiers as a "peacetime call to arms" to work toward overhauling Canada's transportation infrastructure, including the construction of a high-speed rail link between Quebec City and Windsor (G&M A31).

21 SEPT 1998 - Victory for Vets
Natasha Altorio reports that Reform MP Peter Goldring announced that the trip for 30 Ortona veterans would proceed after fund-raising reached \$76,000. The report said the fund-raising effort was aided by "a cheque for \$26,000 dropped off by an anonymous man" (OSun 7, 19 September).

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402 Sqn & Habitat for Humanity

By MCpl Barry Ripley

It's July 1998 and the Flood of the Century is still touching lives. Andre and Suzanne Tetrault lost their home to the flood and were now about to build one with the help of Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity and about 20 volunteers from 402 Squadron.

It all began on Friday, 17 July 98, with volunteer registration and orienteering. We were welcomed by the coordinator of volunteers and the Winnipeg rep of Habitat for Humanity who explain the purpose of Habitat. We broke off to meet the members of our respective crews and then went to visit the work site, which was just a foundation...for now.

Day 1 begins with the House Leader, Vern Koop (AKA Papa Smurf) assigning tasks to the teams. Some are building the exterior walls while the others put together the interior walls and gable ends. Great attention is paid to detail as some crews do the job 2 or 3 times to make sure they have it right. A shout of triumph erupts as the first exterior wall is lifted into position (before the first coffee break). Amidst thunderstorms and rain fall, the other

walls quickly follow and then the roof trusses are lifted up. With a little persuasion (and some daring) the trusses are positioned and nailed down. Roof sheeting is installed with a few custom cuts to fit. We then step aside as the roofers prepare to shingle.

The end of the first days sees all walls installed and the roof on and shingled. Whew!

It's day 2 and now it's time to insulate the exterior walls and install the vapor barrier. Sealant compound is everywhere, with WD-40 the only antidote. Drywall is installed on the ceiling and half the interior walls, the inspector has yet to inspect our work.

Meanwhile, on the outside, great care is going into the manufacture and installation of the stoop. The exterior paper is also being attached in preparation for the siding installation. More rain today.

After a successful inspection, and despite even more rain, day 3 finds the drywallers going full speed ahead. Rumour has it that the upper floor must be completed by noon tomorrow so the 'mudders' can start. No problem for this crew.

Outside the siding crew is moving from wall to wall rapidly installing the vinyl siding. With a surplus of materials available, the decision is made to finish two more rooms on the lower level.

The owners also inquire about getting a small barn (or shed if you prefer) built. No problem - foundation hammered together with the four walls built and installed, roofing trusses added and we'll do the sheeting and shingling tomorrow.

Day 4 and the drywall crew is eager to finish the job by completing the work in the entrance stairway. Showing off their geometry and cutting skills, the drywallers complete the task by noon (as promised). The barn gets its roof sheeting and shingles installed. Door are measured and cut, then remeasured and recut. ("I cut it four times and it's still too short!")

The 'mudders' show up near the end of the day & begin their work.

We arrive, ready to work, on day 5 and look to see how the 'mudders' have covered up our minor drywall faux paxs on the main floor. They left the lower floor for us and we tackled this task in earnest, some of us using

more earnest (and mud) than others.

Meanwhile, the outside crews are progressing rather rapidly. The siding is just about done and the barn raising team is working on the doors. With extra siding material left over, the barn raisers decide to finish the exterior in fine fashion, a job very well done.

Day 6 and Papa Smurf is so pleased with our progress, he consents to loan a few of us out to the Mennonite Disaster Services for a couple of projects that they were working on. They are also in Ste. Agathe helping people restore their homes and lives.

Meanwhile back at our house, the exterior is just being finished while on the inside, crews are sanding the walls in preparation for painting. The topsoil and sidewalk blocks arrive and the landscaping is done.

Day 7, the last day. The town of Ste. Agathe celebrates "Cheyenne Days" and graciously invite us all to the pancake breakfast. After chowing down there, we return to the work site and view the parade as it goes past the house.

Painting and finish carpentry continues. After so many days of just holes in the walls, the doors

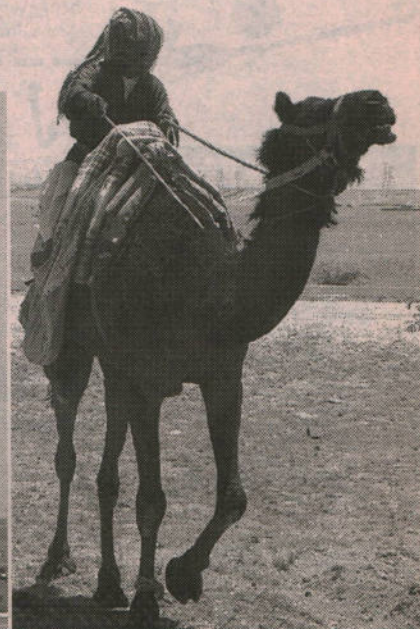
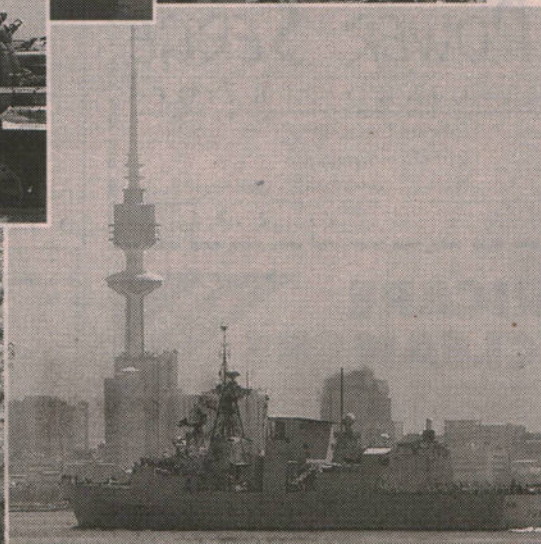
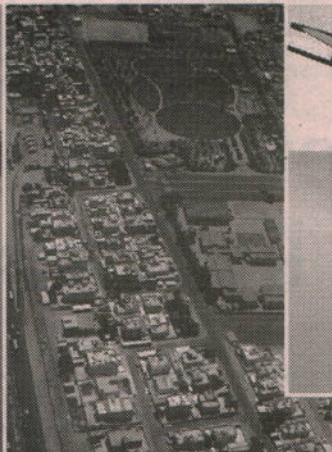
are a nice addition. The sod arrives and is quickly off loaded and placed on the topsoil. Now it looks like a home.

The members of the 402 Sqn construction crew have a number of people to thank: Greg Lyon for organizing the whole thing and Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity, for giving us all a chance to contribute to the flood relief effort. I would be extremely remiss if I failed to mention the other volunteers who supported us during this building blitz. A HUGE Bravo Zulu to the various groups who fed us during the week. The sandwiches, buns and breads were delicious, the lasagna was superb and words cannot accurately describe the roast pig the Hutterites prepared for us...absolutely superb.

402 Squadron volunteers included: LCpl D. Lamb, CWO D. McAllister, MWO G. Lyon, WO M. Wohlgemuth, WO J. Alberding, Sgt B. Thili, Sgt B. Wild, MCpl S. Corley, MCpl H. Romer, MCpl B. Ripley, Cpl G. Lavoie, Cpl P. Brogaard, Cpl R. Robichaud, Cpl S. Roberts, Cpl J. Hershman, Cpl R. Spicer, Cpl K. Hutton, Pte J. Graham, Pte B. Bennett.

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17 WING SPORTS

FLYING TIGERS SWIM TEAM

The dust has settled!

Once again, the Registration Fair is behind us and the Time Trials for the swimmers has come to an end.

Close to forty swimmers registered and the majority have chosen to go for the competitive group (mind you most of them had to be strong enough for it). Some of them will take part in the dryland training program while others will be in the pool. Size and physical capabilities play an important role in the decision.

In the line-up of 'New Swimmers' to the Competitive Group, we have: Daniel Attallah, Christopher Bowden, Margaret Fergusson, Sarah Hogendorp, Sabrina & Samantha Lake, Michael Leeming, Brittany & Stephanie Maltais and Kairo Martin. The new faces on the team are: Jesse Comeau, Auston & Bronwyn Green, Erika & Melanie Kaufmann, Benjamin Paquet, Bill Pigden, Courtney & Monica Smyth, Jessica Ross and Amy Van Ooyen. A warm welcome to all of you and good luck for those in the competitive group.

The swimmers in their second year competitive with the team are: Navdeep & Rick Bhullar, Angela & Melissa Furlotte, David 'Dave' Lowry, Niall Martin and Audrey Rivest.

The swimmers with three years or more are: James Bowden, James "Jim" deBeer, Amber, Matthew & Mitchell Hagans, Brian Hunter, Kristy McBey, Kathleen Rivest, Graeme Sprange and Jesse Treleman.

The Coaches are:
Pre-Competitive: Dave Wray, George Lake; Competitive Level 1: Steve Smyth;



Competitive Level II: Roger Bowden; Head Coach is Tony "I Look Good" Hogendorp.

The dryland training started with some anticipation from the swimmers. Once it was started, the majority felt it was too hard and they didn't like the way training was done... of course it's training and who likes training. It's not a walk in the park, a fast pace with lots of repetition on the Hydra-Gym, combined with sit-ups and push-ups. Not the ideal thing for training (from the swimmers point of view, that is). Later we will introduce the aerobic exercises, weights and stationary equipment (bicycle, stairs and rowing machines).

Throughout the swimming season we will feature articles from the swimmers (Swimmer's Talk), the coaches (Coach Corner) and of course articles (with pictures) of all of our swimmers at the different meets during the regular program. It is an invitation to stay tuned.

Be a part of the future of swimming in Manitoba - become a member of the 17 Wing Flying Tigers Swim Team. For more information you can contact the President at 833-2500 ext. 5513 during working hours or 831-1404 during the evening. All members must obtain and maintain a valid recreation pass.

The 17 Wing Flying Tigers Swim Team is swimming out of Lipsett Hall Pool (Corner of Grant and Kenaston Blvd). Practice time is from Monday to Friday 17:00 to 18:30 (5:00 to 6:30 PM).

Until next time...stay fit and alert. REFUSE TO LOSE!

Spitfires on fire



By Lt Genevieve Lehoux
Team Manager

The women's soccer team had an excellent season. The Spitfires couldn't wish for any more success, winning the Division Championship with a regular season record of 11 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. The team improved greatly since the indoor season aided by the arrival of half a dozen new players: Lenore Andrusyk, Karen Christian, Deanna Manson, Laurie Moore, Jaime Neal and Faye Worthy. As Division Champions the Women's soccer team will move up from First Division to Premier Division. It is the first time, in its ten year existence, that the base soccer team will be in the Premier Division since its creation.

The goalkeeper, Rachel Sarrasin, improved all season long. She must have saved more than 20 goals during the whole season and had a great performance during the shoot-out in the semi-finals.

The defense (Roberta Krawat, Mary Ann Williston, Faye Worthy and Jaime

Neal) were very aggressive and worked hard every game.

The outside midfielders and forwards were also very fast compared to their opponents on the other teams.

During most of the games, we could see the Spitfires were 'fitter' than the other teams. This is due to the excellent practices held by the coach, Peter Corcoran and the great fitness level of the military members in general. Peter knew how to make us improve on our weaknesses to help us reach our potential.

Well done everyone!

The team is hoping to have a great indoor season, which starts October 18th. If there is anyone interested in playing with the Women's indoor soccer team, there is still room left on the team for this season.

If interest, contact Chris Merrithew, Sports Coordinator at ext. 5511 or Lt Genevieve Lehoux, Team Manager at ext. 6201.

TOP SCORERS

Lenore Andrusyk	13 goals
Karen Christian 1	11 goals
Deanna Manson	6 goals
Genevieve Lehoux	5 goals
Laurie Moore	4 goals



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17 WING SPORTS

CIC officers selected for Canada Winter Games

In May 1998 the Biathlon Association of Manitoba commenced its final year of preparations for the 99 Canada Winter Games, being held at Blow Me Down Mountain in Cornerbrook, Nfld. The process involved selection of a Coaching Staff, consisting of a Male Coach, a Female Coach and a Manager. Among the group of nominees were Manitoba CIC officers who have been very active in the Cadet Biathlon and Civilian Biathlon programs. Biathlon Manitoba's search concluded with the selection of Captain Gerry Mychajlyszyn as Manager of the team, and Captain Deanne Yetman as the Female Coach.

Captain Yetman started with the Cadet Biathlon program in 1990. Since 1991 Captain Yetman has participated at the Cadet Nationals four times coaching such teams as #547 RCACS North Bay, Ontario, #533 RCACS St. Albert, Alberta, #177 RCACS Winnipeg, Manitoba and the Composite team from Manitoba. This year she will be working on her level 3 coaching certification.

Captain Mychajlyszyn has been involved with the Cadet Biathlon program since the 1991-92 biathlon season. He has produced athletes who have participated in the Cadet Biathlon Nationals for the last 6 years, and has himself coached at the last 5 Cadet Biathlon Nationals for #737 RCACS Thompson, and #2528 RCACC Virden. His athletes have brought back 5 silver and 3 bronze medals from the Cadet Nationals. Captain Mychajlyszyn has been a driving force in the development of Biathlon in Manitoba/N.W. Ontario. He has been the Technical Chairman of Biathlon



Capt Deanne Yetman explains the Standing Shooting Position to Cadets Nicole Nagy of 177 Air Canada Squadron, Mark Lomond of 2528 Virden Army Cadet Corps and Justin Reitsma of 177 Air Canada Squadron, while Capt Gerry Mychajlyszyn provides the demonstration.

Manitoba for the past 3 years, and was part of Biathlon Manitoba's Coaching Team at Biathlon Canada's 98 National Championships. He has attained his Biathlon Level 3 Coaching Certification, and is currently working on his qualification as Biathlon Coaching Course Conductor.

Both Coaches bring much needed experience to the existing Cadet Biathlon Program in Manitoba/N.W. Ontario. The additional training and experience gained through the Canada Winter Games will certainly add to their Biathlon Coaching skills and abilities, but will also translate to benefit for the Cadet Biathlon Programs that they are involved in. It will help to raise the quantity and quality of the Manitoba/N.W. Ontario Cadets participating in Biathlon for years to come.

Results from the last few Cadet Biathlon National Competitions confirm the increase of the competitive level from Prairie Region, PAC Region, and

Atlantic Regions. This increase can largely be attributed to the development of the Coaching Base within those Regions, and the quantitative & qualitative development of their programs.

The participation of these two CIC Officers from Manitoba, and from other provinces, at the Canada Winter Games demonstrates the high level of Coaching Skill being produced in the Cadet Program. More and more of our Cadets are showing up on Provincial Teams at the Canada Winter Games, and at Biathlon Canada Races. Our Programs are making a difference. Within the Cadet world, there are many more Meriam Bedards, and even a few Nicholi's, waiting for the opportunity to shine.

Thanks go out to our many sponsors, for their motivation, encouragement, and especially their support. A special thanks to the Prairie Region Headquarters and its Cadet Detachment Winnipeg for their ongoing belief and support of the project.

Revving up for winter

Badminton Club

17 Wing Westwin Badminton Club is looking for new members. We offer several different levels of play and a very relaxing social evening.

Every Sunday & Wednesday,

2000 - 2300 hrs at Lipsett Hall. Military members or dependants welcome. For more info, contact Sgt Joe Runge at ext. 2252, Capt Mike Lillico at ext. 5345 or Mr. Brian Wong at ext. 5298.

Aerobics

Commencing 1 October 98 at Lipsett Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 1900 - 2000 hrs. Cost is \$4 per visit 'drop-in' fee or \$15 per

month. You must have a 17 Wing Rec card.

For more info contact Christine at 889-9629 or Carla at ext. 2059.

Aqua Adults

At Lipsett Hall Pool on Sunday nights. Beginners: 1815-1845 hrs. Intermediate: 1815-1900 hrs. Stroke improvement: 1845-1915 hrs.

Cost for rec card holders is \$25 for 10 lessons. Free for military members. To register or for more information, contact Carla at ext. 2059.

Aqua-Fit Classes

At Lipsett Hall Pool every Tuesday and Thursday from 1830 - 1930 hrs, instructed by Jill.

Classes will also be held every Saturday from 1200 - 1300 hrs,

instructed by Leana.

Cost is \$3 per visit 'drop-in' fee. You must have a rec card. Call Carla at ext. 2059 for more information.

Women's Ice Hockey

17 Wg is hosting a women's round robin ice hockey tournament 9-12 Feb. 99. Any female military members interested in

playing please contact Deanna at ext. 2347, Cheryl at 5221 or Chris at 5511. Planning is underway for this exciting event!

Adult Swim

At Lipsett Hall, Tues. and Thurs. evenings, 1930 - 2030 hrs.

For more information, contact Carla at ext. 2059.

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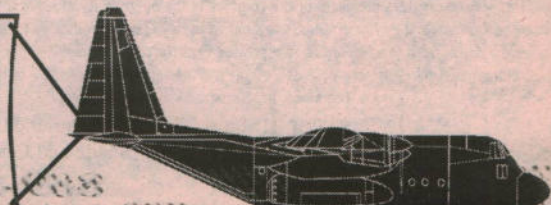
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Battle of Britain remembered

By Norman Clark
500 (City of Winnipeg) Sqn
Air Force Assoc. of Canada

What General Weygand called the Battle of France is over, I expect the Battle of Britain is about to begin.

Winston Churchill
broadcast on the BBC
June 1940

With those words perhaps one of the decisive battles of World War 2 began. It would turn out to be the first serious reversal inflicted upon the German forces in almost a year of continued success firstly in Poland, then in Norway, then the low countries of Belgium, Holland and finally France.

The Battle began on the 10th

July 1940 (Germany had approximately 2900 aircraft and the RAF had about 650 fighters mainly Hurricanes) with the first of a proposed three part plan to bring about the defeat of Great Britain and her allies.

The first part was attacks on the convoys that plied their trade around the coast of Britain bringing supplies and goods from the industrial North to the South.

Part two was to be the attacks on the radar stations and the fighter fields of Number 11 Group under Air Vice Marshal Keith Park which defended London and the south coast of England. And if they could force the RAF to come up and fight, they would be able by sheer weight of numbers to eventually diminish their value and would be

unable to prevent a landing on the shores of England by the Wehrmacht. Known as Operation Sea Lion, Hitler had planned for an invasion by the middle of September 1940, but he first had to obtain supremacy of the skies.

When following an accidental dropping of some bombs on London by the Luftwaffe (which incidentally they had been ordered not to bomb) Churchill immediately ordered a reprisal raid on Berlin, which enraged Hitler so much that he ordered Goering to change his plan of attack and bomb London and the other cities which he hoped would bring the British to their knees and sue for peace. This allowed Air Chief Marshal Dowding, C-in-C Fighter Command, a breathing space to

repair his airfields, rest and rotate his squadrons and carry on the battle. But it had been a close run thing. Instead of turning his attack on London, a few more days of continuous assault on the airfields and radar stations and perhaps a very different story might today be told.

September 15th which has since those times been accepted as Battle of Britain day, was perhaps the most decisive day of the battle. The clear blue sky looked as if someone had a large tin of white paint and a large brush, and was painting long white lines all over. On the BBC News at 10 p.m. that night, they announced that 180 enemy aircraft had been shot down. This was later officially reduced to 56. The RAF losses were 26. The Luftwaffe

knew that the RAF was still a long way from being defeated. Whatever the number, the Luftwaffe could not maintain that amount of losses on a regular basis and the decision was taken to attack London by mass bombing raids at night. So began the Blitz which was to continue without a break for the next 57 nights.

What were the costs of the Battle of Britain (July 10 - Oct. 31, 1940)? The Luftwaffe losses were estimated to be some 1887 aircraft and 2662 aircrew, while the RAF lost totaled 1023 aircraft and 537 aircrew.

The Royal Canadian Air Force can be rightly proud of the part it played not only in the Battle of Britain, but in all theatres throughout those years of World War 2.

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To register call 833-2500 ext. 2491

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A Canadian relief agency has enlisted the support of the Canadian Air Force to air lift an emergency food shipment for malnourished children in Sudan where over two million people face starvation due to war and drought.

World Vision Canada President Dave Toyce says, "Late last month, we were told that our nurses, who are feeding Sudan's starving families, were running out of food to give the children carried by the desperate parents into our feeding centers. We cannot abandon them."

Twenty metric tonnes of Canadian-made Nutri-MEAL, a new super porridge for children, has left 8 Wing Trenton on a CC-150 Polaris bound for Nairobi.

Once in Nairobi, the food will be trucked by World Vision into Sudan. An addition 100 MT of Nutri-Meal has already left Halifax Harbour on September 1, but it will take 45 days to reach Mombassa Harbor in Kenya, too late to fill the supply gap in southern Sudan.

Nutri-Meal is a fortified porridge fed to children who are strong enough to eat solid foods, but not yet ready for a normal diet. The recipe for the cereal was formulated by World Vision

Canada nutritionists. This is the first time this new product has been produced in Canada. This shipment of porridge comes on the heels of another emergency airlift in mid-August when World Vision raised support for an airlift of therapeutic milk fed to Sudanese children not yet ready for solid foods.

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- What is the nick-name given to the planet Mars?
a) the green planet b) the red planet c) the blue planet
Answer: _____
- Which of the two moons of Mars is the smallest?
a) Phobos b) Deimos
Answer: _____
- What is the name of the federal agency responsible for coordinating Canada's space activities?
Answer: _____
- How many Martian days are there in a Martian year on Mars?
a) 423 b) 687 c) 730
Answer: _____
- How many planets make up our solar system? Answer: _____
- The Planet-B spacecraft to Mars was launched in July, 1998. When will it arrive at Mars?
a) December 1998 b) May 1999 c) October 1999
Answer: _____
- Which is the largest planet? Answer: _____
- Canada's contribution to the Planet-B mission is the "TPA". What do the letters "TPA" stand for?
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- Which planet is the closest to the sun? Answer: _____
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- 9 Oct 1900 hrs Home Fire Escape Drill. All MQ residents are encouraged to practice their escape plan when they hear the fire truck siren. (Stickers & tattoos will be handed out to the kids.)
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First All-Weather Fighter reunion

What began as an idea sparked by a casual golf tournament at Comox a couple of years ago evolved into one of the largest social events hosted at 17 Wing in 1998, with over 300 former all-weather fighter aircrew and spouses attending events over three days, August 21-23.

Winnipeg was suggested as the site for the first reunion of all-weather fighter aircrew - those who flew the CF-100 Canuck (Clunk) or the CF 101 Voodoo - due to its central location and status as a major center, and Winnipeggers Lynn Wagar, Doug Munro, Grant Clements, and Orv Malcomson volunteered as the initial organizing cadre, later joined by George Meldrum, Vic Gerden, Al Hunter, Glen Emerson, and Gord Moore.

Information spread via word-of-mouth and the internet, resulting in a final tally in excess of 300 attendees from all over Canada and the United States representing every generation of

aircrew who flew the Clunk or the Voodoo in Europe or North America in the 50's, 60's, 70's, or 80's.

Activities began on Friday, August 21, with a 108 player golf tournament at the Blumberg course followed by a Meet and Greet at the 17 Wing Officers Mess. On Saturday, tours were available for the Western

Canadian Aviation Museum and a Red River boat cruise. Both the Senior NCM and Officer's Mess were filled to capacity on Saturday night and provided a truly excellent full service dinner. Attendees reconvened at the Officers Mess to dance to a live band until the wee hours. Planned activities concluded with a Sunday brunch at the Holiday Inn West. This event was so successful that a second reunion will be held in Ottawa in 2001.

A formal All Weather Fighter Association is now being formed with the purpose of maintaining and distributing a directory of members, publishing newsletters, and organizing reunions every three years.

If you flew the Clunk or Voodoo and wish further information, contact:

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