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## THE STATE OF '98

### A YEAR IN REVIEW

## Wing Commander reminisces



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It all started in January with the Quebec and Southeastern Ontario ice storm, which saw the largest ever deployment of Canadian Forces troops on Canadian soil. At the same time, the Atlantic region was suffering from severe flooding caused by the same weather front. In May, we sent people to Sarno, Italy, to help their authorities with the clean up of mudslides that resulted from heavy torrential rainfalls

in the region. In November, we sent over 60 Wing personnel to La Ceiba, Honduras, to help relieve some of the pain caused by Hurricane Mitch. This Wing also contributed on the international front in the last year by deploying personnel to Kuwait, the Golan Heights, the former Yugoslavia, Egypt and Italy, to name a few.

However, one doesn't need to look at our involvement around the world to see all the good work accomplished by the personnel at this Wing. "Charity starts at home" and you have demonstrated that 17 Wing is a true community partner to Winnipeg by successfully getting involved in activities such as the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign, Habitat for Humanity, the 24-hour relay for Kids, Run for the Cure, Grey Cup support, Canada Day Celebrations, Remembrance Day activities at local schools, Sunset Ceremony at Assiniboine Park and the Teddy Bear Picnic. You have truly made a difference in the lives of a lot of people within our community in 1998 and I am sure 1999 will bring

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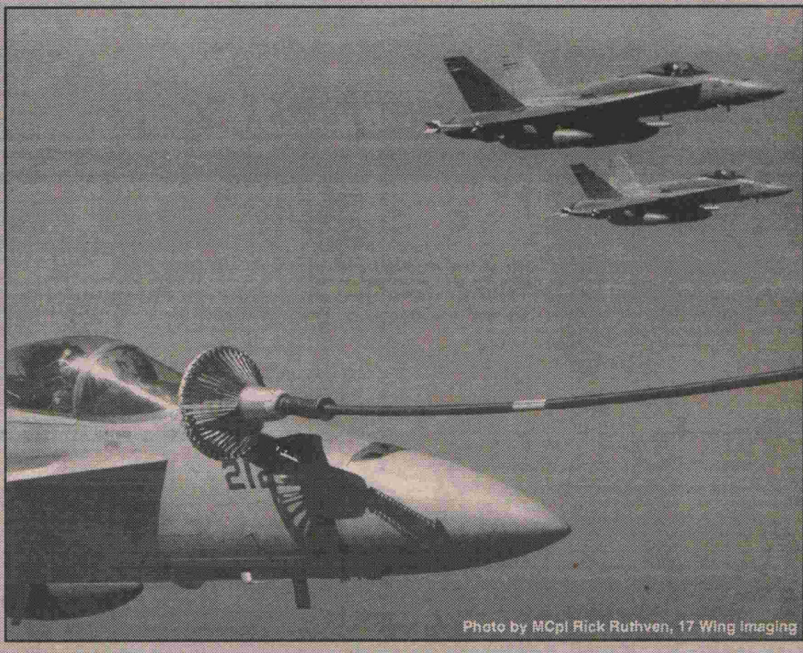


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many more opportunities to do just that once again.

This special edition of Voxair is a review of many events, activities and operations in which you participated over the last 12 months. It goes to show that 17 Wing is composed of professional and dedicated people who care about others. In closing, I would like to use this medium to com-

municate my appreciation and congratulations for your great work and dedication throughout 1998 and wish you all the best for the coming year.

If you were to ask anyone from 17 Wing about their perception of how last year went and what they thought was the most significant event, you would probably get as many different answers as the

number of people you asked. The fact is, Wing personnel were involved in a tremendous number of events, activities, missions and operations throughout the year.

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# VOXVIEWS

## The swing of 17 Wing 1998 in retrospect

By Major CM Walton-Simm  
Managing Editor

Looking back on 1998, one wonders "How did we do it?" For everyone associated with 17 Wing, last year was an extremely hectic one. With so many changes, a great number of personnel felt as if they were being pulled from all angles as new taskings and regular day-to-day operations continued to mount. In fact, many new taskings, activities and events were added to our repertoire:

- Operation Determination - our 1st deployment as a unit to Kuwait involved nearly 100 members from the wing and saw 435 Squadron completing their 1st air to air refueling mission in an operational environment;
- Operation Recuperation - involved over 400 17 Wing personnel in the ice storm in Quebec, New Brunswick & Eastern Ontario;

- Operation Sarno - saw six 17 Wing personnel providing assistance in Italy after the mud slides;
- Operation Central - took over 60 17 Wing personnel to Honduras to provide humanitarian relief after Hurricane Mitch devastated the region;
- numerous other activities that involved 17 Wing personnel including Operations' Danaca (Golan Heights), Palladium (Bosnia), Calumet (Egypt), Echo (Italy), Boxtop (refueling of CFS Alert NWT); and
- 2PPCLI, although not deployed as a Battalion, saw its personnel involved in a variety of Operational missions and training exercises throughout the year.

Back on the home front, 17 Wing personnel maintained a high level of community support and involvement in the City of Winnipeg and surrounding areas. The Wing is proud of significant community support and involve-

ment that units, personnel and their families undertake on a daily basis:

- United Way Campaign;
- Canada Day Celebrations;
- Grey Cup Ceremony;
- 24 Hour Relay For Kids;
- Run For The Cure;
- Day of Caring Project at Andrews Street Family Centre;
- Remembrance Day Presentations;
- Military Police Fund/Blind Children;
- Habitat Play House Project;
- Assiniboine Park Sunset Ceremony;
- Christmas Cheer; and
- Various School Presentations.


Of course the above are only highlights of the military involvement in the local community and many individuals are involved in after hours support activities that we never hear about. So how do we get our normal day-to-day work completed? Many work long days and nights, others do

the work of more than one individual, but most importantly we are able to pull together as a team and achieve the impossible!

So we should all look back on 1998 and reflect on our accomplishments and congratulate ourselves on a job well done! This issue of the Voxair provides a recap of the significant events 17 Wing and its personnel were involved with both at home and abroad over this past year.

As we start the New Year, we already have a busy schedule in the works with many challenges on the horizon:


- 1999 will mark the 75th Anniversary of the Air Force;
- the base will play host for nearly 1200 athletes competing in the Pan American Games this summer; and
- the Wing will also continue to prepare for the year 2000 (Y2K) and the potential adversities that 1 January, 2000 will bring.



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## QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CANADIAN FORCES

This has been a pivotal year for the women and men who serve in the Canadian military. We started with Operation Recuperation, providing aid to the civil authorities in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario during the worst ice storm in living memory. Now we are closing 1998 with the return of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) from Honduras. Again, the CF has shown its unparalleled expertise and professionalism in providing logistical and humanitarian support under very difficult circumstances.

Meanwhile, within the Canadian military, we have made progress on a number of issues that are critical to maintaining public trust and confidence. Nearly all members of the CF have now taken the Standard for Harassment and Racism Prevention (SHARP) training course. In addition, all commanders were required, for the first time, to report directly to the Chief of Defence Staff on their efforts to prevent occurrences of sexual assault and harassment within the military.

This was the first year of the new communications policy which I approved in March. The policy gives all members of the Forces the freedom to communicate directly with the media so long as their comments do not breach a security matter or stray from the mission with which they are involved.

While this kind of openness and transparency can sometimes be unsettling for senior officers and politicians like me, seeing the military up close is the best way to ensure that Canadians fully

appreciate the importance of the institution to our national security and well-being.

This enhanced access has given the news media unprecedented access to our facilities and field operations. It has also exposed some painful realities about day-to-day life in the Canadian military. Through the work of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veteran Affairs (SCONDA), Canadians learned a lot more in 1998 about the quality of life of the men and women in the Canadian Forces.

Canadians learned that military pay is inadequate and that many CF families are living in sub-standard conditions. Canadians also learned that the men and women who serve our country do not always receive the support and recognition they deserve.

It is never easy for military people to complain, particularly about conditions affecting their personal lives. Military personnel are trained to endure hardships and tolerate degrees of discomfort as part of the military ethos. But, when spouses and children are affected, there are limits.

Those of us in the civilian population should be uncomfortable when we find out that despite working 18 hours or more a day, the most soldiers received in additional pay for all their hard work during the ice storm was \$12.77 (taxable) a day in Field Operations Allowances. Or, when we learn that some military personnel in the lower ranks are turning to food banks to make ends meet. Or, when we are told that military housing is so poorly insulated that food can be kept in cupboards instead of refrigerators in the winter.

The findings in the SCONDA report are why the Chief of Defence Staff and I have made Quality of Life the number one

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

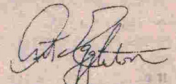
priority for the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces. We have both pledged to do everything we can to secure the additional funds needed to make more progress in addressing this problem in 1999.

Throughout the year, hearing some kind words of appreciation from home gives our peacekeepers a big morale boost. You can do this by sending your wishes to

our peacekeepers serving overseas on missions that keep them away from their families and friends. To find the addresses to reach our soldiers and peacekeepers in Bosnia, Cyprus, the Middle East and Cambodia, just go to the web site of the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces at <http://www.dnd.ca> and look for "Write to the Troops!" Or, you

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# WOs' and Sgts' Mess team up with the Winnipeg Policy Assoc. Annual paraplegic Christmas party

Submitted by MWO Kathy Cox

The WOs' and Sgts' Mess held the Annual Paraplegic Christmas Party on Thursday, 03 Dec 98. Again this year, the weather cooperated and we had a great turn out of over 100 people.

The afternoon's festivities started with the arrival of the guests and background music provided by the 1 CAD Band. Various entertainment throughout the afternoon was provided by the Winnipeg Police Choir, Magician Terry Greenwood, 1 CAD Band, Reg Baldwin and Mike Hammon and Dancers from 402 Sqn Pipe and Drum Band. Greetings were extended from LCol Palmer, W ADMIN O; Terry McGregor, Deputy Chief of Police; MWO Brian Van Acker, PMC; CWO Linda Smith, WCWO; and Carl

Shear, president of the Police Association.

What would Christmas be without Santa? Santa dropped in to visit and hand out a few gifts. After Santa had said goodbye till next year, a great turkey dinner was served with all the trimmings. Once again, the kitchen staff out did themselves.

MC for the afternoon, MWO Kathy Cox, gave a brief history of this annual event. It started way back in 1952 when a few policemen contracted polio. Their friends started visiting them in the hospital and it became so popular that they decided to have a party, which became the annual Christmas party. This function was first organized by Inspector Hinen in 1958. It soon became too big to be held in the hospital

so, from 1959-63, it was held in Lipsett Hall, the former RCHA Sgts' Mess at Fort Osborne Barracks. In 1964 the event was moved to the mess on the North side at which time the Mess became co-sponsors. That was 34 years ago!

I would like to again thank all the people that make this special day possible. All the volunteers from the Mess, Mess Executive, Entertainment Committee, Mess Kitchen and Bar Staff, George Bruce and the Winnipeg Police Association, the entertainers who donated their own time, Karen Jensen, Mess Secretary, and MWO Jean Birnie who has helped me organize this event for the past four years.

We look forward to another great gathering in '99.



Pictured above in the back row (left to right): MWO Brian Van Acker, Boyd Campbell, MWO Jean Birnie, George Bruce, Carl Shear, MWO Kathy Cox, CWO Linda Smith. Front row (left to right): Jean Campbell, Leonard Petro and Elma Akins.



Going through the food line.



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# Chinthe Bits

**By Capt Joe Dickie  
435 Sqn Navigator**

Sunday, December 20, 1998 at 0530 hrs, the temperature a balmy minus thirty. Not a creature was stirring, not even the Christmas mouse...the mouse was smart enough to stay indoors.

But wait, there on the flight line, lights in 435 (T & R) Servicing. Why would they be out so early on such a cold morning so close to Christmas? Hmmm!

To find the answer one must backtrack a few days. A call went out to LCol "Santa" Lebeouf from the Dark Tower (commonly referred to as 1 CAD) on the previous Friday. Op Central, the effort to help out Honduras after the hurricane, "We need your assistance to bring back the personnel from the Air Movements Squadron, can you help?"

In keeping with the spirit of the season, Santa went out to check on the elves. "Can we provide crews to bring these people home for Christmas?" We always asso-

ciate the humanitarian airlifts with helping the people in need from other areas, this time we would be helping to reunite families from our own wing. When the elves heard the dilemma they responded with a "yes".

That is why Sqn Servicing was in so early on such a cold day. They were preparing the sleigh (it looked surprisingly like a CC-130) for the first of two missions to retrieve our personnel from La Ceiba and return to their families for Christmas.

The first flight departed on Sunday at 0800 hrs and after a fuel stop, arrived at 1800 hrs in La Ceiba. What a shock for this bunch of elves...from minus thirty to plus twenty eight degrees. Woo Hoo! They spent the night and the very next day the four engine sleigh departed the warmth and arrived with the first half of the air movements personnel at 2000 hrs.

Still one more to go. This one, LCol "Santa" Lebeouf flew himself. With a hardy group of elves

they departed twelve hours later for the final mission. So very close to Christmas and not a discouraging word was heard, well perhaps the occasional "What would Christmas in Honduras be like if we break?"

Fortunately, the mission went as planned - well almost, but we will not discuss that here. I would not want to tell engineer secrets...oops!

Perhaps everyone was eager to return and that was why we managed to depart early. Santa and his merry band of elves managed to return the last of our air movements personnel on the evening of Wednesday, 23 December 1998.

On behalf of "Santa" and his elves we hope their Holiday Season was great.

For the remainder of the season it was fairly quiet, we were ready if required but managed a quiet season.

435 (T & R) Squadron hopes everyone had a very safe and happy holiday season.

# SMILE of the month



Tammy Etmanski's reaction when she saw her father, Sgt Rick Etmanski from 1 Air Mov Squadron, as he entered the Squadron terminal on Wednesday, 23 December 1998, upon a six week deployment to La Ceiba, Honduras as part of Op Central

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| Op Palladium               | Bosnia        | 3         |
| Op Calumet                 | Egypt         | 1         |
| Op Echo                    | Italy         | 2         |
| CFS Alert                  | NWT, Canada   | 1         |
| 1 CAD/Indiv Tasking*       |               | 1         |
| Op Central                 | Honduras      | 0         |
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**FOOD BANK:** The Food Bank is a joint under-taking by both Catholic and Protestant congregations. Please help by giving any food you can spare. The donation box is located at the rear of the chapel.

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# Cpl Clarke, VC, honoured



Family of the late Acting Corporal Leo Clarke, VC, from World War I, had a chance to remember his achievements this past Remembrance Day at Valour Road and Portage Avenue. 38 Canadian Brigade Group went looking for family of the three VC winners from World War I and found only the Clarke family still in Winnipeg. Over 40 family members showed up this morning along with 200 other Winnipeggers to pay respect to the three VC winners of Valour Rd.

Photo by MCpl Tanya Rideout

# Op Central... Bravo Zulu

In response to the devastation inflicted upon Central America by Hurricane Mitch, the CF was challenged to provide immediate and essential support to humanitarian efforts. Although initially we did not have specific mission details, at refs I tasked our Air Mobility and Tactical Aviation Forces to prepare to conduct airlift ops and to deploy a Helicopter Det. The fact that within 10 days of these taskings, the entire DART plus a CH-146 Det were in theatre and commencing relief operations is a testament to the dedication, versatility and resourcefulness of our people.

Op Central represents the first

time that a major airlift flow has been conducted since the Air Division stood up and also the first time we have self-deployed a CH-146 Det outside North America. I applaud our Air Mobility and Tactical Aviation Wings, Sqns and Units for your efforts in mounting these operations in a safe, professional and effective manner. I would also pass on the same compliments to our various Headquarters staffs and to those Wings and Units who provided personnel and other resources at short notice - from a CP-140A Arcturus to support personnel and material - the entire Air Division played a critical role in ensuring a timely Canadian

response to this disaster.

Of course, the job is not yet done - and will not be until all CF personnel in theatre have accomplished their missions and returned home safely. Thus, we have much work left to do, both within Honduras and in ensuring the continued sustainment of our Forces, the transport of humanitarian aid and, eventually, the redeployment of our Forces to Canada. I am confident that the excellence you have already demonstrated during Op Central will continue and will ultimately ensure our collective success in these important endeavours. Per Ardua Ad Astra

MGen LC Campbell

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By Lt(N) Donna Dynes

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## A YEAR IN REVIEW



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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

January 28, 1998

Colonel T.F. Watt, Wing Commander  
17 Wing Winnipeg



PREMIER OF MANITOBA

Dear Colonel Watt:

I am both pleased and honoured to be able to thank everyone from your base for their contribution in supporting the regions in Ontario and Quebec so devastated by the recent ice storms.

Having recently experienced Manitoba's greatest natural disaster, the people of our province are acutely aware of how lives can be thrown into disarray. We also know how desperately help is needed, and just as Manitobans worked side by side during last spring's flood, they have now rallied to focus their efforts in eastern Canada. And, more to the point, just as Canada's Armed Forces rolled into southern Manitoba, you have now deployed your troops into regions that will, like Manitoba, appreciate your efforts long after you have returned to your base.

I can assure you that everyone's contribution is appreciated, and be confident in knowing that your acts of kindness and selflessness add to the building of a stronger Canada. In a recent Winnipeg Free Press article entitled *Winnipeg Soldiers Win Hearts of Quebecers*, tribute was rightfully paid to the soldiers who have braved treacherous conditions and bitter cold to restore order in the areas requiring assistance.

I am privileged to be a Canadian, and proud to be the Premier of a province that has citizens so willing to assist others. You were quick to respond with exactly the kind of assistance required to bring normalcy back to the lives of those affected by the ice storms. Time and again we have witnessed how the people of our great nation work to help those in need, and in so doing, we are all made more proud of the land we call home.

On behalf of the people and Province of Manitoba, please convey my deepest appreciation for all the efforts from those who have affectionately become known as the "Hydro Commandos" by those whom you continue to assist.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Filmon

## Poignant reminder

Maj Ray Wong G4 38 CBG

4 February 98 VOXAIR

I recently received a thank you booklet in the mail from Laidlaw Elementary School in Winnipeg. The booklet contained over a dozen letters from the school children thanking WO Steve Quilty for giving them a presentation on the history behind Remembrance Day and his peacekeeping experiences in Rwanda. There were too many individual letters to have them reprinted here, however one particular letter immediately drew my attention (shown below).

WO Steve Quilty is currently the G4 Transport and Maintenance in 38 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters. He served in Rwanda Jul 95-Feb 96 as the NCO I/C Maint of 95 Composite Mission Support Group where his duties included the first and second line repair and recovery of all Canadian equipment in theatre. From a personal perspective one of his most rewarding experiences centered on his involvement as 2I/C of a committee whose aim was to support 20 orphanages in the area. In this capacity, he devoted enormous energy into assisting the rebuilding of orphanages, including playground equipment. Furthermore, the committee coordinated the distribution of materials provided by families in Canada and other military organizations. This included clothes, food, beds, and equipment such as generators and water pumps.

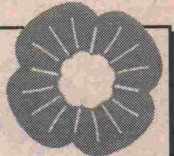
Dear Officer Steve Quilty

I think you showed me how good we have it  
and to respect the people that went to war.

My Granddad fought in the Second World War. My  
Grandparents were in the War. My Grandmom was in a  
concentration camp, but she was lucky to get out alive.  
They are both alive and healthy. I could go on and on.

Thank you again for speaking to us.

Yours truly  
Daniel Gumprich



July 6, 1998

Col. T.F. Watt  
Wing Commander 17 Wing Winnipeg  
P.O. Box 17000,  
Station Forces  
Winnipeg, MB R3J 3Y5

Dear Col T.F. Watt,

On behalf of the Winnipeg Football Club and our board of Directors, I would like to express our gratitude for the military's role during the pre-game ceremonies for our Canada Day celebrations held at Winnipeg Stadium on July 1st, 1998.

We have had many comments from fans, corporate sponsors and staff alike who enjoyed all aspects of your involvement. From the static display in the block party, the distribution of the Canadian flags, the Colour Party, Air Command Musicians, the Tutor jet flyover, and lastly the Sky Hawks bringing in the game ball, everything brought so much excitement and Canadian pride to our celebrations!

Thank you, once again for all of your help during our preparations, it was definitely a memorable day! I look forward to working together sometime soon.

Sincerely,

Brenda Jopka  
Special Events Coordinator  
Winnipeg Football Club



D.J. Agnew  
NCO i/e Headingley Highway Patrol  
PO Box 5650, Winnipeg, Man R3C 3K2



Royal  
Mounted  
Police

Lt Colonel Edgar, Commanding Officer  
3CFFTS, Southport, Man ROH INO

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.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## ON THE HOME FRONT

### Canada Day at the Stadium

22 July 98 VOXAIR

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.



A young boy enjoys a tour of a Tow-Under-Arm (TUA) from 2PPCLI at the 1998 Canada Day Celebration which was held during the opening game for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers at the Stadium.

Photo by Cpl Jeff Robichaud, 17 Wing Photo Section

### Sunset Ceremony

16 September 98 VOXAIR

By Lt J. Chorley

Amidst a crowd of people and a swarm of mosquitoes at Assiniboine Park, members of 2PPCLI, 38 Brigade and 17 Wing staged a sunset ceremony in Assiniboine Park on 10 July 1998.

This year's guard consisted of members of Charlie Company 2PPCLI, lead by Major Martin Kenneally. Largely drilled and prepared by MWO Whitebone, the guard provided the steady backdrop against which all other portions of the ceremony were conducted. Mortar Platoon lead by Sergeant Paul Muise provided a precision silent drill team that provided a solid display of complex rifle and foot drill, the majority of which were performed without any commands. Captain Rob Dunn and two

howitzers from 1RCHA added a powerful punch to C Coy's feu-de-joie, the nightly ritual symbolizing the replacing of old with new powder in a garrison's muskets and cannons. Sergeant Dawson lead skirmishers from the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in a colorful display designed to secure the parade grounds for the Sunset Guard itself. No Sunset Ceremony would be complete, however, without a band. The massed sunset band was comprised of the 2PPCLI Corps of Drums, the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Band, the Fort Garry Horse Band, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Band, the 5th Field Regiment Band (RCA), 15th Field Regiment Band, 402 Squadron, the Cameron Highlanders of Canada, and the Governor General's Foot Guard.

The Sunset ceremony is completed with the Evening Hymn, the National Anthem, and the lowering of the Canadian Flag. These gestures honour the memory of fallen comrades and symbolize our loyalty to Canada. Finally, the guard marches off: the Old Guard to rest, the New Guard to its duties.

2PPCLI Drum Line beating retreat.

Photo by Cpl Dave Payne



### Exercise Kindergarten cook-out

24 June 98 VOXAIR

By Sgt M.A. Simm

NCO i/c 2PPCLI B10 Kitchen

After a request from the Whyte Ridge Elementary School for 2PPCLI to provide an activity for the Kindergarten students that would give them some insight into the Canadian Forces, I offered the opportunity to provide a field kitchen demonstration. As a good opportunity to implement some public relations in the local area, approval was granted by the CO of 2PPCLI, LCol Fraser to proceed.

To put the plan into motion, I relied on some operational expertise from, MCpl's Goodyear, Rostron & Seymour, 2PPCLI Coy Chief Cooks. These individuals had enough deployed experience to easily handle any number of 5 and

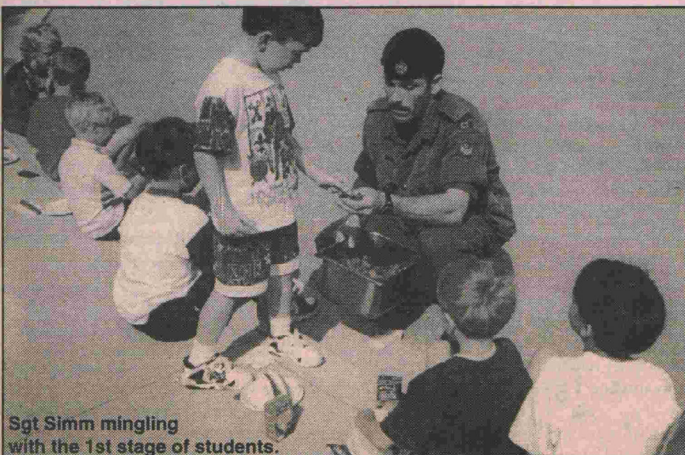
6 year olds. Donations of food supplies and necessary equipment were gathered and planning was in place.

Upon arrival at the school, buses had cleared and our area was available for set up of the kitchen trailer. Many interested observers appeared, as we set up the trailer, and didn't hesitate to ask a lot of questions.

The 1st stage of students to come through our operation, proceeded in single file through the kitchen trailer to look at the operation and receive their meal. Once they had the opportunity to eat and ask some questions, the 2nd stage started their tour, followed by the 3rd and final stage. I had the opportunity to share my experiences with the students, chatting in small

groups and handing out little toy soldiers as a remembrance of this special day.

The exercise was a resounding success. Both students and teachers were very impressed with the demonstration and welcomed us back again. For myself, it provided an opportunity to enlighten the students on what the role of the military is today. Many children didn't realize the many functions the military is involved in, both with respect to the different trades we do and in the areas of Peacekeeping and Aid to the Civil Power.



Sgt Simm mingling with the 1st stage of students.

### Fire Dept. honoured

19 August 98 VOXAIR

By Claude Thibeault

17 Wing Fire Department

On Friday 31 July 98, the 17 Wing Fire Department received an award from the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada (MDAC) for their tremendous support during 1997/98 campaign. The revenue received from fire fighters in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario over the past year totaled \$98,637, which is an almost 25% increase over last year.

As the Wing Fire Chief, I would like to convey my thanks to all military and civilian personnel who donated during last year's Boot Drive. Once again the Wing Fire Dept. will be hosting its annual Boot Drive, and we will be ask-

ing for your generous support. Please be patient and generous when the firefighters collect money at the gates (voluntary tollbooth). Don't forget that it is a voluntary tollbooth and any donation is a step closer to a cure. If anyone wishes to make a larger donation, you can drop by the fire dept. Bldg 88 and the firefighter will take your name and address for a tax receipt for any amount over \$15.

Your generous donation allows MDAC to continue in their commitment to fund leading research to find a cure, as well as provide information, vital services, and hope to tens of thousands of Canadians living with neuromuscular disorders. Also let it be known that they research more than one disorder.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

# Operation Determination

## 17 Wing personnel deploy to the Gulf

18 February 98 VOXAIR

By Capt Laferrière, WPAffO

A detachment of about 100 Air Force personnel from 17 Wing and two KCC-130 tanker aircraft from 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron will be part of Canada's contribution to possible multi-lateral military action in the Persian Gulf. The detachment, mainly composed of personnel from 435 Squadron, will provide tactical air to air refueling to allied aircraft for a duration of up to three months.

Although Canadian Forces personnel will not be involved in direct combat operations and will be operating in a low threat environment, 435 Squadron's Commanding Officer, LCol Leboeuf, explained that there was still a need for a lot of training and careful planning in order to be prepared for any situation.

"We have to make sure that everything is correct and everything is done properly," said LCol Leboeuf. "It is rather unlikely that we would be exposed to a threat, but we have taken that policy for many years, that we have to be prepared and we are doing everything according to standard operating procedures," he added.

HMCS Toronto, a Halifax-class frigate with a crew of 239, which includes a detachment of Air Force personnel from Shearwater, NS, forms the remainder of the Canadian contribution to the Gulf.



# Operation Central

## Providing humanitarian relief to Honduras



Members of the original deployment: (L-R) Front row: Sgt Etmanski, Pte Pomerleau, Cpl Menard, Capt Manson, MCpl Marin and Cpl Walsh. Back row: Cpl Sweet, Cpl Hrycyk, Cpl Toutant, Maj Boucher, Cpl Maddigan, Cpl Carlson and Cpl Scott.

22 December 98 VOXAIR

Eleven members of 1 Air Movements Squadron and two Vehicle Techs from 17 Wg/EME deployed to Honduras as part of OP CENTRAL on 8 November 1998. The mission for these pers was to off-load the

Disaster Assistance Response Team's (DART) equipment as well as off-load Humanitarian Relief supplies from Canadian, American and other foreign aircraft. From 8 - 15 November, over 1.3 million pounds of freight was off-loaded.



Members of 17 Wing's 1 Air Movements Squadron off-load Humanitarian Aid food from an AmeriJet 727.

Point of contact for photos and article is Maj Boucher, 1 AMS

There are now currently eleven 17 Wing personnel remaining in theatre for the 40-day mission. Capt Manson, 1 Air Mov Sqn, leads a team of eight 1 Air Mov Sqn MAMS personnel and two EME Vehicle Techs. In addition, MCpl Kevin Torfason,

1 Air Mov Sqn, is part of 427 Sqn's helicopter detachment, in charge of helicopter slinging operations.

All 17 Wing personnel should be proud of the tremendous work this group is doing under severe heat, rain and mud.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

### Operation Sarno

#### Wing Transport pers offer mudslide relief

27 May 98 VOXAIR

Six MSE Operators from 17 Wing left Winnipeg on Saturday, 16 May 98. They joined a group of 20-30 CF personnel enroute to Sarno, Italy, where their role will be to assist the Italian authorities in the clean-up of the devastating mudslides.

"These mudslides have just devastated the region," said the Minister of National Defence. "We have some of the specialized equipment and trained personnel that are desperately needed, so we extended

our offer to do whatever we can to help the relief effort."

Massive mudslides were triggered in the area of Sarno, Italy, located about 30 kilometres east of Naples, two weeks ago, following heavy rainfall in the region. Some 135 people are dead and another 1,500 are homeless as a result of the mudslides.

The troops arrived in the stricken areas on Monday, 18 May, and are expected to stay for as long as a month, working 12 hour days, seven days-a-week.



Photo from DND web site.

#### Canadian Forces help Italy clean up

24 June 98 VOXAIR

WINNIPEG - Nicknamed the "Big Workers", 34 Canadian Forces members, composed mainly of air force personnel, have been working since 18 May to help dig out the mudslide-ravaged Italian town of Sarno.

"At the peak of the operation, we were working 12 to 14-hour days in coordination with the Italian emergency agencies to clear streets, alleyways and basements," says Captain Mike Rafer, spokesperson

for the Contingent. He adds, "The Italians appreciate our efforts very much. We arrived at the beginning of the relief effort and have worked many long hours. That's where the nickname 'Big Workers' comes from."

Four major mudslides, triggered by heavy rains, smothered 20% of the town of 30,000 people, located 30 kilometres east of Naples. Italian authorities expect the number of casualties to reach 265. To date, relief workers have recovered 165 bodies.



Photo from DND web site.

### Walking to Holland - 17 Wing Nijmegen team

22 July 98 VOXAIR

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 marchers 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, competed 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: MCpl Deanna Murray, Cpl Jim Bell (obscured), Cpl Austin Wilson, Pte Andrew Semper, Cpl Paul Van Helvert, 2Lt Tim Neal, Pte Eddy Penner (obscured), Cpl Sean Hubbard, WO Lou Viens, Cpl Pat Charbonneau and Team Leader, Lt Ben Bisson.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

### Day of Caring

4 February 98 VOXAIR

Submitted by Maj Wendy Rickards

During the week of 1 Dec 97 - 5 Dec 97, members of the 171 Airfield Engineering Flight of 17 Wing participated in a Day of Caring Project at Andrews Street Family Center. A Day of Caring is an event in which the employees of a workplace partner with a United Way agency to plan and complete a project, activity or social event. Days of Caring help employees better understand what United Way agencies do, and how agencies help and the value in supporting these agencies.

Andrews Street Family Center provides a safe and positive alternative to the streets for disadvantaged, vulnerable children and youth in the inner city. Services include cooking classes, sharing circles, sports and recreation and independent living. It also runs a Moms Helping Moms program, which provides outreach and support to adolescent parents.

Earlier this year, Andrews Street received a generous gift of \$2000 worth of new vinyl flooring from McMahon

Industries. Unfortunately, they did not have the expertise to lay it nor the funds to hire someone. Maj Wendy Rickards, Coordinator of the annual 17 Wing/CFB Winnipeg, Govt of Canada Charitable Campaign, heard about Andrews Street's dilemma and called upon 17 Wg CE for help. Lt Conrad Westerson of the 171 AEF, along with WO Hamm, MCpl Ward Hewitt and MCpl Craig Ferchuk, surveyed the center and determined they had the expertise to help out Andrews Street - a match was made. Old carpeting was removed, the floor scraped and levelled, and the new floor and baseboards were laid. Dilly Knol, a director at Andrews Street couldn't have been more pleased with the way the job was done and the outcome - it was a contribution that could never have been matched by a cheque. To celebrate, Andrews Street held a small reception for the volunteers from 17 Wg and presented them with t-shirts along with a very warm thank you.

Many, many thanks to 17 Wg CE for supporting this project and to MCpl Hewitt, MCpl Steckley, MCpl Ferchuk, Cpl Savage, and Cpl Wiseman for doing a great job.

### Help us reach our goal

16 September 98 VOXAIR

The annual 17 Wing/CFB Winnipeg Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign which was enriched by formally including two designated recipients of our charitable donations - Healthpartners and United Way - commenced 11 Sept 98 and will wrap up 6 Nov 98.

Healthpartners is a coalition of major health charities, recently joined together for the purpose of fundraising in federal government workplace campaigns. These charities will be most familiar to you: the Canadian Cancer Society, Alzheimer Society of Canada and the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.

United Way agencies support a wide range of services for individuals and communities. These include, among others, havens for battered mothers and children, counselling for the abused, emergency shelters for the homeless, visits to the elderly, alcohol rehabilitation counselling and agencies such as the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts which help youth become responsible citizens.

The goals of our 17 Wing/CFB

Winnipeg campaign are as follows:

- to ensure everyone is given the opportunity to make a charitable donation to the charity (charities) of their choice by being personally canvassed;

- to ensure all concerns/questions from potential donors are answered accurately and timely; and

- for each canvasser and donor to understand how they are making a difference.

These goals are achievable and in doing so we hope to surpass our financial goal of \$52,000!

Please give generously when your section's canvasser calls on you in your workplace and if applicable, take a moment to tell a friend or co-worker how a United Way agency or Healthpartners agency helped you or your family.

Also, please be creative and hold a fund raising event in your workplace to help us reach our financial goal.

If any concerns or questions cannot be answered by your canvasser, or if you have not been personally canvassed, feel free to call the 17 Wing/CFB Winnipeg Campaign Co-chairs, Capt Bill Dymond at 5846 or Capt Tyrone Green at 6014.

### Funspiel donates \$390 to Blind Fund

4 March 98 VOXAIR

By Juanita Fortowski

On Friday, February 6, 1998, the 733 Communications Squadron held another successful Funspiel. Major Stark and MWO Legere threw first rock to start out the day's activities. This year's funspiel was specifically designed to give experienced curlers a handicap. The 53

participants consisted of 733 Comm Sqn, 735 Comm Regt, and personnel from our local civilian suppliers. The winners of the funspiel was a team of 3, WO Gaumont, MWO Legere, and Cpl Ferzli. Prizes, provided by our sponsors, were given to all teams. We are happy to announce that we raised \$390.00 which we donated to the Military Police Fund for Blind Children.

### 2VP Run for Kids

16 September 98 VOXAIR

By Lt Chris Lunney,  
9 PI Comd 2PPCLI

For 24 hours straight between the 15 and 16 August, the officers of the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry ran in the "24 hour Easter Seals Relay for Kids" at the Red River Exhibition grounds.

Lt Chris Lunney, the 2VP team captain, rustled together a rough and tumble crew whose initial aim was "just-to-have-fun".

This didn't last long. Maj Barry Southern (AKA "Goose") soon had the team running five minute laps to outdistance the competition. After being thoroughly beaten in volleyball and softball, farthest distance was the only thing left for the team to win.

The 2VP team did win total distance with 200 laps.

Overall, the event was a success as it raised over \$46,000 to assist children with disabilities.

### 'Helping those who help others'

10 June 98 VOXAIR

*"Defend our country's freedom, protect our province from flood waters and move Habitat for Humanity's playhouses! With style and a smile you wonderful guys and gals can do it all!"* - Coordinator of Volunteers, Habitat for Humanity.

When Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity initiated its 1998 PLAYHOUSES FOR HOPE PROJECT, 17 Wing quickly became deeply involved. Under the coordination of Cpl Daniel Couture, overall 17 Wing OPI for this project, volunteers from our Construction Engineering Squadron Airfield Engineering Flight constructed a train station playhouse. When requested, and with the blessing of the Deputy Wing Commander, the Wing Transportation Squadron accepted the task of moving the six playhouses from areas around the city to St. Vital Shopping Centre, where they would be displayed & eventually raffled off.

From St Boniface and St. James, from Lower Fort Garry and Elmwood, and from the Wing Fire Hall (North Side) and

Building P8 (South Side), the six playhouses were gathered at Building C1 on 19 and 20 March 1998. In the late hours of 20 March 1998, they were moved by personnel and equipment from our Transportation Squadron to St. Vital Shopping Center. Following recesses by WO Gilles Blain, MCpl Bob Parisien and himself, Sgt Dave Jordan rounded up the necessary resources to undertake this task, including 16 volunteers, 2 flat bed trailers and trucks, a five ton flat deck and a fork lift with 10 foot fork extensions.

After having transported the playhouses

from all ends of the city, the next task was to unload them and position them in St. Vital Shopping Centre. The playhouses, which all had a base of approximately eight by ten feet, were not easily maneuverable through the shopping center doors. The steeple on the chapel playhouse added an additional obstacle, an obstacle that was overcome by the determination and talents of our Mobile Support Equipment Operators.

Early Saturday morning, after all six playhouses were unloaded and in place, our job was completed and Habitat for Humanity

was ready to move on to the next phase - selling tickets and raising money to support their cause.

The first PLAYHOUSES FOR HOPE PROJECT was a resounding success, raising \$58,000 in ticket sales. It is anticipated that a similar project will occur at the same time next year.

17 Wing Transportation Squadron is pleased to have had the opportunity to assist in this worthy cause. When operational commitments allow, we are always anxious to lend a helping hand and support our community.

Next, as part of a Transport organized and Logistics Branch supported activity, we will be cleaning a stretch of 8 kilometers east of the city in the Department of Highways' ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program.

Project Volunteers: Maj Labrie, WO Blain, Sgt Jordan, Sgt Southern, MCpl Parisien, Cpl Schultz, Cpl Giguere, Cpl Vaillencourt, Cpl Bertrand, Cpl Madore, Cpl Fraser, Cpl Piccolo, Cpl Allen, Cpl Crowder, Cpl Haslam, Cpl Plourde, Cpl Thibeau, Cpl Issa.



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

### Team Airforce runs for the cure

28 October 98 VOXAIR

By MWO S.M. Black

**TEAM AIRFORCE:** We were fabulous, in the words of the Run director!

Overall, we placed second in team donations, with a final total of \$5431.88! The Ford team, comprised of all the Ford dealers & associates in the province of Manitoba beat us by participation, at 100%, province wide. Good work on the part of the Ford employees.

Of note, last year the largest team donation was \$3500.

We can all be proud of the huge team effort that we put out, from the dirty job of asking people to donate money, to baking, to preparing the Raffle Thanksgiving basket, to selling tickets, and in the individual commitment required to run/walk the 5 km. I don't know how you felt, but the momentum and excitement of being counted as one of such a large number (3500) of enthusias-

tic people made running 5 km seem like 1 km! I could have run 10 km easily on Sunday!

For Cpl Michelle Douthwright and Capt Wendy Greenlaw: a very special THANK YOU for your efforts; Wendy for organizing the volunteers and running our very successful bake sale & raffle, which netted \$416.05, and for fielding phone calls for me over the last two weeks; Michelle for helping both Wendy with the bakesale and for filling in for me while I was away. Michelle picked up the T-Shirts, team numbers, bags of goodies and our hats and had most of them distributed and accounted for when I came back off TD. Thanks again, Michelle.

The Thanksgiving raffle was won by Cheryl Schindle. Two more big THANK YOU's go to Cpl Kellie Smith and Maj Jennifer Thompson. Kellie ensured that she was the driver for both our tour of The Hope Breast Cancer & Information Resource Centre and for the day of the Run and patient-

ly got all of us where we were supposed to be on time and with all of our gear! She even managed to find great parking for the bus with the aid of the Winnipeg City Police! Maj Jennifer Thompson's idea of the tour was well received and proved very interesting for those who attended; she was also quite creative in making the Thanksgiving Basket for the raffle.

And last, but certainly not least, the final two big THANK YOU's go to Sgt Mah from the Paffo's office and Al Brazeau, the F&S Director. Sgt Mah followed us everywhere we went taking pictures for the various military magazines which we all look forward to seeing while Al Brazeau provided lots of good advice, booked our transportation and provided us with our AIRFORCE hats. Thanks, Guys!

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Obviously we have to beat the Ford team next year! Talk on the bus on the way home Sunday included a much larger team, per-



Team Airforce, comprised of 51 women from 1 CAD and 17 Wing Winnipeg, pose for a team photo prior to the five kilometre run. Some 3,500 women, men and children locally raised over \$215,000 for the fifth annual CIBC "Run for the Cure" in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Photo by Sgt D. Mah

haps a mixed team of men and women, no restrictions, and perhaps a different team name. It is also obvious that we have to organize a few more fund raisers which means we need to start much earlier. I'll keep my ear to the ground about when the pledge sheets will be available, but the

run will be during the first week of Oct 99. We should get things started by mid August at the latest.

*Well done to all who participated and those who helped to organize. You've all done us proud again! Congratulations!*

Col T.F. Watt, WComd

## 435 SQUADRON SHINES

### SAREX success

24 June VOXAIR

By MCpl John Leclerc  
435 Sqn SAR Tech

435 Squadron recently held their annual Search and Rescue (SAREX) Exercise during the week of 4-8 May 1998 in Red Deer, AB. This may sound like a fairly simple exercise, but upon closer inspection this SAREX would not have happened without the help of every person in the Squadron.

Months prior to the exercise, Squadron members were planning where the exercise would be held, what training would be accomplished, which civilian authorities would participate, and how many Squadron members would be needed to hold our 24-hour standby posture and make our SAREX a success.

Over 50 personnel were sent to Red Deer. Pilots, navigators, flight engineers, loadmasters, maintenance personnel, and of course, SAR techs. Two CC-130 Hercules aircraft were used to transport personnel and equipment to Red Deer on May 4. Upon arrival most of the administrative duties involved with deploying a Sqn were taken care of. Search headquarters was set up at the local flying club, rental vehicles and accommodations were setup, and a hanger was provided for the SAR Techs and their equipment.

The following 3 days were spent conducting various exercises involving many aspects of search and rescue. Each day began with the launch of a CC-130 Hercules on a missing aircraft. The Herc would then fly Search patterns, conduct spotter training with civilian CASARA members on board, and perform ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) homing to a simulated crash site. Once the aircraft

was spotted, the SAR Techs readied themselves and their equipment to parachute down to the crash site. Once on the ground, the SAR Techs established radio communications with the Hercules overhead and began an extensive medical scenario with simulated casualties. As if this were not enough, we finished the afternoon with GPS, compass, and weapons training. Each day this scenario was carried out until all crews had done it at least once. Fortunately for us, 417 Squadron in Cold Lake was able to provide a Griffin Helicopter and full crew to complement our Sqn SAREX. Their presence added realism to the exercise and was very much appreciated by 435 Sqn and the local community in Red Deer.

I have to admit that I am somewhat biased towards SAR Techs, but a big reason this SAREX was such a success was that we had serviceable aircraft to carry out our training. This would not have been possible without our maintenance personnel working around the clock to make it possible for us to do what we are paid for.

Every member of the Squadron played a part in this year's SAREX. Whether the contribution was small or large, they were all equally important. Each contribution was an ingredient towards making the meal a success. From a SAR Tech's point of view, we accomplished all we had set out to do. From what I have heard, other sections around the Squadron were equally pleased. On behalf of Warrant Officer Claude Major, I would like to thank all sections for their efforts and professionalism because without you, we couldn't yell our motto, "that others may live!"



### 435 Sqn delivers

14 October 98 VOXAIR

By Capt Peter Jaeggi  
435 Sqn PAFFO

Canadian Forces search and rescue crews and Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA) volunteers were involved in a major air search over central Manitoba for two days between September 30 and October 1.

Crews were searching for a light single engine aircraft with one person on board that was overdue in The Pas, Manitoba since Wednesday September 30, 1998.

The aircraft, piloted by Dave Carson of Fort McMurray, Alberta, was traveling from Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba to Grace Lake near The Pas. It was last reported taking off from Lac du Bonnet at 3:00 p.m. on September 29.

A CC-130 Hercules aircraft from 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron, was launched for the initial search for the aircraft at 2:00 p.m. on September 30. They were joined in their search effort by two CASARA aircraft. More military resources joined the search on the second day. Among them was one CC-130 Hercules from 413 Squadron, Greenwood and one CH-146 Griffon helicopter from Cold Lake.

A search headquarters was established at 17 Wing Winnipeg to coordinate the operation and was ready to take over command and control from the Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) Trenton for that specific search. It is a normal procedure for RCC to delegate such authority to a local search headquarters whenever a search becomes a major search operation. This option was not implemented since the

missing pilot was found on the second day before the local search headquarters took control. The search headquarters was mainly composed of search and rescue personnel from 435 Squadron and Wing Operations personnel.

The aircraft and its pilot were found at Goose Lake (midway between Lac du Bonnet and The Pas) by a CC-130 Hercules from 435 Squadron. The plane was found inverted and immersed in the water. Mr. Carson was suffering from minor bruises, lacerations and dehydration but sustained no life threatening injuries.

Sgt John Leclerc and Sgt Shawn MacDiarmid, two search and rescue technicians from 435 Squadron, parachuted onto the scene to provide first aid to the pilot until the CH-146 Griffon helicopter from 417 Squadron, Cold Lake transported him to safety in Winnipeg.

Mr. Carson was then transported by ambulance to the Health Science Center where he received all the necessary medical care and spent his first night in a warm bed since the crash.

435 Squadron flew a total of 4 sorties, established a major search headquarters ready to take control of the search and supplement personnel were put on an alert posture and ready to participate in the search effort. But all those efforts are well worthwhile when you know that someone's life has been saved thanks to the effort and dedication of an organization like ours. Once again 435 Squadron was ready and lived up to its motto 'CERTI PROVEHENDI' meaning DETERMINED ON DELIVERY!

To the SAR crew of RESCUE 333 and all personnel from 435 Squadron and other units involved in SAR CARSON: THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## THE PHOTOS OF '98

The following are 17 Wing Winnipeg's winning entries from the 1998 DND photography contest.



1st Place - Sgt Dennis Mah, 1 CAD Winnipeg - Professional, Colour, Military Family Life "Darling, I will be home soon"



2nd Place - Sgt Dennis Mah, 1 CAD Winnipeg Professional, Colour, Military Family Life "Face Painting"



3rd Place - Sgt Dennis Mah, 1 CAD Winnipeg Professional, Colour, Military Family Life "98 Fire Prevention Week Winner"



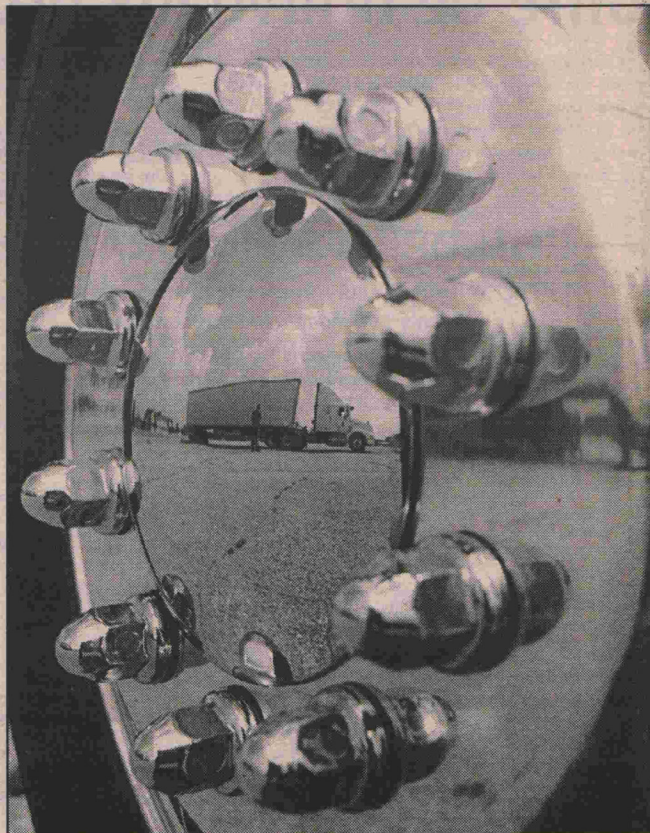
# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## THE PHOTOS OF '98

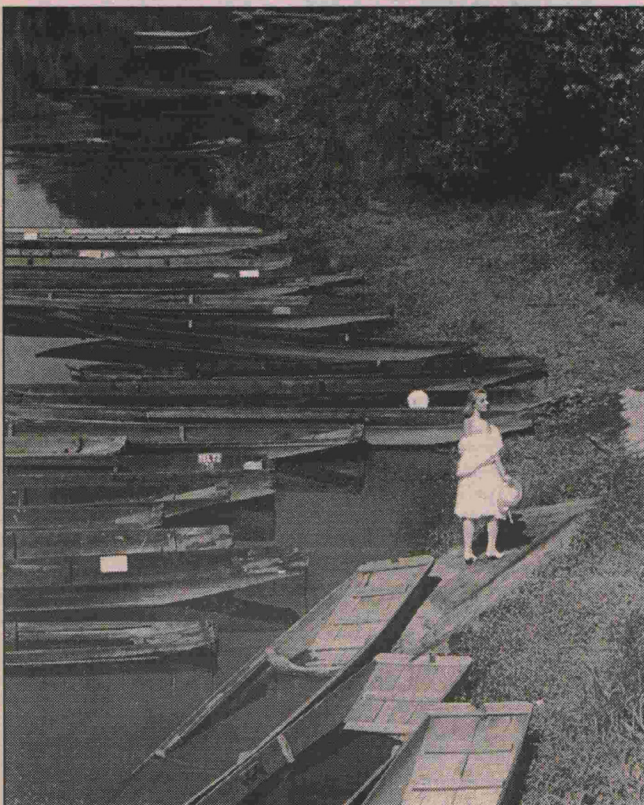
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3rd Place - Cpl Bill McLeod, 17 Wing Winnipeg  
Professional, Colour, Military Life  
"Lest We Forget"



Honourable Mention -  
Cpl David Payne, 17 Wing Winnipeg  
Professional, Colour, Military Life  
"Big Wheel Keep On Turning"



Honourable Mention -  
Sgt Dennis Mah, 1 CAD Winnipeg  
Professional, Colour, Open  
"La riviere des canots"



2nd Place - LCol Pat Sloan, 17 Wing Winnipeg  
Amateur, Colour, Sports  
"Banff National Army Cadets Prepare"

# MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## Pluri-elles, le centre de femmes de St-Boniface, offre de nouveaux programmes en 1999.

**Cours d'exercices prénataux :** étirements, technique de respiration et de visualisation pour l'accouchement, etc. Début des cours mi-janvier (6 sessions de 1h30hres). Ouvert à toutes! Demander Anne-Marie #233-1735.

Pluri-elles offre un nouveau programme de soutien pour femmes vivant de la **violence conjugale** : Si vous pensez avoir besoin de support et de service plus personnalisé (accompagnement à la cour, sorties, écoute téléphonique, etc), ou si vous connaissez une amie qui

vit une situation difficile, n'hésitez pas à nous téléphoner. Demandez Anne-Marie #233-1735.

Si vous pensez souffrir de palpitations cardiaques, de peur, de soeur, d'anxiété, etc. notre atelier **Panique et anxiété** peut vous intéresser. Du jeudi 14 janvier au 18 mars, de 19h00 à 21h00. Demander Lucille ou Paulette #233-1735.

*N.B. Tous nos ateliers sont gratuits et ouvertes à toutes les femmes francophones.*

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

### GYM & MOVEMENT

Fight off those winter blahs. Come out and play with your children. This program includes developing large muscle skills, creative movement, parachute games and cooperative games.

Please note that this program was originally scheduled for Lipsett Hall.

NEW TIME & LOCATION: Westwin Children's Centre, Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per family for 10 week session.

Start Date: Thursday, January 21st Last Date: Thursday, March 25th

### MFRC CHILD CARE CO-OP

Want to be able to go shopping, attend a party or just an outing without having to pay a babysitter? Here's how...JOIN THE MFRC CHILD CARE CO-OP.

We're a group of parents who exchange parenting services at NO CHARGE. Basic guidelines, monthly meetings (kids welcome) and membership conditions keep the co-op running smoothly. Members have a military police check done.

For more information, contact the MFRC at 489-7003. We're always looking for new members.

### PARENTING PROGRAMS

For more information call Victoria Lambert, Coordinator, 489-7003

#### SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION & SUPPORT GROUP

will meet once a month on the first Wednesday evening of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Military Family Resource Centre. If you are differently-abled or someone in your family is, please join us. Our next meeting will be February 3. For more information, contact Victoria.

#### NEW & EXPECTANT MOMS GROUP

Join us at the MFRC on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This group is for expectant parents, new parents and babies under one year old. A public health nurse will be available to do healthy baby checks. We will meet ONCE PER MONTH.

Next meeting is February 3. For more information, contact Victoria.

#### DEVELOPING CAPABLE PEOPLE

Teaching adults how to assist children and teens reach their full potential. A full group is currently running - for inquiries regarding the next available session, contact Victoria.

#### PARENT'S MORNING

Tuesday mornings, 9 - 11 a.m. at Westwin Community Centre.

Coffee, conversation, guest speakers and group activities.

If you're new in town, drop by for a warm welcome and a chance to meet new friends.

Childcare available - must be booked at least 24 hours in advance by calling Wendy 833-2500 ext. 2491. Cost \$2/hour for first child, \$1/hour for second, free for third child in same family.

Lower rates available for parents staying with their child in the playroom.

#### ATTENTION SINGLE PARENTS!

##### "PARENTING ON YOUR OWN"

an extensive resource handbook for one-parent families (1998 edition) is available FREE at the MFRC or from Capt Sherman at 17 Wing Hospital.

#### PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Support, liaison and advocacy services are available at the MFRC. Contact Victoria.

### YOUTH SERVICES

Please Note: All programs sponsored by the Youth Service are offered on a pre-registered basis ONLY. If there are less than 6 people registered for a program the program will be cancelled. This does not include the Afterschool Club or the Teen Drop-In program.

#### YOUTH TREK '99

This year's Trek is to Calgary. We need a minimum of 6 youth to attend (maximum of 12). If you are between the ages of 10 and 14 and would like to go, please have your parent contact Diane Brine, Youth Services Coordinator at 489-7003. The cost of the trip is \$50 plus transportation fee. Payment must be made by 1 May 1999.

#### KIDZONE

January 17 - Mini Golf at the Golf Dome on Wilkes Avenue. We will be going to play a round of mini golf at the "Dome". Cost is \$1.50 per person. Pre-register ASAP.

February 7 - Cyclone Basketball at the Wind Tunnel (Convention Centre) at 2 p.m. We will car-pool from the Youth Centre. Cost is \$4 per person. Pre-register by January 24th.

#### MOOSE TICKETS

We still have a few discounted Moose Vouchers for sale at the Centre. These vouchers are valid at all Moose Home games and are great for family outings, birthday presents or just because.

There are still plenty of home games left. Get your tickets and enjoy "Canada's Game".

The cost of the vouchers are \$10 for seats in the Green section (regularly priced at \$12).

We also have \$15 vouchers for the Purple section (regularly priced at \$18).

#### BABYSITTERS COURSE

This course offers basic instruction in first aid, fire safety and childcare. Participants must be 12 years old to attend. All three sessions must be attended to complete the course.

Westwin Community Centre

Wednesdays, March 3rd and 10th, 5:45 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 13, 9:45 - 3:00 p.m. Cost for the course is \$8. To register call 489-7003 or stop in at the main office of the MFRC at 350 Doncaster Street. Registrations must be in no later than February 19th.

### QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS

For more information call Val Hudson, Coordinator, 489-7003

#### TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR SELF EMPLOYED & HOME BASED BUSINESS OWNERS

This is an informative seminar for small business owners and those who are self employed. Business vehicles, repair bills, lease payments, gas bills, small tools, long distance phone bills...how much is a write off? Computers for your business, promotion/marketing expenses and bad debt expenses are a few of the topics that will be discussed.

Westwin Community Centre - February 16th - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Cost for the seminar is \$10. Please register NLT February 9th.

#### RRSP & RESP SEMINAR

This seminar will focus on the benefits of:

- RRSP Mutual Funds - Professional Money Managers - Diversification -

- Foreign Content in your RRSP Portfolio - Government Grants for RESP -

Westwin Community Centre - January 26th - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

There is a \$10 commitment fee that will be refunded to you on the evening of the session.

Please register NLT January 19th.

#### A GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION ON THE 1998 TAX FORM

Revenue Canada will provide information on the 1998 tax form as well as discussing any new legislation that has been implemented in the 1998 tax year. There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion and questions.

Westwin Community Centre - January 28th - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There is a \$10 commitment fee that will be refunded to you on the evening of the session.

Please register NLT January 22nd.

# MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## Operation High Hopes raises over \$4,000

MCpl Rob Collins and MCpl Dave MacLeod spent four days, 13 December to 16-December, on top of a thirty foot scaffold erected at the front gate of Grant Ave. and Route 90, to create a noticeable venue to solicit donations for the 1998 MFRC Christmas Hamper Program.

Well, they did that and more. To date they have managed to raise over \$4,000 for less fortunate military families. As well, they donated \$1,000 to the Winnipeg Christmas Cheer Board.

*A job very well done.*



At the MFRC Community Coffee Break, MCpl Rob Collins and Lt Stef Grubb (standing in for MCpl Dave MacLeod) were presented with mock miniatures of the scaffolding they spend four days on. Left to right: Val Hudson, MFRC; MCpl Rob Collins; Lt Stef Grubb; Laurie Johnson, Board Chairperson, MFRC.

Absent: MCpl Dave MacLeod

## 17 WING SPORTS

### 17 Wing Soccer Team

# Champions again

By Bush Thornhill, Manager, 17 Wg Soccer Team

This past season had its share of ups and downs for the 17 Wing base soccer team due to military exercises, injuries and postings. Although they were the most offensive team in the division, they had to settle for a third place finish.

In the play-offs, the team went undefeated in three straight games with two shutouts, allowing only two goals against while scoring seven. The championship trophy was presented to Coach Terry Gingell by the league vice-president, Mr. Roman Pnorski, who congratulated the team on their strong play.

The future of the team looks very good with a wealth of talented players just posted in to CFB Winnipeg. With the prospects of having a change room being erected at the Lipsett field in the new year, and the continuing strong support from the Fitness and Sports staff, the 17 Wing soccer team should prove to be a contender for the National title in 1999.



Back row (left to right): Gingell, Kidd, Reid, Lhin, Wilson, Worthy, Stark, Smith, Thornhill. Front row (left to right): Gerry, Murrant, Marshall, Robinson, Doyle, Sterner, Angelini, Ferzli.

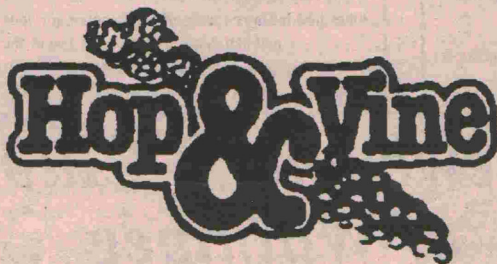
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Parental Guidance, may offend some



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# VOXHEADS

**QUESTION: What memories of 1998 at 17 Wing stand out for you?**

Sgt Natalie Moore, Management and Review Services



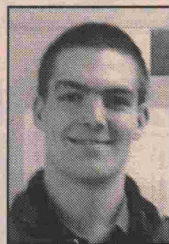
Events where members were directly involved in community events such as the 24 Hour Relay for Easter Seals and the Run for the Cure.

Mr. Rob Young, Driver Base Transport



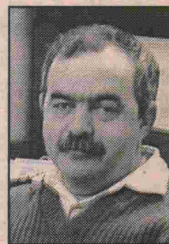
We increased our fleet of tractor trailers and we picked up an east to west freight run.

Private Drew Semper, 402 Servicing



Eleven of us took part in the March to Nijmegen in July. The Dutch learn about Canadians liberating their country right in their school system. They were grateful for their freedom.

Captain Pete Hutton, Instructor, CFSAS Officer Development Flight



We put many students through our courses and taught them about the Air Force. It's hard to operate an Air Force if you don't know what you are supposed to do, and our students will be the future leaders.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Blood Donor Clinic

25 January 99  
1130 - 1630 hrs  
Bldg 21 Gym



Please eat before donating. Remember to bring identification bearing your full name and signature or photo.

### Military Community Council Family THRIFT SHOP

Bldg. P12, 347 Doncaster Street (directly across from MFRC)

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

Tues. 6 - 8 p.m. • Thurs. 1 - 3 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Volunteers Needed • Material Donations Accepted  
Open an Account

Questions? Call 488-4177

#### 17 WING WINNIPEG

### Ladies Invitational Hockey Tournament

7 - 12 FEBRUARY 1999

### VOLUNTEER SUPPORT NEEDED

This tournament will be a large undertaking with as many as 12 teams participating in this historic event.

We are presently in need of scorekeepers, timekeepers and hosts to provide assistance for this tournament.

If you are interested in being part of this monumental event, please contact the Sports Coordinator, Chris Merrithew at ext. 5511. Your assistance in making this tournament a success is greatly appreciated.

### WING COMMANDER CURLING BONSPIEL

Friday, 29 January 99

17 Wing Curling Club (South Side)

To register or for more information, contact Chris Merrithew at ext. 5511.

### 3rd Annual Flying Officer Memorial Scholarship winners

The Selections Committee for the Flying Officer George Finkle Memorial Scholarship has named the recipients for the 1998-99 academic year. They are:

Jacqueline Jobin from St. Andrews, MB. Jacqueline is a Cpl with the 17 Service Battalion (Reserves).

Corey Schrader of Winnipeg, MB. Corey is the son of CWO C. Schrader, EME.

The scholarships and bursaries are awarded yearly, exclusively to serving members, regular and reserve, of the Canadian Forces (or immediate family of regular serving individuals). Applicants must be enrolled in management, geology or geological engineering at the University of Manitoba and must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (scholarship candidates) or a cumulative GPA of

2.75 (bursary candidates).

For more information, please contact:

Financial Aid and Awards Office  
Room 422  
University Centre Building  
The University of Manitoba  
Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2

Telephone: (204) 474-9261  
Fax: (204) 275-6534

E-mail: Peter\_Dueck@umanitoba.ca

### 17 WING WOODWORKING CLUB

- Located:** Building 33 (Family Resource Centre)
- Hours:** 24 hours a day seven days a week
- Cost:** \$50 + GST per year individually or \$75 + GST family (dependents over eighteen).
- Equipment:** Full complement of stationary and hand tools.
- Sales:** Limited supply of hardwoods.
- Discounts:** Hardware store discount cards and access to wholesale lumber.
- Contacts:** Pres.: Capt Steve Wilson ext 6674  
Vice Pres.: Maj Dave Connell ext 5407  
Sec.: Cpl Austin Wilson ext 2399  
Treas.: WO Greg Speakman ext 5556  
Equipment: Cpl Jean Tremblay home 832-2773

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

February is Heart & Stroke month

Ten volunteers are urgently needed to canvass the South Side PMQs.

If interested, please call Valerie Sheppard at 489-2304.

### 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."

### 17 WING CERAMIC CLUB

Westwin Community Centre

Hours of Operation are Mon - Wed 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Office Closes at 8 p.m.

Phone June 888-6059 or Marilyn 889-0571 for more information.

# Cadets race at Canmore



Biathlon Manitoba - back row (left to right): Captain Deanne Yetman, Cdt Owen Nagy, Cdt Brad Heron, Cdt Rob Heron, Cdt Nicole Nagy, Captain Gerry Mychajlyszyn.  
Front row (left to right): Cdt Mark Lomond, Cdt Nathan Rivard, Cdt Kari Doerksen.

### Submitted by Capt D. Yetman Assistant Coach

On 18 - 20 Dec, 1998 Biathlon Canada ran a weekend race series in Canmore, Alberta with the purpose of selecting their National Senior Team. Each province is going through their own process to select Provincial Teams for the 1999 Canada Winter Games. Provincial CWG Biathlon teams will consist of 4 male and 4 female athletes. Several Western Provinces utilized the races in Canmore as part of their CWG selection process.

The weather at this weekend's races was "cold", so cold that Biathlon Canada could only conduct 1 race in the three days. This was sufficient for some selections to be made. Congratulations to Cadets Nicole Nagy of 177 RC(Air)CS, in Winnipeg and Kari Doerksen of 573 RC(Air)CS, in Winnipeg who have been named to Biathlon Manitoba's CWG Female team. Biathlon Manitoba will need the January Races in Falcon Lake in order to select their CWG Male team. It looks very promising for the 5 male Manitoba Cadets: Mark Lomond of 2528 RC(Army)CC in Virden, Manitoba, Owen Nagy of 177

RC(Air)CS in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Cadets Brad Heron, Rob Heron, and Nathan Rivard of 573 RC(Air)CS in Winnipeg, who are all competing for positions on Biathlon Manitoba's CWG Male Team. At least one of them will make the team, maybe even two. In addition to these Cadets, two CIC Officers have also been named to Biathlon Manitoba's CWG Staff. Captain Gerry Mychajlyszyn of 573 RC(Air)CS in Winnipeg was named as the Team's Manager, and Captain Deanne Yetman was named as the Female Coach. Both have been heavily involved with Cadet Biathlon since the early 90's, each taking teams to the Cadet Biathlon Nationals many times, and even returning with medals.

We were pleased to see other cadets from across Prairie Region competing in Canmore, for positions on their Province's CWG Team. Contending for a position on Biathlon Alberta's 1999 CWG Team is Cadet Cindy Templeman from 152 Resolute RC(Sea)CC, in Edmonton Alberta. Cadets Louise Weber, Jennifer Griffith and Jackie Kellington all of 2815 RC(Army)CC, in Niacam, SK,

Deanna Wolfe of 2370 RC(Army)CC, in Regina, Saskatchewan, and Irene Giroux of 2988 RC(Army)CC, in Montmartre, SK are all contending for positions on Biathlon SK's 1999 Canada Winter Games Team. Both Biathlon Saskatchewan and Biathlon Alberta were unable to name their teams after the weekend, and need at least another race to make their selections. We will be advised if and when cadets are selected to those teams.

Joining the other two CIC Officers at the CWG will be Captain Scott Ponath, Comd Officer of 2815 RC(Army)CC, in Niacam, Saskatchewan. He was recently named as the Manager of Biathlon Saskatchewan's 99 CWG Team. Captain Ponath completed the Biathlon Level 3 Coaches course this fall, and has been heavily involved with the Cadet Biathlon Program in SK. He has successfully coached Cadet Biathlon, with his Saskatchewan Cadets medalling at the Cadet Biathlon National Championships for the past few years. We look forward to competing with him at the 1999 Canada Winter Games, in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland.

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