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F-18 Pilot gives back

Submitted by Deanne Yetman

The Cadets and Staff of #573 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron would like to thank Captain Paul Dimitriou for taking time out of his busy schedule, to spend an evening with them, while in Winnipeg.

Captain Dimitriou of 410 Squadron, 4 Wing, Cold Lake, spent December in Winnipeg completing an Instrument Check Pilot Course with the Central Flying School. He took time to visit with the cadets of 573 RCACS to talk about his own cadet experiences, his career as a Pilot in the Canadian Air Force, and how all cadets can achieve their dreams if they apply themselves. Captain Dimitriou began his flying career as a cadet with 533 Air Cadet Squadron, in St. Albert, Alberta, achieving his

glider wings and his power pilot's license. He not only gave an interesting, and inspiring presentation, but took time to answer questions from the cadets.



LAC Laressa Lotoski gets inspiration for her future from Capt Paul Dimitriou.

Photo provided by Deanne Yetman

Ground breaking mission

Submitted by 435 Sqn

On Jan 11th 1997, eight crew members from the fighting 435th (T&R) Sqn took off on a ground breaking mission. What made this mission ground breaking?

The itinerary was not out of the ordinary: stop in Trenton for the load, overnight on the coast, into Zagreb two days later and back home the same way. The crew's composition wasn't any different, although some claimed several crew members to be 'special'.

No, what made this mission different was the airplane.

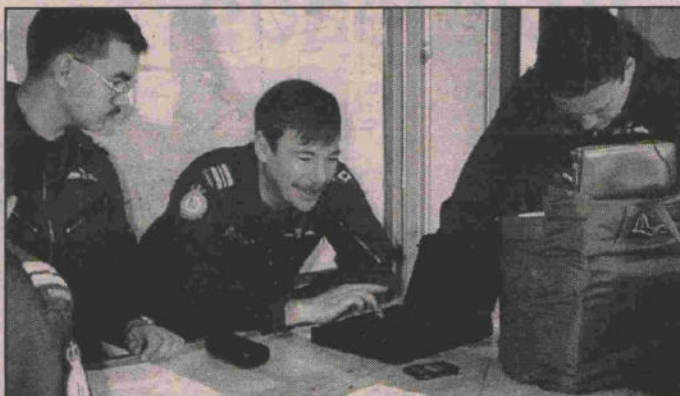
What?! Doesn't 435 (T&R) Sqn fly the C130 Hercules? Isn't that airframe 30 years old? Didn't they nickname that aircraft the 'Goony Bird'

back in the 70s? The answer to these questions is "yes", but while other fleets have neglected their upgrade programs (or had their upgrade programs neglected) the mighty upgrade program of the C130s continued unhin-

dered. For almost 10 years money and resources have been allocated to upgrading the 30 or so C130 Hercules aircraft. What's so different about them? Are they bigger, more attractive or colorful? Do they fly faster,

higher or quieter? No, of course not (after all, we are talking about a Canadian military upgrade program). The difference with the new Avionics Upgrade Program (AUP) Hercules is the avionics inside it. Instead of a navigator

playing a vital role in getting from A to B, the new AUP Hercs have a Flight Management System which does it better. The system relies on global positioning and laser inertial navigation units and is highly accurate. To be on the safe side though, navigators are still required on these new Hercules (at least in the interim) as pilots familiarize themselves with what have been traditional navigator duties: using the radar, detailed flight planning, etc.



Maj McKenzie, Capt Fell and Capt Andrews plan the mission using the Mission Planning Ground Station.

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VOXVIEWS

Divergencies merged

By Major CM Walton-Simm
Managing Editor

Often times being a member of the Canadian Forces (CF) means a broadening of horizons and the opportunity to see parts of the world most Canadians don't get the chance to see. In addition, most of the Operations we contribute to are in various developing and/or war-torn countries with economies and lifestyles far different than what we are accustomed to here in Canada.

A comment heard frequently from personnel who have returned from a deployment is "You don't know how lucky we are in Canada until you've served in another part of the world." Even the basics of life are taken for granted: running water, fresh food, proper sewage and dwellings are not only the stan-

dard but are expected in our country. When you look at the disparity between us and many other countries it makes you wonder why things are so messed up in parts of the world and why our priorities are so unrealistic.

In a perfect world, all human beings would expect and be provided the necessary resources to live comfortably and contentedly. This is not an unreasonable expectation and given the facts below, is definitely achievable.

The world's 225 richest individuals (of whom 60 are Americans with total assets of \$311 billion) have a combined wealth of over \$1 trillion - equal to the annual income of the poorest 47% of the entire world's population. The three richest people in the world have assets that exceed the combined gross domestic product of the 48 least developed countries;

The richest one-fifth of the world's people consumes 86% of all goods and services, while the poorest one-fifth consumes just 1.3%. The richest one-fifth consumes 45% of all meat and fish, 58% of all energy used, 84% of all paper, has 74% of all telephone lines and owns 87% of all vehicles;

Of the 4.4 billion people in the developing countries, nearly three-fifths lack access to clean water, one-quarter do not have adequate housing, and one-fifth have no access to modern health services of any kind;

North Americans spend \$8.5 billion a year on cosmetics - \$2.5 billion more than the estimated annual amount needed to provide basic education for everyone in the world;

Americans and Europeans spend \$8.5 billion a year on pet food - \$2 billion more than the

annual amount needed to provide basic health and nutrition for the world's population;

Europeans spend \$11 billion a year on ice cream - \$2 billion more than the annual amount needed to provide clean water and safe sewers for the world's population;

The additional cost of achieving and maintaining universal access to basic education for all, basic health care for all, reproductive health care for all women, adequate food for all, clean water and safe sewers for all, is estimated to be roughly \$40 billion a year - less than 4% of the combined wealth of the 225 richest people in the world.

There but for the grace of God go I...

Source: The United Nations (UN) 1998 Human Development Report.

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29 January 1999

Dear Friends of the Chapel:

We write to you on behalf of the 17 Wing Community Chapel, which houses the Roman Catholic congregation of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys and the Protestant congregation of the Good Shepherd.

Although these two congregations worship in the chapel each Sunday, we are acutely aware that this sacred building belongs to the entire Wing and to 1 CAD, and that it should symbolize, as far as possible, our collective faith in God. With this intention, we invite your organization to consider placing a stained-glass window in the chapel.

Such a window might incorporate into its design a cap badge or coat-of-arms, and it might be dedicated to those serving, or who once served, or in memory of service members who lost their lives serving Canada. The final design and content would be a matter to be decided by the appropriate chapel committee responsible for the physical

structure and the donor, in consultation. The space available is not large, an area on the west wall of the chapel proper.

The cost of constructing and installing the windows (estimated at roughly \$1,000 per window) would be born entirely by the donor. We realize that few, if any, organizations have \$1,000 available for such a purchase. Anyone generous enough to pledge a window would find us very reasonable about time required to raise the necessary funds.

Any organization interested in pledging a window for the chapel is invited to contact the Wing Chaplains' Office, where arrangements can be made to view the space intended to receive the windows, as well as to inspect existing windows.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in faith,

LComd J. MacLean
Wing Chaplain (RC)

LComd D.F. Ohs
Wing Chaplain (P)

VoxHeads

QUESTION: What are you plans for Valentine's Day?



Capt Brian Riedle
Pilot, 402 Sqn

Going out to a romantic dinner with my wife at Medicine Rock Cafe.



Corporal Josephine Sallis
402 Squadron

Volunteering at the Women's Regional Hockey Playoffs. I'm expecting Valentine's from my kids and I'll kill them if it's not chocolate.



MCpl Danny Warden
Wing Operations

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CAS stops at 17 Wing

By Capt Laferriere, WPAffO

The Chief of the Air Staff LGen D. Kinsman spent two full days at 17 Wing earlier this month. The purpose of his visit was to meet with and talk to as many wing personnel as possible.

His very first appointment was at the Base Theatre where he delivered a speech on the future of the air force to a crowd in excess of 300 people. The following paragraphs are a brief highlight of some of the important points that were discussed.

Capability Renewal Initiative

LGen Kinsman opened the discussion by quoting newspaper articles who had said that the CF no longer has the capability, the equipment and the training to do the job that is expected from us.

"I strongly disagree with this statement," he said. "In the last few years, the Air Force received a valuable aircraft that can transport both cargo and passengers over long distances [airbus]. We also received 100 Griffon helicopters that have already proved their capability in places such as Haiti, Honduras and now in Bosnia. We have just signed a contract to replace the Labrador Helicopter and work has started on the first ones already, and we are now looking at a replacement for the Sea King," CAS explained.

He went further by mentioning that the Navy recently received 12 new state of the art patrol frigates and Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels (MCDVs) and the army just received the

Coyote, with many more pieces of kit following.

"The modernization of our equipment is a Canadian Forces responsibility, but the Air Force has to identify and initiate programs to address it," said LGen Kinsman. He continued by explaining that "we will not receive a ticket to go to the dance [participate in international UN and NATO operations] if we are not attractive to leading nations."

Quality of Life

CAS once again stated that Quality of Life was at the top of his priority list and at the top of the CDS, Deputy Minister and Minister's list as well. He mentioned that there was a lot of effort from the top to get some of the government's extra dollars to fund as many SCONDVA recommendations as possible.

"In my many years at NDHQ, I have never seen such a drive on a particular issue," said CAS.

SCONDVA tabled 89 recommendations to improve the quality of life of Canadian Forces personnel a few months ago. Many of these recommendations have already been implemented and many more are in the process of becoming a reality. There are however a few recommendations the Department will not be able to implement unless it receives some outside help. Some of these issues include pay raises, entry level pay increases, cost of living allowances, modernization of CF housing, family disruption assistance, and a few more.

The Minister and CDS recently announced that DND would need



Sgt Dwyer, Cpl Wiggins and MCpl Everett meet CAS.

Photo by Cpl Lebeauf, Wing Imaging

an estimated \$700 million budget increase to implement all the recommendations made by SCONDVA.

LGen Kinsman explained that there are a lot of people competing for the few extra dollars available for the next budget. He mentioned that he believes there will be a few more dollars for DND this year but that there is "no way to know how much." He also said that we may not see all the money this year and it could take a few years before DND gets what is needed to implement all recommendations highlighted in the SCONDVA report.

CAS finished by saying that

this year's budget will be made public in mid-February, but we should not expect to know exactly what it will mean to us right away.

"Once the budget is made public, we still have to analyze it and determine how much will be assigned to quality of life," he explained. "We will not know specifics before the April time frame."

CAS Vision for near future

In the coming years, the Air Force has to prove it is relevant to Canadians and sustainable. LGen Kinsman explained: "we have to deliver what is being asked of us, while realizing that today's

demands are different from yesterday's expectations." CAS continued by explaining that we also have to prove our sustainability, that is to say we can deliver what is expected, keep modernizing our equipment in order to successfully fulfill our roles and look after our people, all this, within our allocated budget.

He finished by saying he unfortunately will not have time to solve all problems before he retires. However, he said that he wanted to leave confident that he had done his part "to ensure we have an air force in 15-20 years and still can attract good people."

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New AUP Herc

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The first AUP Hercules arrived at the Sqn in early Dec 98 and the last is due Jul 99. But enough of the trivial details and back to the ground breaking mission!

And so it was with little trepidation that the eight crew members boarded their AUP steed and headed Europe bound. The 26,000 pound overload of out-sized cargo in Trenton went smoothly and by early evening the crew was in Gander, Nfld. having diverted for freezing precipitation in St. Johns, Nfld.

The next day was amazing as 300 KM/H tail winds and accurate avionics made the North Atlantic crossing a pleasant and short five hours. The crew arrived early on itinerary in Dublin, Ireland and set about acclimatizing to a six-hour difference in local time. The next day the mission continued to Zagreb, Croatia. As usual operations were swift and professional and the stationed Canadians had the aircraft unloaded and loaded in one hour. That night the crew returned to Newcastle, England and once again did some acclimatizing. The only disruption to the mission came the following day

on engine start. No. 2 engine would not start and after a second attempt the ground controller, MCpl Robinson, noted sparks coming from the starter. A new starter was ordered from Canadian Forces parts depot Lyneham and the mission was delayed one day. The return home proved uneventful. Once again the weather in Newfoundland was unacceptable (those poor people) and the crew spent the night in Iqaluit on Baffin Island. The new avionics held up admirably in the -37 degree cold and the mission returned to Winnipeg the next evening (where it wasn't much warmer).

The AUP is a key building block to the future of 435 (T&R) Sqn. This successful mission was the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication by all those involved in the AUP. It is also the precursor to more exciting mission firsts to follow, like the first AUP operational SAR and AAR missions. Be sure to look out for articles about those and other Chinthe Bits in upcoming issues.

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The Supply Line

By Cpl "Pach" Pachkowski

As the Christmas season came to a close and another new year dawned at the Customer Support Unit of Wing Supply, the usual upsurge in customer purchasing requirements began with vigour. The holidays have given way to talk of resolutions, renewed PT to shed those unwanted Christmas baking memories and of course the main topic of conversations these days, Y2K. Here at the CSU there is little time for much conversation as the buyers, both civilian and military, are immersed in a buying frenzy. The PPCLI fresh from block leave and the numerous base personnel back from their holiday travels pick up the pace to catch up with all the requirements put aside until "after the holidays".

The passing of the new year, on the Gregorian calendar, gives way to the coming end of the fiscal year which, for the buyers of the CSU and others on base, means only one thing: the dreaded "Year End". The resulting melee is a wonder to behold as buyers scramble to meet orders utilizing the current year's funds. The steps to achieve this goal are

more involved than one might think as customers and vendors alike must be notified of the year end which lies ahead. Customers want to spend their funds for the year and buyers want to ensure they receive their goods in time to allow the costs to be charged against the current year. Buyers must annotate their purchase orders with special instructions to the vendors informing them of the urgency in meeting the time frames indicated for the delivery and payment of goods. We all hope that this will be enough and all will run smoothly, but inevitably there are situations which throw the proverbial wrench into the works.

Emergencies are a major contributor to this wrench syndrome as there are often situations which require the CSU to purchase goods at a time which will cause the payment to fall into the crack between this fiscal year and the upcoming one. It isn't just emergencies, however, that cause the teams of the CSU to sprout new crops of grey hair. Probably the most frustrating are the customers who leave their requests to the very last minute, no names, no pack drill. We at

the CSU understand that these things happen from time to time, but it is important for all of our customers to understand that at times we are required, because of the high cost of an item, to go through other means to obtain goods.

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The bottom line is that we work together to reach a mutually satisfactory outcome, that the customers receive their goods at the right price and as expeditiously as possible. So, as the fiscal year end fast approaches, remember your friendly neighbourhood CSU teams who are working diligently to get your goods to you. Much like the mail, through wind and snow and sleet and hail, the CSU will still prevail.

17 Wg Ops Situation Report

25 Jan 99 - 31 Jan 99

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Op Guarantor	Macedonia	4
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Cpl Tourout receiving the Commendation for Distinctive Participation in Operation Recuperation from Col Watt.



LS Coté receiving the Commendation for Distinctive Participation in Operation Recuperation from Col Watt.

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Air Force Public Affairs

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Weight restriction for Tutor & T-Bird pilots

Major General Lloyd Campbell, the Commander of 1 Canadian Air Division has imposed a maximum weight restriction of 250 lbs for aircrew flying the CT-114 Tutor and the CF-133 T-Bird aircraft, effective 29 January 1999. This restriction applies to the weight of the individual plus all equipment carried.

The restriction was imposed as a result of a recent review of T-Bird and Tutor escape systems (ejection seats). While the review concluded that the ejection systems used in these two aircraft are safe, it also brought to light the fact that the maximum aircrew weight limitation being used in the CF posed a potential safety risk.

"While our experience has shown that safe ejections are possible beyond the 250-pound weight limit, due diligence demanded I impose an operational limitation until mitigating

measures can be put in place," said Major General Campbell. Such measures include determining whether the weight limit can be safely increased, reducing the overall weight of the equipment carried by aircrew and potentially, by approving a larger parachute for use on the T-Bird and Tutor.

The exact impact of the weight restriction is unknown, although Major General Campbell expects there will be impacts for both fleets. "All Wings that fly the two aircraft are currently evaluating specific situations. More information will be available once these reviews are complete," Major General Campbell added.

The Tutor aircraft is utilized for pilot training and by the Snowbirds while the T-Bird is used for electronic warfare and other operational training of air, land and naval forces.



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Where does the term originate

The term originates from the Allied Signals Book (ATP 1), which, in the aggregate, is for official use only. Signals are sent as letters and/or numbers, which

have meanings by themselves sometimes or in certain combinations. A single table in ATP 1 is called "governing groups", that is, the entire signal that follows the

governing group is to be performed according to the "governor". The letter "B" indicates this table and the second letter (A through Z) gives more

specific information. For example, "BA" might mean "You have permission to... (do whatever the rest of the flashing light, flag hoist or radio transmission says)." "BZ"

happens to be the last item in the governing groups table. It means "well done."

THE FLYER

Volume 2, Issue 1

January 1999

This First 1999 issue of The Flyer is being distributed throughout the air force by the Flight Plan For Life (FPFL) core team to inform you on quality of life issues.

PROGRESS CHART UPDATE

The FPFL Progress Chart can be found on our Web pages, the following is the break down on the status of the FPFL issues:

- 8 issues or 3% are at Wing Level
- 38 issues or 15% are at Staff Level
- 125 issues or 50% are at Satisfactory Level
- 58 issues or 23% are at PMO QOL
- 23 issues or 9% are considered Not Feasible

NEWS FROM 9 WING (GANDER)

Although not officially isolated, it is difficult and expensive to get in and out of Gander; therefore FPFL has concentrated efforts on improving the quality of life on the Island.

Medical facilities are limited in Gander and much of the treatment must be done in the city of St. John's. It is very expensive for families who have to stay in hotels when they are taking their dependents for extended medical treatment. 9 Wing has taken over a PMQ at CFS St. John's to be utilized by military families from Gander. FPFL moneys were used to furnish the PMQ to an acceptable standard. If the PMQ is not in use, military families who want to do R&R in St. John's can use it.

FPFL money was also spent to purchase two snowblowers and acquire modern furnishings for the singles quarters.

MILITARY FAMILIES TO GET SUPPORT

• An emergency child care co-ordinator will be hired at each MFRC by 1 April 1999, to assist military families to find child care support when deployed on short notice.

• Employment assistance councilors will be hired at each MFRC by 1 April 1999, to help military spouses find employment after a posting and to build ties with local employers to create job opportunities for spouses.

• The MFRC will provide a consistent level of family-support services through the nearest MFRC to assist reservist deployed on national and international operations, and to personnel assigned to UN missions. This program will be implemented in early 1999. (Maple Leaf Vol. 2, No. 1, Jan 99)

UPCOMING EVENTS

• FPFL Working Group meeting will be held in spring 99. Location and dates TBA.

• The Government will make it's response to the issues tabled in the SCONDVA report, which are relevant to the CF, by spring 99.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the details on all FPFL issues see your Wing CWO. We are now on our new Web Page sites. You can now find us via the DND Intranet at:

<http://131.134.112.25/cas/fpfl> or http://airforce.dwan.dnd.ca/cas/fpfl/intro_e.asp

Our Internet address is also up and running at: www.vcds.dnd.ca/cas/fpfl/intro_e.asp

We also have an Internet email: ad927@issc.debbs.ndhq.dnd.ca or DND intranet email: OCdt K.Lowe@D.Air.PM.S

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BAPTISMS: We recommend that you contact the Chaplain's office for an appointment prior to the birth of your child.

WEDDINGS-MARRIAGES: Contact the Chaplain at least six months in advance. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1900 Hrs alternating between the North and South Chapel Annexes.

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SUNDAY SERVICES: 0900 Hrs South Chapel & 1100 Hrs North Chapel

ACC Eucharist is sometimes offered at 1015 at the North Chapel. Check the weekly bulletin for dates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is held during the service for children ages 3 to 12. Childcare is provided on a required basis for children under 3 years of age.

MARRIAGES: Six months' notice is required for marriages as counseling is necessary to prepare couples for Christian marriage. A Marriage Preparation Course is also required.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is available by contacting a chaplain. Time is required to give sufficient instruction about the meaning of baptism.

PROTESTANT LADIES' GUILD: The Guild meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the North Chapel Annex. All women are welcome.

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.

DUTY CHAPLAIN: After normal working hours, the Duty Chaplain can be reached at 227-4751.

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ABDR comes to 435 Sqn

ishing basis over a longer period of time as opposed to rapid loss of assets over a short period. During the Gulf War, the Americans and British used these repair techniques with great success and the results spoke for themselves. This is not to say ABDR is new, it actually dates back to World War One where they used cloth and rope, while today we use high tech material.

Back a few years ago ABDR existed but was not considered a top priority especially within the transport world. Fighters have long practiced ABDR, but with barely adequate training and equipment. Since WO Dave Herman of ICAD was given the task to renew the ABDR program

needed along with special equipment required to carry out the repairs. Technicians who become part of the ABDR team are unique in that they are expected to be able to do all types of repairs, which may range from wiring repair to hydraulic line manufacturing and installation. Technicians go on a three-week course in Borden, Ontario to learn the skills they require and to get actual hands-on repairing damaged aircraft. Some of these skills are high and low pressure hose manufacturing, electrical connector and wire repair, structural parts manufacturing, fiberglass repair and numerous other techniques. Once they return to the unit they will practice their newly acquired skills at least twice a year to maintain a high level of expertise. On the aircrew side, the Flight Engineers will also be trained to carry out minor ABDR to allow the aircraft to get to a safe area for more extensive repairs.

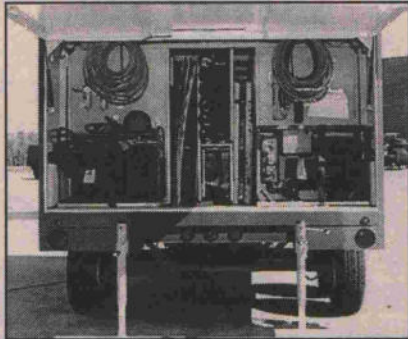
To assist the technicians in carrying out these repairs, a new trailer has been developed to provide a workshop on wheels. Every conceivable tool that might be needed can be found in the trailer and the trailer itself is a multifunctional tool with work benches, generators, air compressors, sheet metal fabrication tools, the works. Tim the Tool Man would be envious of this trailer.

1999 marks the beginning of a new era at 435 Sqn in the area of ABDR and I am sure all involved will put forth a Herculean effort to ensure they become second to none. Let's just hope all we ever do is practice.

**By MCpl Steve Shrewsbury
435 Sqn Servicing**

A CC-130 Hercules prepares for departure out of a war torn region. Fighting had been reported in the region and prompted the aircrew to make a hastened departure from the area. As the Hercules rumbled down the runway the aircraft commander calls "Vee One" and the plane lumbers into the sky, suddenly the cockpit lights up with warning lights, the hydraulics pressure drops rapidly, gauges spin wildly and the cockpit becomes a flurry of activity as emergency checklists are implemented. The plane had come under fire from enemy ground forces, several small arms rounds found their mark and pierced through the skin of the aircraft. One round had ricocheted inside and ruptured several hydraulic lines, severing wiring and destroying electronic equipment. The aircrew, recalling their extensive training for this kind of emergency, nurses the mighty Herc to a safe area and carries out a successful landing with no further damage to the aircraft.

In the past, had this been a real story, it might have meant the aircraft would be lost for a long period of time while the proper repairs were carried out. At a time when you might need every aircraft to carry out your mission, long periods of downtime are not practical. Now we have been given the option of Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR), a scheme to repair the damaged aircraft to a level which would allow the aircraft to carry out one or more missions in times of conflict. This allows the air force to carry out missions on a gradually dimin-



ABDR trailer

significant advances have been made including being implemented at 435 Sqn. The arrival of a specialized ABDR trailer and the selection of aircraft technicians with previous training and new ones to be trained, marks the beginning of the ABDR program at 435. During Feb 1999 technicians will be trained in specific repair techniques and will form specialized teams. These teams will deploy to wherever they are

A Reservist for 39 years



Photo by Sgt Joe Cosme

With his parents' permission, Dave Scott enlisted into the Air Reserves and was sworn in just days after his 16th birthday. Retiring in March 1999, he will have been a Reservist for just a week shy of 39 years, making him one of the most, if not THE longest serving.

Wearing blue, he started off as an air frame tech in 402 Squadron. Over the years, his job became more generalized, with him becoming a Mech Air. This changed again and he remustered as a more specific Instrument and Electrical Tech. He wore green under the unified service, then blue again as the air force regained its identity. At the same location, 17 Wing (Air Reserve) in RCAF Station Winnipeg became CFB Winnipeg, then 17 Wing (total force) again. He had the opportunity to work on Expeditors, Otters and Dakotas. He missed out on working on the Dash-8's

because he has been managing the Squadron Kit Shop the last few years.

WO Scott brings a great and varied experience to the air force. As a civilian, he was a teacher, and later took up farming in Marquette, Manitoba. He sang in the St. James United Church for 23 years. An accomplished musician, he plays the guitar and an electronic keyboard. With so many options, no wonder he's an instrument and electrical tech. An accomplished artist, his paintings have been on local displays and one even won the TD Bank Award.

Dave has seen many changes and improvements during his years as an Air Reservist. He says that the one thing that has remained constant, is the professional attitude and dedication of CF members and especially of those in 402 Squadron.

Good luck in your retirement Dave.

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Jr Ranks Day of Honour



Above: Pte Mireault, 1 Air Mov Sqn, was given the honour of being WCWO for a day.



Above: Cpl Hauk, 735 Comm Sqn, was given the honour of being Honourary Colonel for a day.

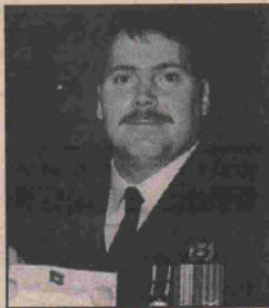


Left: Pte Boutin, a student at CFS Met, was given the honour of being Wing Commander for a day.

17 Wg Medal Presentations



Cpl Cornell, W Foods, was presented the Special Service Bar for service in the Arabian Gulf from July 95 to Jan 96 and the Somalia Medal for service from Dec 92 to May 93.



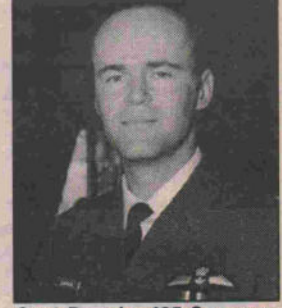
Sgt Parent, W Pers Svc, was presented the NATO Service Bar for service in the former Yugoslavia from Dec 95 to March 96.



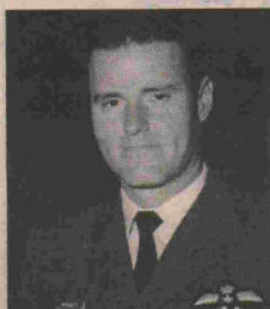
PO2 Charette, W Foods, was presented the NATO Service Bar for service in the former Yugoslavia from July 95 to Dec 95.



Maj Cookson, 435 Sqn, was presented the Special Service Medal with Peace Bar for service in the Arabian Gulf from Feb 98 to May 98 during Operation Determination.



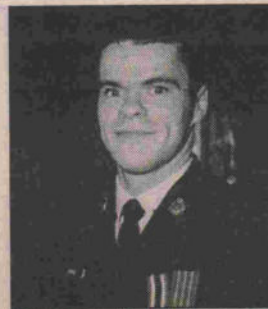
Capt Dupuis, 435 Sqn, was presented the Special Service Medal with Peace Bar for service in the Arabian Gulf from Feb 98 to May 98 during Operation Determination.



Capt Wright, 435 Sqn, was presented the Special Service Medal with Peace Bar for service in the Arabian Gulf from Feb 98 to May 98 during Operation Determination.



Capt Lyner, 435 Sqn, was presented the Special Service Medal with Peace Bar for service in the Arabian Gulf from Feb 98 to May 98 during Operation Determination.



Cpl Dumont, 435 Sqn, was presented the Special Service Medal with Peace Bar for service in the Arabian Gulf from Feb 98 to May 98 during Operation Determination.



Cpl Jacobson, 435 Sqn, was presented the Special Service Medal with Peace Bar for service in the Arabian Gulf from Feb 98 to May 98 during Operation Determination.



Cpl Trundel, 435 Sqn, was presented the Special Service Medal with Peace Bar for service in the Arabian Gulf from Feb 98 to May 98 during Operation Determination.

Firefighters Honoured



Barry Dewar of the Association of Retired Military Firefighters presents a plaque of appreciation to Sergeant Jim Robertson, Warrant Officer Doug Goodings and Master Corporal Claude Thibeault for their efforts in making the Firefighter Reunion this past summer a success.

WO Promotion



WO Rod Kendall of the 1 Canadian Air Division Air Intelligence Centre, is promoted to that rank by LCol Allen Grant. Congratulations WO Kendall.

CD & CD1 Presentations



Sgt Lawrence, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD1.



Cpl McKinley, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD1.



Sgt Coulombe, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD1.



PO2 Charette, W Foods, was presented his CD.



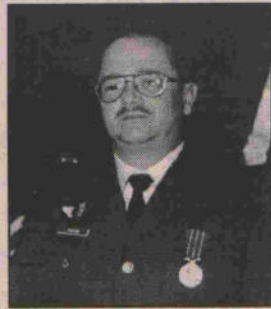
OCdt Perreault, W Admin, was presented his CD.



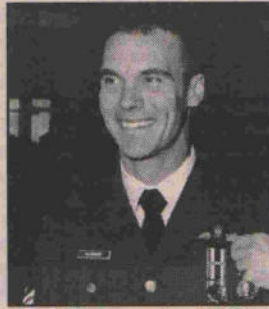
MCpl Lake, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD.



Cpl Lefebvre, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD.



Cpl Duncan, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD.



MCpl McOrmand, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD.



Cpl Selman, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD.



Cpl Stamper, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD.



Cpl Stykel, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD.



Cpl Swanson, 435 Sqn, was presented his CD.



Cpl Verge, 435 Sqn, was presented her CD.

Logistics Branch

31st Anniversary

Message from the Logistics Branch Adviser

During the past years we have seen many changes taking effect in how we do our business as the Forces go thru restructuring and downsizing activities. Downsizing is particularly challenging for the support elements of the Forces, and as Logisticians we are all directly or indirectly affected by virtually every proposed change. Coping with all these changes has not been an easy task and for that I would like to thank you for the exceptional manner in which you have all individually or collectively contributed to and adapted to these changes.

All agree to say that these changes will continue well into the 21st century. Each and every one of us will be required to use our knowledge and experience in

order to meet the demands of our positions, thereby ensuring the Logistics Branch continues to provide the best possible support to our brothers and sisters in the combat arms. I am confident that within our Branch we have the professionals who will more than meet this need. My confidence in you comes from the Branch's accomplishments over the past years.

As you are all aware, we have troops from virtually every MOC within the Logistics Branch deployed throughout the world including areas such as Bosnia, Kosovo and the Golan Heights. The CFSS Upgrade project is ongoing and the Transportation Fleet Management System is in the process of being brought on line. We have introduced a new finance system into the Canadian Forces and an Occupation

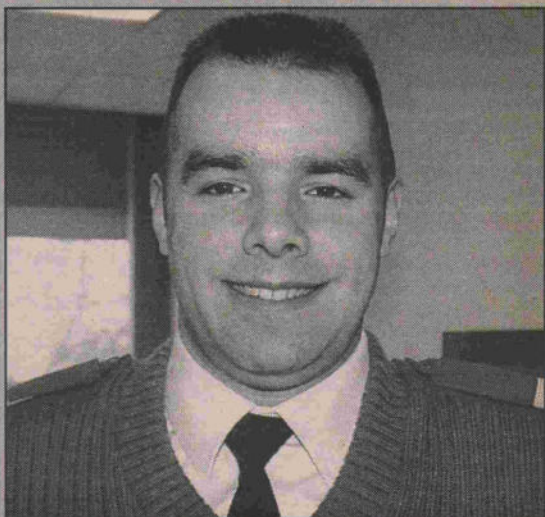
Analysis for Logistics, PAdmin and Postal Officers is ongoing. Our school, CFSAL, is also very active and is busy at incorporating the best practices from industry into its officers and NCM training programs.

The Branch is actively involved in both the MOS and ASD project review. Something that is of interest to many is that we are very close to completing the review of voluntary requests to change uniforms. I feel safe in saying that there is really nothing that happens in the Canadian Forces that does not involve someone from our Branch.

The Colonel Commandant and I wish you and your families the very best as we celebrate the 31st year of the existence of the Logistics Branch.

Servitium Nulli Secundus.

Smile of the Week



Why is the man smiling? 2Lt Benoit Doyon-Gosselin is the new Coordinator of Official Languages for 17 Wing. He will be submitting an article (see below) describing his duties to the Voxair so that the Wing will know that there is a new sheriff in town.

Do we understand each other?

By 2Lt Doyon-Gosselin WCOL

As the new Wing Coordinator for the Official Languages (WCOL), it is my duty to inform you of some facts concerning all 17 Wing military and civilian employees.

First of all, I must say that for the past years, the CF has changed and made efforts to respect the Official Languages Act of 1988 (OLA). However, I don't think that at 17 Wing we

deserve a round of applause; in fact, there is still a lot to do and improvement has never killed anyone. Especially in Winnipeg, where the WCOL position was not filled since July, it has become a necessity to revise the situation and utilization of both official languages.

My job is relatively challenging since it is in no way just putting pen to paper. Indeed, even if Winnipeg is designated as an English language unit, my first

task is to ensure that all basic public services shall be available in both languages to families of military personnel. If a service can't be given in French or English, then we must refer to other resources: it's an ethical question. The list of services is exhaustive but I will evaluate the Wing effective and publish the results later on. You have to understand that basic services in both languages are a constitutional right and legal redress is a

possibility.

My second task is to enhance the vitality and development of the French linguistic community and to foster the full recognition and use of both English and French on the base. This is a big challenge for all of us at 17 Wing.

To help me in that matter, I want to develop a good relationship with la Société franco-manitobaine which will give a better knowledge of the French community activities to mem-

bers. I also want to organize French-related activities and the possibility to publish one French page in the Voxair.

In conclusion, I have an open ear for all suggestions; complaints can be forwarded to me by phone (5519) or email (wcol01) or finally in person (Wing HQ). My temporary office is located in the old release section. I'm taking over a job that started some years ago and I will do it in a fair way.

Comprenons-nous bien!

Par 2Lt Doyon-Gosselin, CLO ERE

En tant que nouveau coordonnateur des langues officielles de l'escadre (CLO ERE), il est de mon devoir de vous informer de certains faits qui concernent tous les militaires et les employés civils de la 17e escadre.

Il faut tout d'abord se rendre à l'évidence que depuis quelques années, les FC font des efforts considérables pour que la loi sur langues officielles de 1988 (LLO) soit respectée. Cependant, nous ne pouvons pas nous féliciter et une amélioration cer-

taine serait souhaitable. Spécialement ici, à la base de Winnipeg, où le poste de CLO ERE avait disparu depuis juillet, il devient une nécessité de réviser l'utilisation de l'anglais et du français.

Mon mandat est simple, mais encore faut-il inclure la pratique à la théorie. Même si Winnipeg est considérée comme une unité de langue anglaise, le premier volet de ma tâche consiste à m'assurer que les services publics essentiels destinés aux familles des militaires soient offerts dans les deux langues. Si un service ne peut

être offert en français, il faut être en mesure de référer le demandeur à une autre personne ressource. Ceci est une question d'éthique et j'entends bien m'acquiescer de ce travail. Il serait fastidieux de nommer tous les services touchés, mais je ferai une évaluation des effectifs de l'escadre et celle-ci sera publiée ultérieurement. Il faut comprendre que les services dans les deux langues est un droit acquis et peut faire l'objet de poursuites judiciaires.

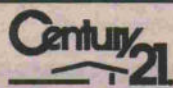
Le deuxième volet de ma tâche consiste à promouvoir la langue

officielle minoritaire et sa culture. Il s'agit d'un défi de taille qui ne concerne pas seulement moi, mais tous les employés de la 17e escadre. Je devrai favoriser l'épanouissement de la minorité, appuyer leur développement; tout cela dans le but de refléter la réalité linguistique canadienne.

Pour se faire, je veux créer de nouveaux liens avec la Société franco-manitobaine afin d'initier un rapprochement avec tous les militaires. De plus, j'espère organiser des activités reliées à la langue française et j'entrevois la possibilité de publier une page

destinée aux francophones dans Vox Air. D'autres projets seront aussi mis sur pied en temps et lieu.

En guise de conclusion, je suis ouvert à toute suggestion et les plaintes peuvent m'être adressées par téléphone (5519), courriel (wcol01) ou encore en personne au Quartier Général de l'escadre. Mon bureau temporaire est situé dans l'ancien bureau des libérations. Je reprends le travail entrepris depuis plusieurs années d'une manière ferme et juste et j'entends servir fièrement l'utilisation et le développement des deux langues officielles.



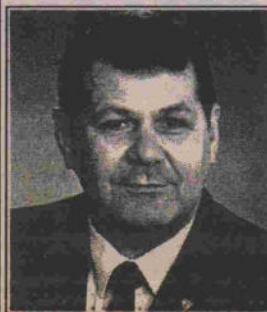
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17 WING SPORTS

Strong Contender

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- 2nd Place - Ice Hockey
- 3rd Place - Broomball
- 4th Place - Floor Hockey
- Overall Finish - 2nd Place

2PPCLI just barely missed 1st Place, won by 1RCHA Shilo. Congratulations on a job well done!

17 and 1 - Karate Dojo

By Walter Crockford

I, Walter Crockford, the Chief Instructor of the 17 Wing Karate Dojo, would like to tell you about our 1st year Anniversary. Sgt Alain LeBlanc and I started the Dojo "or training hall" on January 27, 1998. Since then, Sgt LeBlanc was transferred to Alberta. We have had many people come and try Karate and we would like to encourage more people to participate. If you try Karate and find it is not for you, then you have other Martial Art options also at the Community Center to choose from. Of course when you come to try it out, it's FREE.

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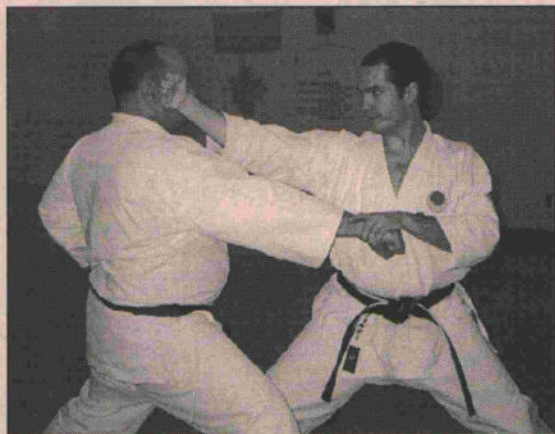
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In regard to my instructor credentials, I am a graduate of the Japan Karate Association's Instructor Program, which is recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Education. I am the fifth non-Japanese to ever graduate from

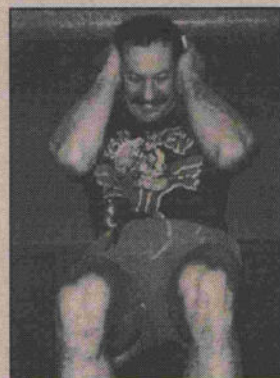
this program and the only non-Japanese graduate in North and South America. I am also a Physical Education graduate of the University of Manitoba. In 1998, I also tested for and received my 5th degree black belt. This is important because an instructor must continue to grow and advance in order to more fully encourage participants to seek perfection of character and perfection of karate form. In essence, we must practice what we preach.

I hope everyone has made some positive New Year's resolutions, which may include either the intention to experience karate for the first time or to more fully embrace the karate way with greater clarity of mind. If you haven't yet, it's still not too late.

Class schedule is Tuesday and Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 and Friday 5:30 to 7:00.

Athlete of the month

Cpl Rick Volpato from 2PPCLI shows off his perfect form. Rick regularly works out at Lipsett Hall, and is known for his intense workouts and his unique laugh. Rick has been working out for 29 years. During this time he has obtained 3 black belts in various disciplines of the martial arts. Rick believes in being active and recommends learning a discipline to better yourself physically and spiritually.



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17 WING SPORTS

Fencers dominate local competition

17 Wing's Lightning Fencing Club continued its dominance of fencing in Manitoba with another strong performance at the Excalibur Open held in St. Boniface on January 23rd and 24th. Club members won gold medals in all five events and silver medals in four of the five. Leading the way was sabre coach Svetoslav Marinov, who

won two gold and one silver medal.

The club, which operates out of Lipsett Hall and is coached by Patti and David Howes, is off to another strong start this season winning four out of five gold medals at a competition in November along with these most recent results.

Good luck to the 10 fencers who will compete as members of Team Manitoba at the Canada Winter Games in Cornerbrook, NF in February.

The following are the results from the Excalibur Open:

Men's Foil:

1st Adam Morrison
2nd Svetoslav Marinov
3rd Rhys Pollard
5th Goldwyn Millar

Men's Epee:

1st Svetoslav Marinov
2nd Adam Morrison
6th John Perrin

Men's Sabre:

1st Svetoslav Marinov
2nd Brian Hoessler
5th Rick Marleau

Women's Foil:

1st Cassandra Lozie
5th Katy Lupien

Women's Epee:

1st Harmony Mah
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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. For more information, contact Victoria.

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PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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

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.

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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.

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.

New money for defence

Improving quality of life for military personnel is not enough

By Douglas Bland
Source: National Post

Management Studies Program
at the School of Policy Studies,
Queen's University.

Recent investigations by Parliament revealed what many have known for a long while - the basic needs of members of the Canadian Forces are being neglected. Soldiers are not fairly compensated and their families lack suitable housing and decent services on military bases. The issue is becoming a political liability for the government. Polls suggest two-thirds of Canadians believe the government must improve the quality of life for military personnel and their families now. However, the money is simply not available in the defence budget, unless forces are further reduced and equipment programs canceled. Thus, the dilemma for Art Eggleton, the Defence Minister: pay for better conditions of service and forgo modern equipment or buy equipment and let force levels and morale fall away. By either choice, Canada's few remaining military capabilities will shrink to impotence.

The government will probably announce in its February budget an increase in defence funding of about \$500-million. Welcome news. But, apparently, all the new money will be earmarked to redress the conditions of service of members of the Armed Forces. None will be available to arrest the continuing degradation of Canada's military capabilities. Thus, while the anticipated funds may solve the minister's immediate problem, they are unlikely to overcome the personnel/capabilities dilemma.

Defence expenditures are mainly allocated to three spending

categories: personnel, operations and maintenance, and capital. When budgets are fixed, as they are now, each segment competes with the others. For example, if personnel or pay levels rise, then capital spending for new equipment falls and if spending on capital increases, pay and personnel levels decline. In a sense, the present force becomes the enemy of the future force or vice versa.

In the last few years, attempts to improve conditions of service and to respond to unscheduled operations - ice storms, floods, airplane crashes, and peace operations - have driven personnel and operations and maintenance costs higher than planned.

Consequently, money to build and maintain military capabilities is drying up. Capital spending is falling below 15% of total expenditures, a level that will inevitably lead to the obsolescence, "the rust-out," of the Forces. Money dedicated to increase pay and quality-of-life improvements will not change this dynamic nor add one gram of combat power. Although Mr. Eggleton and General Maurice Baril, chief of the defence staff, have campaigned hard for additional means to improve life in the Armed Forces, it is not clear now whether the anticipated funds will be a continuing annual allocation or if they will even meet all the needs. Without a commitment from cabinet to continue the new funding level in real terms, military salaries will decline (relatively) over time and personnel support will be eroded by other demands on the defence budget. Moreover, if the allocation is much less than about \$700-million, then the full package of promised "quality-of-life" improvements cannot be paid for without digging into other seg-

ments of the defence budget.

This is why officers and officials, who unreservedly support the proposed quality-of-life program, worry that more "personnel money" will have to be wrung from the current defence budget, even if the upcoming budget provides some additional means. They know this is impossible unless they reduce the Forces; fire Tommy to pay for Willy and Joe; and mothball equipment and cancel defence contracts. If, however, a major redistribution of defence funding is not made to support the quality-of-life program, morale may collapse entirely.

One way to mask the dilemma is to underplay Canada's diminished military capabilities. This may explain why some officials contend, in public at least, that the Armed Forces have the capacity to field "multi-purpose, combat capable forces". But this claim is misleading because the term is undefined. Before anyone can assess the true state of the Forces they need to know what purposes exactly and what type and intensity of combat are being described.

A military capability is a complex arrangement of inseparable elements: weapons, trained personnel, tactical concepts, command facilities, and logistical support. No capability really exists if any part is missing or defective. All these elements have been seriously undercut in the forces, especially since about 1989. Today, the forces have fewer people, tanks, aircraft, vehicles, ships, and munitions of all kinds. Officers reported that their attempt to deploy a force to Zaire in 1996 failed partly because command, logistics, and transportation capabilities were simply not

available. Although some new equipment is coming into service, it is not enough to stem the steady slide to rust-out.

Why does Canada, a rich, technically advanced state, have such a puny, military force? Probably because citizens and their leaders seldom think national defence is necessary. Yet in 1994 David Collenette, then defence minister, warned Canadians "in the final analysis it may be said that a nation not worth defending is a nation not worth preserving." Chilling words, indeed, in a nation that continues to abandon, year by year, the essential means of

national defence.

The defence minister needs immediately about \$700-million to improve the lot of Canada's military community and additional cash for capabilities. If the cabinet provides only the former, the living conditions for members of the Armed Forces may improve, but the Armed Forces will relentlessly decline as a military force. This seems the likely outcome unless citizens heed Mr. Eggleton's recent call for public support and confirm their willingness "to dig a little deeper and show our military men and women that we respect their duty to mission."

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I would also like to mention that BGen Hodgkins, being in the spirit of the season, donated his prize to a Wing charity of his choice. Congatulations to all our winners and thank you to the finalist judges, Col Watt, WCWO Smith and Hon Col VanRuiten, for their time and effort and to all members of the 17 Wing Community who entered the contest.

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the receptionist/assistance and Dorothy the business assistant, have returned to our community with a lot of enthusiasm and a new outlook on how their practice should be perceived.

"It was amazing to find out that we had so much to learn about our own practice," Dr. Shah said. "I am very well schooled technically within the field of dentistry, but I

never was taught the important *people* skills I learned at 'Boot Kamp'."

According to Dr. Shah, 'Dental Boot Kamp' is setting the trend by which all professionals should follow. In addition to invaluable people skills training, Dr. Shah and his staff were shown how to better work as a team, organizational information outlining how

his office could operate more effectively, and even skills that will help each team member in his or her personal lives.

"There is no way to put a value on what I have brought back to Winnipeg with me, or totally describe the experience!" Dr. Shah added.

Patients of Dr. Shah should soon be seeing the results of his

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CFB Winnipeg to support PanAm Games

BACKGROUND

Canada will host the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg 23 July to 8 August 1999, the largest sporting event ever to be held in Canada and the third largest in North America (surpassed only by the Atlanta and Los Angeles Summer Olympics). The sponsoring organization is the Winnipeg Pan American Games Society (PAGS). LFWA is the lead Canadian Forces (CF) agency while 17 Wing will be its support base and host an athletes' village.

In July 1999, a total of 5000 athletes and 2000 coaches, training and mission staff from 42 countries will converge on Winnipeg to compete in 41 different sports. The PAGS expect some 2500 media representatives to come to Winnipeg and report to more than 400 million people throughout the Americas (and the Netherlands). PAGS has established various centers to support media - the main one will be located at the Winnipeg Convention centre with additional centres located at each of the villages and venues.

Public Affairs staff assigned to the JTF Pan Am Games will come mostly from LFWA and be augmented with Public Affairs Officers and photographers from 1 CAD, 38 Brigade and 17 Wing. The 17 Wing Public Affairs Officer (WPAffO) will primarily promote 17 Wing's support to the CFB Village. His staff will be comprised of two or three officers and a photo tech.

CF support to the PAGS will encompass an athletes' village which will be located at 17 Wing, ceremonial activities, major services and other support. The 17 Wing athletes' village will house approximately 1200 athletes in five barrack blocks and the base will provide all related services such as rations, recreation (gym, theatre, pool...), the use of DND facilities and telecommunication services. Ceremonial activities will be supported by the JTF and will involve guards of honour, bands, artillery salute troop, the Snowbirds and the Skyhawks. Other services will include VVIP Helo transport and MEDEVAC and Field Ambulance support.

Overall Public Affairs coordination for the CF support to the PAGS will be assumed by LFWA senior PAffO, and his staff will include a minimum of three Capt/Lt PAffOs and as many as three photo techs and a clerk.

The 1999 Pan American Games will provide many excellent opportunities to showcase 17 Wing and the CF as an important part of the community to a world-wide audience. It is suggested that the theme for the CFB Athlete's Village from a military perspective be: "A Village within a Village" the official PAGS theme is "The Ultimate Village Experience".

Public affairs for the CF support to the XIII Pan American Games will include both proactive and reactive activities. Open communication and contact will be required between 17 WPAffO, 1 CAD A5 PAff, D Air PA, LFWA APAO, 38 Brigade PAffO, the Games Military Coordinator and all Unit Information Officers.

PUBLIC ENVIRONMENT

17 Wing enjoys a good reputation in Winnipeg and has a great relationship with the community. The CF participation in the flood relief operation during the Flood of the Century in the Spring of 1997 contributed a great deal to Manitoba's high esteem for service personnel. Events associated with the Games afford 17 Wing and the CF as a whole, a great opportunity to build on the positive impressions that exist within the community in Manitoba and with Canadian citizens.

AIM

The aim of this communication plan is to outline all Public Affairs activities to be undertaken in an effort to promote 17 Wing support to the CFB Athletes' Village.

The following audiences will be targeted in the course of our communication activities:

External - This audience will include the local, regional, national and international public. It will also consist of the media who will be providing information to this

public.

Internal - Local members of DND and the CF (regular, reserve and civilian) and their families as well as members of DND and the CF and their families elsewhere in Canada and abroad.

Government officials - The three levels of government.

Interest groups - Such as the Air Force Association, the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba, the Royal Canadian Legion and cadets.

MESSAGES

The main focus for 17 Wing's support to PAGS is "A Community Partner", while the main theme for the CFB Athlete's village is "A Village within a Village". The following messages will be communicated whenever appropriate:

a. 17 Wing personnel provide support and contribute to many noteworthy activities within Manitoba, throughout Canada and abroad, such as search and rescue, peacekeeping, disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and international sporting events such as the Pan American Games;

b. the Canadian Forces have always been a proud supporter of international sporting events held on Canadian soil. Some of these include - the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics, the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, the 1994 Victoria Commonwealth Games the 1997 Brandon Summer Games and now, the 1999 Winnipeg Pan American Games, to name a few;

c. 17 Wing is Winnipeg's sixth largest employer with a total of about 3600 military personnel and civilian employees, and is a highly involved community partner;

d. we consider Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg or 17 Wing to be a small village within the City of Winnipeg; therefore, the CFB Athlete's Village located on this base is unique as it is "A village

within a village"

e. our significant support to the Pan American Games will not affect our current search and rescue posture throughout Central Canada. Search and Rescue crews from 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron will observe a 24-hour search and rescue stand-by posture as per normal;

f. members of the CF are a unifying symbol in Canada. As representatives of different segments of Canadian society, they promote cross-cultural understanding. Some of our members have applied to volunteer as delegation escorts for the athletes coming from their native countries;

g. the CF supports youth organizations such as Navy, Army and Air Force Cadets;

h. the CF includes civilian

employees who provide logistics, administrative and other support to the military units to meet their primary duties;

i. the CF comprises a total force consisting of Regular and Reserve professionals serving side by side at home and abroad; and

j. highly trained professionals of the CF provide Canada with a force ready to protect Canada's interest and contribute to world stability and international understanding through peacekeeping.

COORDINATION

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