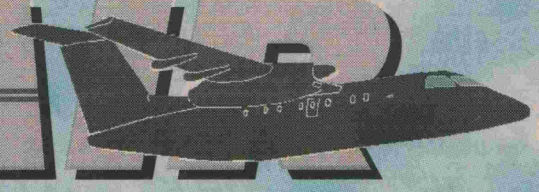


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Order of the day...

HOCKEY



Teams and support personnel of the 17 Wing Women's Hockey Invitational and Prairie Region Old Timers' Tournament.

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1st CF Invitational Women's Hockey Tournament

While Winnipeg was hosting the Old Timers' competition, it was a great pleasure to sponsor the 1st ever CF Invitational Women's Hockey Tournament. A total of 70 service women from Gagetown, Greenwood, Petawawa, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Cold Lake, Edmonton, Valcartier, Ottawa and Comox participated in this historic event. The competition was divided into five teams and a round robin format was used. The teams were Edmonton, Cold Lake, Greenwood, Winnipeg &

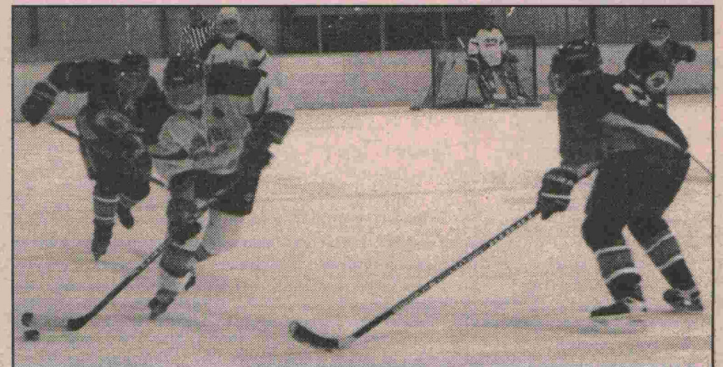
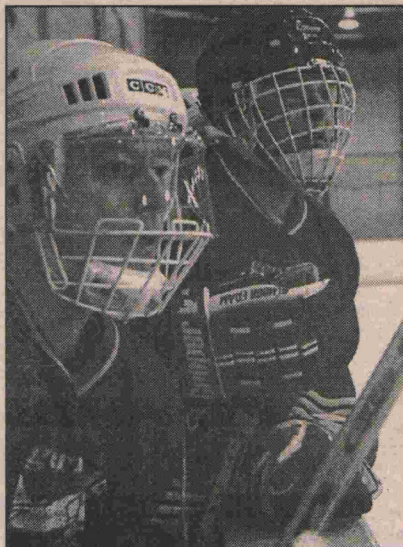
Moose Jaw and the remaining bases known as "6 Pack". The top 4 teams advanced to the playoffs and the first semi-final

matched the "6 Pack" who ended up in 1st place against Edmonton. Unbelievable hockey and lots of excitement but only one team can win, Edmonton in overtime 2 - 1. The second semi-final, saw two evenly matched teams, great competition and the women playing their hearts out. The final score: Cold Lake 1 - Winnipeg 0.

Before a packed house, the finals proved to be another outstanding, competitive and hard fought game. Both teams were exhausted as they started the first overtime period and with just 3.7 sec left in overtime, Edmonton scored the winner. Final score: Edmonton 3 - Cold Lake 2. That was Edmonton's second straight overtime win of the day making them the gold medal winners.

All the women who participated in this 1st CF Invitational were winners. They played extremely hard, showed great dedication and a good team work ethic. For all the women who participated you deserve a round of applause...well done.

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Scenes from the Old Timers' Hockey Championships and the 1st ever CF Women's Invitational Hockey Tournament.

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1999 Prairie Region Old Timers' Hockey Championship

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VOXVIEWS

We built it & they did come!

By Major CM Walton-Simm
Managing Editor

During the week of 7-12 February 1999, in conjunction with the Prairie Old Timers' Tournament, the 1st Military Women's Hockey Tournament occurred right here at 17 Wing. It took a lot of hard work and cooperation from all involved: 17 Wing F&S staff, tournament committee members, 17 Wing volunteers and support staff to name a few. The result of all this effort was a successful, professional and exciting tournament!

Military women from across Canada played hockey against each other at a competitive level, had the opportunity to discuss the future of women's hockey in the military and partook in an event that, in the past, was only available to military men's hockey teams. Five teams and approximately 70 women participated in the tournament:

- 4 Wing Cold Lake 'Panthers';
- 14 Wing Greenwood 'Gators' combined with CFB Galetown

- 'Lightning';
- CFB Edmonton 'Warriors';
- 17 Wing Winnipeg & 15 Wing Moose Jaw combined; and
- A composite team 'Six Pack' with players from CFB Petawawa, 17 Wg Winnipeg, CFB Galetown, 9 Wg Comox, NDHQ/CSU Ottawa & BFC Valcartier.

The tournament was a round robin event and commenced with a Skills Clinic run by the following volunteers:

Suzanna Yuen - Member of the 1990 Canadian Women's National Hockey Team who captured a gold medal in the 1990 Women's Hockey Championship in Ottawa, ON;

Dan Bonner - Former NHLer, member of the LA Kings for 4 years, currently coach of the St. Paul's Crusaders of the WSHL and head instructor for Ice Sports Hockey Clinics in Winnipeg;

Frank Charest - Level 2 coach from the 17 Wg F&S staff; and
LCol Sam Intersecte - Goalie in the 17 Wg Interception Hockey League.

Most teams played 2 games per day with the final game Thursday afternoon. Each game saw a MVP selected and an all star team was chosen and honoured at the banquet. Prizes and supplies were provided by a number of sponsors who supported the event. Although participation was very good for a 1st time tournament, there were many teams and players that did not attend. Reasons varied from operational commitments to TD/attendance restrictions but all players were represented in spirit. In reality there are teams and players from coast to coast, definitely enough to establish solid regional and national level participation and representation.

That is exactly what the women want - to play competitive hockey at the regional and national level and there doesn't appear to be a reason why this should not happen (although there are still some hurdles to overcome). So what is the next step? To get a 1999/00 Regional Tournament sanctioned and a

Base to host the tournament. 17 Wing has already expressed an interest if there are no other takers. This proposal will be tabled at the Regional Sports Directors' (RSD) meeting in Ottawa, May 1999, for approval. Once approved the next milestone will be to establish a National level tournament and with the growth occurring in women's hockey, this only makes sense.

What can you do? If you are a military female hockey player and/or a supporter of the military women's sports program contact your local Fitness & Sports and Regional Sports Directors to express your support. They represent your best interests and the more they hear about women's hockey at the grassroots level, the more informed they will be for future decisions being made concerning the sport of hockey for women in the military (not to mention the Spring 99 RSD meeting as a starting point). The foundation has been made, let's keep building!

VOXBACK

February 1999

Colonel Thomas F. Watt
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Chief of the Defence Staff visits

During a recent visit to 17 Wing Winnipeg, LGen D. Kinsman, Chief of the Defence Staff, took time out to award Commendations to two members of 2PPCLI, who demon-

strated professionalism and bravery in the face of hazardous situations, thereby bring great credit to themselves and to the Canadian Forces.



The Chief of the Defence Staff of the Canadian Armed Forces, LGen D. Kinsman, commends Cpl Steph Proulx of 2PPCLI. Cpl Proulx and another military member came upon the scene of a terrible vehicle accident while on their way to CFC Wainwright on 10 May 1995. Cpl Proulx immediately took action and, without regard for his own safety, crawled under a truck, through spraying oil and diesel fuel, to reach one of the victims. He began administering first aid and stayed with the victim until ordered to withdraw from beneath the wreckage. He removed glass and debris from around the victim and helped to prevent him from going into deep shock.

On a second occasion, on 23 May 1995, near Borden, Saskatchewan, he was driving a military vehicle when he came upon a single vehicle accident in which a tractor had collided with a telephone pole. The driver of the tractor had apparently suffered a heart attack and was being aided by four civilians. Cpl Proulx took over and continued cardio-pulmonary resuscitation until an ambulance arrived. Although the victim was not revived, the emergency team credited Corporal Proulx with giving him the best chance of surviving. His actions in both incidents demonstrated professionalism in the face of hazardous situations and brought great credit to himself and to the Canadian Forces.

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The Chief of the Defence Staff of the Canadian Armed Forces, LGen D. Kinsman, commends Cpl Jerrett Weber of 2PPCLI. Cpl Weber and another military member came upon the scene of a terrible vehicle accident while on their way to CFC Wainwright on 10 May 1995. Cpl Weber immediately took action and, without regard for his own safety, crawled under a passenger car and aided the male occupant by removing glass, debris and applying first aid to his injuries. Soaked in gas and diesel fuel that was leaking from both vehicles, he steadfastly remained with the man throughout rescue attempts by military and civilian authorities. His efforts and assistance calmed the victim and prevented him from going into deep shock. Cpl Weber's actions demonstrated professionalism in the face of a hazardous situation & brought great credit to himself and to the CF.

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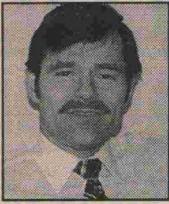
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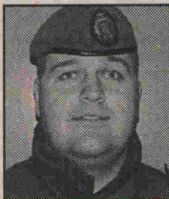
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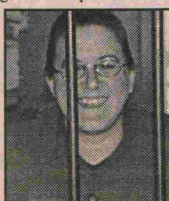


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Wing Food Services Officer

Voluntary delinking of rations and quarters became an issue in 1996 when some bases initiated a competitive process for the provision of food services within the context of Alternate Service Delivery. Since then, only food service outlets employing a pay-as-you-go (cashier) system have been given the option to delink.

So what is delinking? In simple terms, delinking means that living-in personnel have the option of continuing or ceasing their monthly pay deduction for meals provided at Wing dining rooms.

During the last six months, several inquiries about delinking have been received and up until now, there was no option here at 17 Wing. Anyone living in barracks had to pay for both rations and quarters.

Military members will soon be given the freedom to delink, if they so request. Before ceasing your monthly pay deduction for rations, there are a few points that must be considered. Firstly, ration deductions are made in arrears, so that if you decide to delink at the end of May you will not see an extra \$218.93 (Jr Ranks/All Ranks) or \$275.16 (Officers and Sr NCOs) until after end-Jun. If you choose to purchase meal tickets instead of using the pay deduction, half of a month of meals (15 meal days at three meals per day) will cost \$217.50 - about the same as the monthly rate for cafeteria service. A month of meals purchased at the Mess individually would run at \$435.00. The bottom line is that if you're on the road for more than half of each month or if you already take a majority of your meals elsewhere, you may benefit from delinking.

So what are your options for food now that you've opted out of your monthly pay deduction for rations? How about restaurants

off of the base or Mom's home cooking (if she lives in town) or a friend's house? Cooking meals in barrack rooms is presently not an option, although a review will be commencing shortly to examine providing limited food reheating facilities in each barrack block. That said, from a dietary perspective, most prepackaged, fast foods tend to be high in fat and lack adequate fruit and vegetable food group representation. Taking meals in the Wing dining rooms can promote a balanced, nutrient rich, daily diet, if you choose wisely.

Delinking also has a negative effect on the provision of food services. An inability to forecast numbers of diners attending each meal will inevitably result in increased meal ticket and monthly ration costs to the member.

The facts are out - it's your choice.

W Admin will be providing more detail on the local implementation of voluntary delinking in the near future.

Happy Birthday



LCol Mark Matheson (A4 Log Ops) looks on with other members of the 1 CAD/17 Wg Logistics staff as MCpl Seymour is about to cut the cake she prepared. Photo Sgt Dennis Mah

By Capt D.M. O'Neill

On 1 Feb 99, the Logistics Branch marked its 31st Birthday.

Approximately 150 local military and civilian logisticians representing Supply, Transportation, Traffic, Food Svcs, RMS Clerks, Admin Os and Finance from 1 CAD HQ, 17 Wg and 2PPCLI gathered at the 1 CAD gym to celebrate the occasion.

Similar celebrations took place across the CF on this day. A spe-

cial thanks goes out to Wing Foods and 1 Air Mov Sqn for their support. Servitium Nulli Secundus.



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Military Police Fund for Blind Children

Get a ticket...win a trip

The members of 17 Wing Security and Military Squadron are selling raffle tickets in support of the Military Police Fund for Blind Children. The Lottery was officially launched on 20 Nov 98 and will continue until the draw date of 1 Apr 99.

The prizes are:

- Two return economy class airline tickets from Winnipeg to any Canadian Airlines destination in North America valued at approximately \$3000, donated by Canadian Airlines;
- A home computer system including a 15" monitor, scanner and printer valued at approximately \$2000, compliments of Mind Computer; and
- Two season tickets for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers Football Club for the 1999 Season valued at approximately \$650, donated by Winnipeg Blue Bombers Football club.

The Army Provost Marshal, Colonel Stone, established the Military Police Fund for Blind Children in 1957, as a result of a personal tragedy. While he was the Canadian Army Provost Marshal, his beloved daughter, Moria, was afflicted with cancer of the eye, resulting in sudden blindness and subsequently, her death.

During his daughter's illness, Colonel Stone came into contact with organizations that were struggling to help blind children. He became aware that there were many other blind children less fortunate than his daughter, who were unable, through a lack of money, to enjoy some of the simpler things in life.

Their plight affected him tremendously and he was deter-

mined to help them in every way he could. He canvassed members of the Canadian Provost Corp, asking them to voluntarily contribute one or two dollars per year and using their donations, established a fund to help blind children.

In the first year, \$2,000 was raised and distributed. Thus, the Military Police Fund for Blind

Children was born.

Every Military Police Unit, regardless of size and/or geographic location is responsible for coordinating fund raising activities. Virtually every Military Police unit in the Canadian Forces contributes.

The fund "sponsors" several schools for blind children across Canada. Annual disbursement to

the schools average \$12,000 each. The money is used to provide extras to the children with needs related to their blindness. Guide dogs, computer systems, swimming and music lessons, summer camps and subsidized medical treatment for children from needy families top the list of annual disbursements.

The Military Police in

Winnipeg hope to sell 10,000 tickets for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased from the Military Police Section at 17 Wing, Building 95, telephone 833-2633, or from 1 Canadian Air Division HQ, A3 Security and Military Police, 17 Wing, Building 25, telephone 833-2500 extension 6526 or see your nearest Military Police.

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Cet investissement apportera donc aux gouvernements des provinces et des territoires des sommes supplémentaires substantielles afin de les aider à surmonter les problèmes auxquels ils font face. De plus, nous investirons aussi 1,4 milliards de dollars dans d'autres secteurs prioritaires touchant la santé tels que la recherche de nouveaux médicaments et traitements et la prévention.

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1st CF Women's Invitational Hockey Championship

Photos & article submitted by 17 Wg F&S Section

The first ever CF invitational women's hockey championship was hosted by 17 Wing Winnipeg from 7-12 February 1999. Five formed teams were entered - 17 Wing Winnipeg/15 Wing Moose Jaw, 4 Wing Cold Lake, 14 Wing Greenwood/CFB Gagetown, CFB Edmonton, and a Composite Team (19 Wing Comox, NDHQ Ottawa, CFB Petawawa, BFC Valcartier, CFB Gagetown and a single player from 17 Wing Winnipeg). In addition to the experience of competition, a hockey clinic was conducted during each team practice. Skills were honed and new friends made. The tournament format was a single round robin with the top four teams advancing to the playoffs. The hard fought semi-finals and finals were played on Thursday, 11 Feb 99.

Rene Bell of Edmonton scored the first historic goal of the tournament. The competition between the teams was very close requiring the last game of the round robin to finalize the teams advancing to the play-offs. Honorable mention to the Composite Team who had never played together outside this tournament, but impressively completed the round robin undefeated. The skill level of hockey from all teams was excellent, and the play reflected teamwork and self-sacrifice.

Following the round robin, the organizing committee chose an all star team. In goal was Gillian Parker from Winnipeg/Moose Jaw. On defence were Cathy Potts from Winnipeg/Moose Jaw and Kelly Pritchard from Edmonton. At forward were Leanne Wain from Valcartier (Composite team), Ilsie Vanostrum from Cold Lake and Sylvie Boudreau from 14 Wing Greenwood. Each player received a new hockey bag compliments of Ice Sports Arena Pro Shop. The goaltender with the best goals against average of 1.50 was Renee Lambert from 17 Winnipeg who played for the Composite Team.

The semi-finals saw Edmonton defeat the round robin leader Composite Team by a score of 2-1 in overtime. Both teams had numerous scoring chances but the two goaltenders repeatedly made spectacular saves. As such, the goaltenders were chosen MVPs for that game. The other semi-final saw Cold Lake defeat the strong Winnipeg/Moose Jaw team 1-0. Trailing by one goal, with 58 seconds left in regulation time, Winnipeg/Moose Jaw's persistent pressure forced Cold Lake to take a penalty. Then with the woman advantage, Winnipeg on the power play pulled their goalie and the arena filled with excitement as Winnipeg peppered the Cold Lake goaltender with shots. However, Cold Lake held on to advance to the finals against Edmonton - the "Battle of Alberta". The players gave the fans a fast skating and close game with a 2-2 score after regulation time. With 3.7 seconds remaining in overtime, Nichole Grenier from Edmonton scored the winning goal of the tournament. The 17 Wing W Admin O, LCol Palmer presented the two teams with their gold and silver medals.

Spectators throughout the tournament were treated to not only a display of sportsmanship, but to a love of competition. This women's hockey tournament was played with high skill and enthusiasm, and confirmed that future CF Regional and National competitions should be considered. All players were appreciative to 17 Wing for hosting the first ever CF invitational women's hockey tournament. In addition players and organizers alike welcomed the presence of Mr. Ken Doucette, CF National Sports Manager from PSP Headquarters in Ottawa, at the tournament.

Congratulations to all players and especially to CFB Edmonton for winning the tournament. This tournament was testament that "a goal is a goal no matter who scores it".



Gold Medal winners, CFB Edmonton



Silver Medal winners, CFB Cold Lake

1999 Prairie Region Old Timers' Hockey Championship

Photo & article submitted by 17 Wg F&S Section

The 1999 Prairie Region Old Timers' Hockey Championship was hosted by 17 Wing Winnipeg from 7-12 Feb 99. Seven teams were entered - Calgary, Wainwright, Edmonton, Cold Lake, Moose Jaw, Shilo and Winnipeg. The format was a single round robin with the top four teams advancing to the playoffs. This meant each team had to play two games a day for the first three days and then the semi-final and final were both on 11 Feb 99.

The competition between the teams was very close. With an influx of younger players this year, the speed and talent level was much higher than previous years. The teams from Calgary, Wainwright and Shilo played hard but just didn't have the horses to get it done and they were eliminated from the playoffs. Perennial powerhouses, Edmonton, Moose Jaw and Cold Lake, played to their expectations and made the playoffs ranking second to fourth respectively. However, the biggest surprise of the tournament was the play of the host Winnipeg team who went undefeated through the round robin and claimed first place. Their high-tempo attack combined with outstanding defence and great goaltending made them the team to beat.

Following the round robin, the organizing committee chose an all star team. In goal was Chuck Brady from Shilo. On defence were Brent Luchsinger from Moose Jaw and

Tom Reid from Winnipeg. At forward were Andy Dibartolo from Edmonton, Dwight Ebel from Cold Lake and Dan Girard from Winnipeg. Each player received a new hockey bag compliments of Ice Sports Arena Pro Shop. The goaltender with the best goals against average of 0.67 was Kevin Bunt from Winnipeg and the top scorer with 16 points was Andy Dibartolo from Edmonton. Each player was presented with a clock compliments of the Junior Ranks Mess.

The semi-finals saw Winnipeg defeat Cold Lake by a score of 2-0 (empty net goal) in a closely contested seesaw battle. The other semi-final between Moose Jaw and Edmonton was identical with the lead changing several

times before Moose Jaw clinched the game with a 4-2 (empty net goal) victory. The stage was set for a great final and that's exactly what transpired. Moose Jaw jumped out to an early lead only to see Winnipeg battle back to tie it up and then grab the lead mid way through the final period. Winnipeg's speed and strong forechecking controlled the game from that point on, virtually throwing a blanket on Moose Jaw's attack. Winnipeg scored three unanswered goals late in the game as Moose Jaw desperately tried to get back into the game. The final score at the buzzer was Winnipeg 5 and Moose Jaw 1. Special guest Mr. Ken Doucette, CF National Sports Manager from PSP headquarters in Ottawa, presented Winnipeg with the Prairie Region Championship Team banner.

Afterwards, Winnipeg's coach, CWO John Kamperman of 435 Sqn, was quick to praise the play of his team noting their strong defensive effort and their tireless forechecking. This year, John has assembled one of the strongest teams Winnipeg has ever seen. He was able to select these 18 players from some 45 players who attended tryouts back in Nov 98. His efforts and leadership have been instrumental in the success of this team. To John and his championship team we offer our heartiest congratulations and wish them continued success as they go on to represent the Prairie Region at the CF National Championship, 21-27 Mar 99.



Gold Medal winners, CFB Winnipeg

Medal & Certificate Presentations

During a recent visit to 17 Wing Defence Staff, took time out to present Excellence to twelve members of 17 Wing. Winnipeg, LGen D. Kinsman, Chief of the Service Medals and Certificates of *Photos by 17 Wing Imaging*



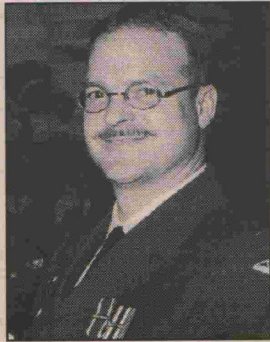
Maj Rory Kilburn receives his medal for service in Op Determination.



MCpl Mike Ward receives his medal for service in Op Determination.



Cpl Richard Cameron receives his medal for service in Op Determination.



Cpl Brian Gough receives his medal for service in Op Determination.



Sgt Tony Merritt receives his medal for Nato Sqn 76-81



Cpl Maureen Roach receives her medal for service in Op Central.



LS Mary Blois receives her medal for service in Op Central.



Cpl Ivonne Fernandez receives her medal for service in Op Central.



MCpl Dave Coderre receives his Nato Service Medal in relation to the former Yugoslavia, Oct 93 - Apr 94.



Cpl Brian Gough receives his Nato Service Medal in relation to the former Yugoslavia, Jul 95 - Dec 95 and Mar 96 - Jul 96.



Cpl Bill McLeod is awarded 3rd Place in the Professional Military Life colour category of the CF Photo Contest, for his work entitled "Lest We Forget".

MCpl Martin Wilkinson is awarded the 1 CAD Commander's Commendation in recognition of his commendable dedication, experience and maturity, as a member of the Canadian Contingent to Operation Sarno. Despite austere working conditions, MCpl Wilkinson always ensured his personnel were not exposed to undue danger and hazards. Despite the language barrier, MCpl Wilkinson demonstrated an aptitude for communicating with the Italian emergency services personnel, enabling them to achieve their aims of recovering victims of the tragedy and clearing debris and mud from residences and roadways. MCpl Wilkinson's professionalism and positive attitude, even in the face of difficulties, helped enhance the already excellent reputation and image of the Canadian Forces throughout this mission.



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Cpl Dave Payne is awarded Honourable Mention in the Professional Military Life colour category of the CF Photo Contest, for his work entitled "Big Wheel Keep On Turnin'".

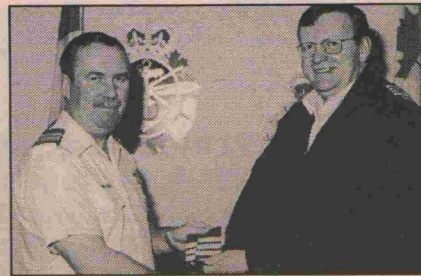
17 Wing Promotions



On 18 Jan, MGen Lloyd Campbell, Commander of 1 CAD/CANR HQ, presented MWO Ron Livingston, A1 TIS Reserves, with his new CWO rank. Photo by Sgt D. Mah, 1 CAD



At the 1998 Men's Mess Christmas Dinner, Cpl Vern MacKay was promoted to MCpl. MCpl MacKay is an MSEOP class "A" Reservist working at 17 Wing Transport. Shown here presenting him are Flight Commander 17 ARAF, Maj Thuen and WTNO, Maj Labrie. Photo by Wing Imaging



LCol E.T. Thuen was recently promoted to that rank by Wing Commander Col T. Watt. Photo by Sgt D. Mah, 1 CAD

Part I

When buying a house goes wrong

By Sgt S. Carter

In our military lifestyle one of the things we do is move, and some people move often. During these moves a large number of us buy and sell houses. Normally everything goes smoothly and everyone who purchases a home has the fun of setting up a new house. But, when things go wrong, that cozy little bungalow can become a financial monster that will not stop until it has consumed all your cash, bank accounts, investments, and sometimes even destroy your family.

When that happens, normal life disappears and the world becomes a continuous struggle to survive. Even if you are successful in stopping the purchase from taking place, the only people who succeed financially are the lawyers.

We were lucky; the military came through in our hour of need and provided support from many sides to assist us. Without the support of the Administration section, The Canadian Forces Housing Association, and the people in my section we would have become street people.

The story started in June when we agreed to purchase a house and take possession of it in August. After our offer to purchase was accepted in June we had a house inspection done and started arranging financing. The house inspector found the house to be sound and provided some suggestions on how to improve it, basement window wells etc., so we proceeded with the purchase. Because our possession date was a Saturday it was agreed that we could pick up the keys at our lawyers office on Friday, on the condition that we did not enter the house until 8:00 AM Saturday. We tried to move the possession date up a day or two but were not allowed. However, this was not surprising because we had tried three times to access the house between June and the possession date to measure for curtains and carpets, but every request had been denied. Because we were denied access, we requested, through our real estate agent, that the vendor's agent enter the house and ensure that it was ready for us to move in. On Thursday their agent confirmed that the house was ready for our possession on Saturday, two days later.

Finally the big day arrived and

we excitedly opened up the house at about 8:15 AM. As we stepped into the front entry we looked up and over our heads was a gaping crack running from side to side. In some places this crack was 1/2 in. wide. We looked around the corner into the front room and our hearts sank. Lying on the floor in the corner was a chunk of plaster about 3 in. wide and 6 in. long. When our eyes traveled to the ceiling above this piece of plaster there was another

We looked around the corner into the front room and our hearts sank.

crack, this one running roughly on a diagonal from corner to corner across the room and again from 1/4 in. to 1/2 in. wide. As we followed its path we could see where plaster had spalled onto the floor in several spots.

My wife and I looked at each other and I'm sure my face was turning some of the same colours as hers as our thoughts raced. We decided to go through to the kitchen and as we walked through we could see a window air conditioner, a stove and a refrigerator... all of which were to have been removed. Our eyes moved up to the ceiling as we stepped through the door into the kitchen.

There, on the ceiling, was another crack stretching from one side of the kitchen to the other and even wider than the previous ones. Our disappointment in this house, the first we had owned in eleven years, was palpable. Turning to look at the rest of the kitchen we found ourselves facing yet another air conditioner. After some rapid discussion we decided to look the house over quickly then call our real estate agent. By the time we finished we had found some minor cracking throughout the rest of the house, another refrigerator in the basement, and discovered that some of the basement doors, which had swung freely in June, were binding when they were moved. With that, we headed back home, one of the longest

and quietest ten minutes in my life, to call our real estate agent.

Our real estate agent agreed to meet us at the house and by 09:30 we were all there. When our agent walked in she was as astounded as we were at what she saw. She immediately called the vendors' agent and told her about the damage and the appliances that were left behind. The response to that was that we had asked for the appliances to remain - luckily we had brought a copy of the offer to purchase and our agent read it over the phone. The answer was to consider it a bonus and that we could sell them and keep the proceeds. All I could think about was how do we get rid of these things fast enough to move in and how much the vendors had lost. By this time our agent was not the bright and cheerful person we were used to dealing with, her mood had quickly been soured by the phone call.

The doorbell rang at about this time and the estimator for our carpets was standing in the doorway. When he stepped in and saw the problems, he immediately explained how this had happened in his house. He looked around and asked if we wanted him to look at the house. We agreed and he headed directly to the basement. When he got

...our dream house was not the house we had looked at in June.

there he looked at the doors and scanned the floor, then turned to us and told us that the basement floor was heaving and that was twisting the house. We asked him how much this would cost to fix and he said thousands of dollars. We immediately told our agent that we wanted the purchase stopped until the vendors

agreed to pay for the repairs and she agreed that was a good idea and called our lawyer and told him.

Because this was a Saturday nothing could be done until Monday but our lawyer suggested that we get repair estimates as quickly as possible and that we do not move in because that would indicate acceptance of the house. That left us to spend all weekend wondering what to do with the house and trying to

The first repair estimate appeared a few days later and it was for \$25,000.00

accept that our dream house was not the house we had looked at in June.

On Monday our lawyer faxed the vendor's lawyer with the problem and received no response, not even an acknowledgement of receipt of the document. We managed to arrange for one repair estimate to be done on Tuesday and showed up at the appointed time. When the estimator surveyed the damage he said that the repair cost would be upwards of \$10,000.00 and he would have a written estimate in a few days. This made us contact our lawyer and tell him that we would prefer that the deal be terminated at this time. His response to that was that this might not be enough to terminate the deal, even though the preprinted statement on the offer to purchase said that if there was extensive damage prior to possession the vendor was responsible and we could refuse the house.

When we told our lawyer to apply this clause he said that he could but it would mean taking the vendors to court. That astounded us. Here we were with a clear and direct statement that was meaningless. He prepared

another fax to the vendor's lawyer stating that repair of the house would be unacceptable and the deal was to be terminated by the damage clause. The only response this time was a threat to report our lawyer to the Manitoba Bar Association if he did not file the land transfer by a given time in two days, as this would constitute violation of a trust agreement. By this time we were waiting on two more repair estimates.

The first repair estimate appeared a few days later and it was for \$25,000.00. We immediately contacted our lawyer and told him to turn off the transfer of ownership. He contacted the vendor's lawyer and was told it was too late and we had accepted the property by carrying out the transfer. In the meantime we contacted CFHA and told them of our problem, only to be told that the people taking possession of the PMQ were moving in on August 31 and that we must be out before then.

We contacted our lawyer and told him that this deal had to be stopped immediately so we could make another house purchase and were told the following: 1. Do not move in because that would indicate acceptance of the house. 2. The only way to stop the deal was to litigate (sue) and that would take months so be patient. 3. That he would be called as a witness to the contract during the litigation so we would require another lawyer because he could not both represent us and be a witness.

Discoveries made during this time: 1. Threats against your lawyer cost you money, and lots of it. 2. Lawyers do not have to respond to anything, they can sit on their hands and wait for you to go away unless threatened with a lawsuit (making more money for lawyers). 3. Real estate purchases are not real estate once the offer to purchase is signed. They then fall under contract law, which is the same law that applies if you buy a lamp at a department store.

Watch for Part II next issue.

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THE MINISTER

22 Feb 99 - Military Service for Women

It was reported that a policy is under consideration under which women would be allowed to serve on the Upholder submarines that the Canadian Forces is acquiring from Britain. Major-General Christian Couture is cited as stating that, in relation to the 1989 Human Rights Tribunal order to integrate women into combat roles, "we're committed to full integration." The Canadian Human Rights Commission is said to be disappointed with the Canadian Forces integration record over the last ten years. National Defence Minister Art Eggleton reportedly told the Commons that the military is "breaking down the barriers so that in fact woman can have the opportunity to serve" (NP A4, G&M A7A, GazA14, TStar A6 - 20 February).

OTHER NEWS

22 Feb 99 - Suspected Sabotage of Aircraft at CFB Greenwood

A report from Greenwood, NS, stated that military police are investigating the possible sabotage of Canadian Forces aircraft after severed wires were found on two CP-140 Aurora planes. Air base officials reportedly said the wires might have been cut intentionally, and they have ordered a fleet-wide inspection and increase security around the aircraft. The Public Service Alliance of Canada, which has protested pay rates for civilian employees at the base, has denied responsibility (NP A7, Dr 15, Ctz A4 - 21).

Broadcast reports indicated that Col. Brian Handley assumes the person(s) responsible are working at the base because of the access to hangars. CTV reports that in addition to military personnel, the base employs 200 civilians, "including half of them who belong to the Public Service Alliance of Canada, who have been staging rotating strikes" (CBC-T 10:00 pm, CTV N1 10:00 pm, CTV 11:00 pm).

24 Feb 99 - Sea Kings' Maintenance Budget

Reporter Dean Beeby wrote from Halifax that Sea King maintenance crews have had to postpone major work on the helicopters because the Sea King maintenance budget was forced to absorb some costs of last year's Operation Determination, which was part of a U.S.-led buildup in the Persian Gulf. Beeby explained that a repair crew had to be

flown to the Gulf to install an anti-missile system on the Sea King aboard HMCS Toronto. He added that the cost of the modification was supposed to come from a special fund at DND headquarters, but it had eaten into the regular Sea King maintenance budget. He affirmed that the budget problem has forced a delay of at least one year in a major project to install special flooring in the aircraft. He cited statements to this effect in an August 1998 internal defence planning document. Maintenance Chief LCol John Madower affirmed that the delayed flooring project is "not a show-stopper", and added that "in the grand scheme of things, the money necessary to support the aircraft is made available" (NP A5, G&M A6, Gaz A13).

Another report indicated that the Sea King helicopter fleet has been cleared for regular duty now that Canadian Forces mechanics have determined that a bad main rotor head caused one to make a forced landing (G&M A6).

25 Feb 99 - Military Investigation Underway

Reporter Mark Hume wrote that military investigators reportedly are sifting through the e-mail messages of CFB Esquimalt base commander Captain David Marshall and an anonymous woman who identifies herself as F.B. Marshall allegedly

exchanged a number of sexually-charged e-mails with the woman. The messages were leaked to the Victoria Times Colonist, which precipitated the removal of Captain Marshall from his duties. Capt Alain Bissonnette, a spokesman for the CFNIS, confirmed that all of Marshall's e-mails will be examined. Bissonnette acknowledged that what is under discussion are "allegations of inappropriate conduct on the part of an individual". Lieutenant Commander Chris Henderson, navy spokesperson for the base, said that Marshall was relieved of his duties yesterday. Henderson reportedly refused to say whether the investigation involves anything more than the messages and an allegation that a sexual encounter took place in the base commander's office, but he underlined that "this is not taken lightly" (NP A5, G&M A8, Gaz A15).

Esprit de Corps editor Scott Taylor regards the allegations as serious. He said that if they are proven to be true, it would be a loss of face for the military who "don't need a black eye for stupidity" (G&M A8).

CTV News 1 is reporting that Marshall has resigned as commander of CFB Esquimalt after a series of racy e-mail messages surfaced. A Victoria Times-Colonist columnist claims that he received an anonymous courier package containing the emails which reportedly comment on an affair between Marshall and a person who is not a member of the CF. The report, by affiliate BCTV, points out that such an affair is not against the rules. In a statement, Marshall apologized for the "difficuity" this has caused the military and others (CTV N1 10:00 pm).

25 Feb 99 - Y2K Problems

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has warned of impending chaos due to the failure of many foreign countries to address potential Y2K problems. General John Gordon, CIA deputy director, told the U.S. Senate that Russia may be particularly vulnerable, which raises concerns in regard to missile safety, nuclear plants and gas pipelines. Gordon said the agency does not anticipate Russian or Chinese missiles being automatically launched, but said computer problems could cause accidents. The U.S. Pentagon has been consulting with the Russians on how to avoid a Y2K crisis (OSun 3).

25 Feb 99 - Iraq

A Reuters report from Washington stated that U.S. war planes have again struck defence targets in southern Iraq. The report also repeated the statement by U.S. President Bill Clinton that the U.S. will not be intimidated by Iraqi attempts to shoot down Western fighter jets (G&M A12).

17 Wg Ops Situation Report

15 Feb 99 - 21 Feb 99

OPERATION	COUNTRY	PERS DEPL
Op Abacus	Canada	4
Op Calumet	Egypt	1
Op Danaca	Golan Heights	12
Op Echo	Italy	2
Op Guarantor	Macedonia	3
Op Kayak	Kumanovo	2
Op Palladium	Bosnia	5
Op Prudence	Central Africa	1
CFS Alert	NWT, Canada	3
1 CAD/Indiv Tasking*		5
1 Air Mov Sqn**		4
TOTAL PERS DEPLOYED		42

* Indiv Tasking: Dundurn (1), Governor General visit (2), 8 Wg Trenton (1), PPC Cornwallis (1)
 ** 1 Air Mov Sqn Taskings: SOVOP V (4) 20 Feb - 4 Mar 99

Amusing the masses

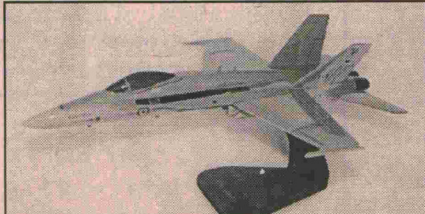


Cpl Brian Driscoll of 1 Canadian Air Division Band, performs a solo on his bar sax to some 500 kindergarten to grade 4 students, along with their teachers, at Bobby Bend Elementary School in Stonewall, Manitoba.

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New dry suits for SAR Techs

By MCpl Mark Holoshka
435 Sqn SAR Tech

After years of trials, the summer of 1998 finally brought the procurement and distribution of the SAR dry suit. Naturally, a few other things came along with it, such as the AGA mask and underwater communications system. The AGA mask not only allows for diver-to-diver/diver-to-surface communications, but like the dry suit, adds to the protection of the diver. One way is by preventing fuel and chemicals often associated with marine disasters from contacting the diver's skin, eyes or even being ingested. This equipment brings an increase in operational effectiveness and safety to both below and on surface operations. As usual, it also brings the requirement for initial training. Although this may sound simple enough, the challenge is to give quality and standardized training to the operational units at unit level across Canada. In the case of 435 Sqn, 417 Sqn, CFSSAT and even 1 CAD SAR Tech's, two clearance divers from Fleet Diving Unit Pacific traveled to

Winnipeg during the month of November to conduct two consecutive four-day serials of training on the new equipment. It was even a challenge to have everyone here and available for the training and although it was touch and go a few times, we managed to get everyone trained as scheduled.

Training consisted of theory and maintenance of the various components and two afternoons of practical application in the base pool. The pool provided an excellent opportunity to check for proper sizing and any potential leaks. We then proceeded to a snowy and icy West Hawk Lake (located just west of the Ontario border) for two days of open water training. This involved different underwater tasks such as navigation, underwater search patterns and a deep dive. This exercise allowed us to perfect the use of the equipment and rein-

force the understanding of the skills acquired prior to the open water training. Seasonally, it also allowed us to use the equipment in less than perfect conditions (not unlike what one expects operationally). Many thanks to our training staff from FDU (P) and to all the SAR Tech's involved who worked diligently despite the cold temperatures and winter conditions.



Left: divers dressed in SAR dry suit equipped with the AGA mask prepare to dive.
Above: after the dive.

MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

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

Lipsett Hall (English) Westwin (English)

Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.

PRÉMATERNELLE FRANÇAISE

Le Centre de Ressources pour les familles militaires offer une Prématerne Française au "Westwin Children's Centre" trois après-midi par semaines. Nous offrons aux enfants de 3 et 4 ans la chance de socialiser dans un environnement sain. Parmi les activités nous retrouvons les histoires, chansons, bricolages, jeux de langage et jeux libres. Nous possédons aussi une aire de jeux pour faire des jeux moteurs.

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DROP OFF CHILD CARE

This service provides members of the community the opportunity to leave their children in licensed care while they run errands, work out in the gym, attend other MFRC programs, or just have a break from their children. We provide care for children from 18 months to 6 years. Children must be registered at least 24 hours in advance. It is advisable to book a week in advance since these programs are very popular.

Westwin Community Centre

Lipsett Hall

Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m.-noon

Tues. 1-4 p.m., Wed. & Fri. 9 a.m.-noon

To register call 833-2500 ext. 2491

To register call 833-2500 ext. 6846

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

Parents are welcome to come in with their children and stay and play during any of our drop-in child care times. The cost is \$2 per family.

Parents must bring a snack and a drink for their children. Please remember that our centres are peanut free due to the large number of children with allergies.

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.

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

Wednesday, March 3rd, 5:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10th, 5:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 13, 9:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost for the course is \$8.

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. 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. For more information, contact Victoria.

PARENT'S MORNING

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

Coffee, conversation, guest speakers and group activities.

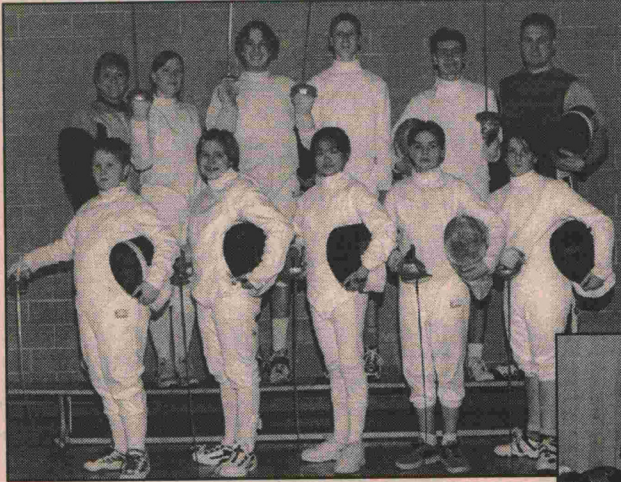
If you're new in town, drop by for a warm welcome and a chance to meet new friends.

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17 WING SPORTS

17 Wing Lightning



Several members of the 17 Wing Lightning Fencing Club headed to the Canada Winter Games on 19 Feb. They represent Manitoba in the sport of fencing. The remaining five team members come from various other Clubs throughout Winnipeg.

Photo by Sgt D. Mah, 1 CAD



Together with team coaches, Capt David and Patti Howes are three Canada Winter Games hopefuls, (l to r) Harmony Mah, Cassandra Lozie and Rick Marleau. Harmony (age 13), the captain of the Women's Epee Squad, is the daughter of Sgt Dennis and Sharon Mah. Cassandra (age 14), the captain of the Women's Foil Squad, is the daughter of Capt Wil and Caroline Lozie. Rick (age 13), a member of the Men's Sabre squad, is the son of Major Darren and Louise Marleau. All are children of servicemen employed at 1 CAD Headquarters.

Photo by Sgt D. Mah, 1 CAD

Kanadische Kickers A history...

By Bush Thornhill

The Kanadische Kickers is a military soccer team which origi-

nated in Germany in 1985 and presently represents 17 Wing. This team has the distinction of being the only foreign team ever allowed to play in a German soccer league (1985-88).

In 1985 the Kickers won the Canadian Forces National Soccer Championship and while in Germany, travelled extensively throughout Europe playing exhibition games.

The Kickers have participated in the Amateur World Cup in Holland three times. This tournament consists of 96 teams from 20 countries and is very competitive. From 1985 - 87 the Kickers

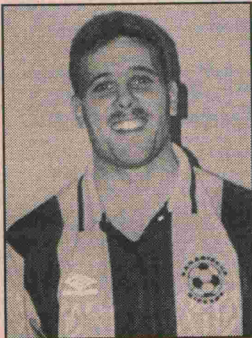
placed 11th, 11th and 5th respectively, winning the "Fair Play" trophy twice.

Upon returning to Canada in 1988, the team has played in the Manitoba Central Soccer League, winning a total of seven awards overall.

The team continues to build but is uncertain of the calibre from season to season due to military commitments. This past season, 17 Wing has had a great influx of soccer talent posted in and all bets should be on the Kanadische Kickers winning the National title in 1999.

Kanadische Kickers Player Profile

#10 Jimmy Smith



Jimmy was born 12 Nov 69 in Halifax, NS, where he played high school soccer for three years prior to joining the military in 1991.

Jimmy plays the striker position on the right side and is in excellent physical condition. His determination and hard shot accounted for a team high 17 goals in 1996.

Never one to miss a practice or a game, Jimmy is a very dependable team player who gives his utmost in every game and should have an excellent season in the Manitoba Central Soccer League.

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For more information contact Carla Ryan, Community Rec. Directory at ext. 2059.

Aqua-Fit Classes

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

Cost is \$3 per visit 'drop-in' fee. You must have a rec card.

Call Carla at ext. 2059 for more information.

Please Note: Tuesday night swim has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Adult Swim

At Lipsett Hall, Thursday evenings, 1930 - 2030 hrs. Must have rec card.

For more information, contact

Carla at ext. 2059.

Please Note: Tuesday night swim has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Aerobics

At Lipsett Hall, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday nights, 1900 - 2000 hrs.

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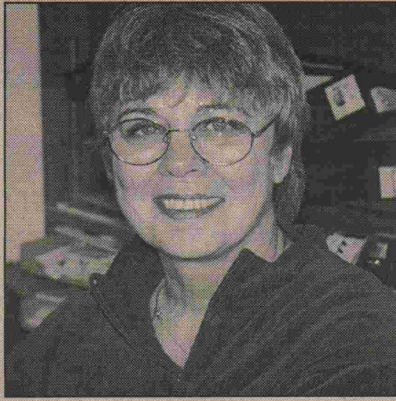
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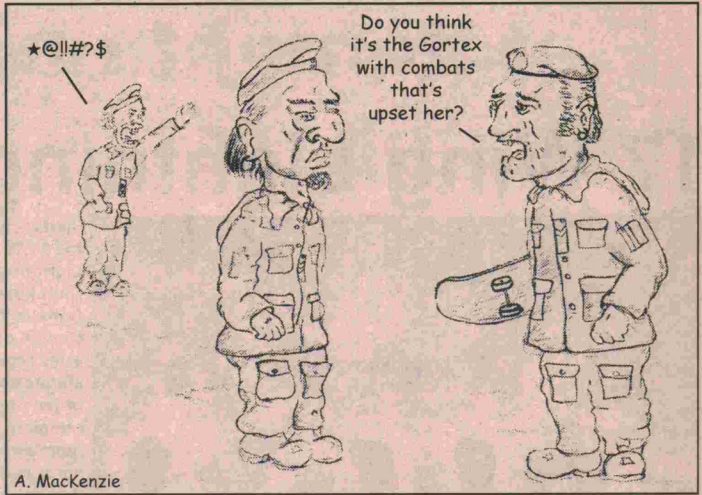
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March 19th Pre-show reception hosted by the Air Force Association of Canada at 1900hrs.
Performance at 2000hrs.

These packages also include access to the post show cast party. 100 seats per performance. Package prices are \$30, \$25 and \$20 per seat and represent a savings of approx. 25%.

Contact Capt Mike Rozak, 17 Wing Heritage Officer, ext. 2429 to arrange for tickets.

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CF statement on the safety of Anthrax vaccine

The following information has recently been promulgated as CANFORGEN 012/99.

Recent medial reports have made sensational allegations about potential health risks associated with the Anthrax vaccine used to vaccinate CF personnel during Op Determination.

CF medical staff have investigated these claims and have reconfirmed that the vaccine used was both safe and effective and that this safety and efficacy were established via appropriate tests prior to its issue to the Canadian Forces.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for a vaccine requires tests for purity, sterility, safety and potency. The US Anthrax vaccine used by the CF met the appropriate standards and had been approved the FDA.

Although additional tests were not required by the FDA, the US Department of Defence re-tested the licenced vaccine to confirm its safety, sterility, purity and potency in order to reassure service members that the vaccine was indeed safe. This same re-tested licenced vaccine was provided to CF members during Op Determination.

It is accepted practice for pharmaceutical manufacturers to produce and store products in bulk, then periodically test these products to assure their continued viability. Expiry dates on vaccines issued for sale are based on retesting the vaccine potency. Through this process, the Anthrax vaccine used by the CF was date extended by the FDA in 1996. As mentioned above, the potency and

other safety parameters of the vaccine were further confirmed through re-testing by the manufacturer (under the supervision of an independent firm) Jan to Mar 98. No "stale dated" vaccine was administered to CF personnel.

Concerns have been raised regarding possible contamination of the vaccine. The vaccine passed sterility tests prior to FDA approval. The vaccine sterility and other safety parameters were further confirmed by the supplementary testing done Jan to Mar 98.

There are no known short-term or long-term ill effects related to administering the vaccine with other vaccines. There is no reason to suspect such a problem, as multiple vaccines are routinely administered simultaneously to children and to travellers without untoward effects.

Although there are temporary minor side effects similar to other commonly used vaccines, there are no known long term health effects from the Anthrax vaccine which has been licenced in the US and extensively used since 1970. Five independent scientific inquiries, including the US Presidential Advisory Committee and the Institute of Medicine, have investigated illnesses in Gulf War veterans & possible relation-

ship to environmental exposures including Anthrax vaccination. All five have concluded that the vaccine alone or in combination with other products was not a cause of the illnesses described by certain Gulf War vets.

Because it is unethical to subject humans to harmful Anthrax organisms in order to confirm vaccine protection, efficacy studies have been conducted with Rhesus monkeys. These studies demonstrated that the vaccine protected against inhaled exposure to lethal doses of the Anthrax organism.

Based on threat assessments, the CF adopted a policy of Anthrax vaccination for all CF personnel deployed in the Arabian Gulf and in the Middle East during Op Determination. The potential minor side effects of the Anthrax vaccine were outweighed by the much greater risk of not protecting personnel against inhalational exposure to this highly lethal organism. Anthrax vaccination is the best available protection against Anthrax with the least impact on CF personnel. The safety of the vaccine used has been established through rigorous testing prior to its administration to CF members.

As with any other medical concerns, members should contact their medical staff for assistance.

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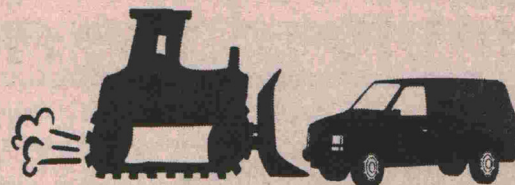
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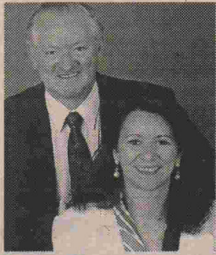
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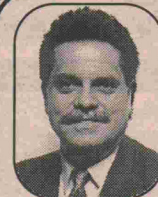
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