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Refuelling tender explosion

By Capt Dan Naylor
Special Purpose Vehicle Officer

These pictures tell a grim tale. An explosion of fire occurred during a fuel transfer between a refuelling tender and a bulk fuel storage tank at 19 Wing Comox on 20th March 1999.

MCpl Roger Giguere, who is well known to MSE Ops of 17 Wing Transport's Refuelling Flight, received 3rd degree burns to his arms and legs in the explosion. He is expected to be in the burn unit in Vancouver for several months. Our best wishes to Roger and his family in this difficult time.

19 Wing Comox is investigating this incident and



results are forthcoming as the facts come to light. However, there is a lot you can do to prevent similar accidents, or reduce their effect if they occur.

If you're a technician, flight engineer or refueller operator and regularly handle fuel, observe these guidelines:

- follow standard procedures for grounding and bonding;
- wear coveralls with the sleeves rolled down; and
- allow fuel to settle after handling, since static electricity can be produced in the fuel itself simply by its movement.

If you drive on 17 Wing:

- stay well back from refuelling tenders at all times;
- exercise extreme care at the intersection of 7th Avenue and East Street, where refuelling tenders cross to and from the flight line; and
- do not drive through the refuelling compound (between the Central Heating Plant and Bldg 96), as it is very difficult for refueller operators to see you when backing into the garage bays.

News clips from across Canada

Kosovo Air Strikes

25 March 99 - Reporter Graham Fraser discussed the active role being played by Canada as part of the NATO intervention. Fraser said that six Canadian fighter jets from CFB Bagotville are taking part in the military action. He cited comment from Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy, who acknowledged that Canada regrets "the need to have to use force", but said it must be made clear that "Canada is very determined to play a proper role in ensuring that we can right the wrongs that have taken place so tragically in (Kosovo)...".

Defence Minister Art Eggleton agreed that with the failure of the peace talks, "the time has come for military action". The Minister confirmed that the CF is "taking part in the attacks". Prime Minister Jean Chretien was quoted as saying: "NATO took a decision to strategically bomb the Yugoslav Republic". He acknowledged that this constitutes an "attack" but questioned whether it could be called a war. He explained that the action is being taken to bring Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic to the peace table. Canadian General Ray Henault told reporters that he could not divulge the details of the CF-18 missions. Fraser said that about 130 Canadian Forces personnel are involved in

the operation, and that they are under the command of Colonel Dwight Davies. Minister Eggleton gave assurances that "every step is being taken to make sure that our planes are protected, and the risk is lowered as much as it possibly can be", but admitted that it is "not a risk-free situation at all". (G&M A1, Ctz A1, OSun 7, TStar A11, NW 9:00 pm, CBC-T 10:00 pm, CTV N1 10:00 pm, CTV 11:00 pm, Global 11:00 pm, CBC-R 5:00 pm)

Another report by Aileen McCabe, John Nadler and Mike Blanchfield cited Mr. Eggleton's confirmation that four of the six CF-18s based in Aviano, Italy, took part in the raids. They noted that NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana issued a statement indicating that "clear responsibility in the air strikes lies with President Milosevic, who has refused to stop his violent action...".

Prime Minister Jean Chretien was quoted as having described a telephone conversation with U.S. President Bill Clinton, in which he was informed that NATO jets would attack. Chretien said: "We agreed, and all NATO participants are all in agreement, that we cannot tolerate the activities that he (Milosevic) is imposing on the people of Kosovo". (Ctz A1, TStar A11, Gaz A1)

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VOXVIEWS

Happy Easter 1999

By Major CM Walton-Simm
Managing Editor

Easter is the festival of the Christian church commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Not always held on the same date, Easter can be held as early as March 22nd or as late as April 25th. The reason for this is because Easter is based on a pagan holiday. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. So, this year Easter is celebrated on the 4th of April, with Good Friday on 2 April and Easter Monday, 5 April.

In many churches, Easter is preceded by a

season of prayer, abstinence and fasting called Lent. Lent gets its name from the practice of putting ashes on the foreheads of the faithful, ever reminding them that man is but dust.

Palm Sunday, one week before Easter, celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Holy Week begins on this day. Holy Thursday is held in memory of the Last Supper of Christ and his disciples. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion.

Many Easter customs originated in the Old World - the Easter lily is the symbol of the resurrection. Rabbits and coloured eggs represent symbols of new life.

We wish everyone a very happy Easter!



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Military personnel are important contributors to our community, with a demonstrated commitment to active voluntarism. The men and women of 17 Wing donate many hours to United Way, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Terry Fox Run. And of course, no one in this city can think about the Flood of 1997 without immediately thinking of the tireless energy, support and professionalism displayed by the Royal Canadian Air Force in our time of need.

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Just a 'simple' training trip

By Sgt Mike Forrest

Yes, it was to be a simple training trip, carrying a couple of pallets of Humanitarian supplies to Kiev as collateral airlift.

Our crew of 17 was ready to depart Monday morning on schedule, to Iceland, Finland, Ukraine, Greece, Portugal, the Azores, Bermuda and home, but a small ice storm complicated things. It was prudent to wait till the sky stopped falling, however, towing the aircraft out of the hangar onto a sheet of ice was another story.

Finally, we made it out onto the taxiway only to realize the runway had to be cleared of ice and we were in the middle of the lineup. Four thousand pounds of fuel and an hour later we were on our way to Iceland. Glad we upped the fuel load...good planning and training pays.

We had heard an ATC strike in Helsinki but we were prepared

for some deviation, after all it was just a training trip. The strike did its work and we missed Helsinki, but had another day in Iceland and the city of Reykjavik, which was quite interesting - very European.

Into the air again. As training progressed, we were now on our way to Copenhagen Denmark (itinerary change). Unfamiliar approach, airport taxiways, but we were coping.

Apparently a traveler to Copenhagen can do well without currency. A fair sized group had supper and paid with individual 'plastic'. After dinner drinks in another establishment were paid for in the same manner. Don't leave home without it!

Next stop - Edinburgh, Scotland (another itinerary change). The crew had a chance to rest in a very nice city with lots of history, castles, pubs and plenty of good shopping. A timely decision by the Nav had the aircraft de-iced for departure out of

Scotland. One of our pilots learned to cover his head while boarding a de-iced aircraft after a quick trip to the eye wash station.

Due to lack of Diplomatic and overflight clearances, it appeared we would never get to Kiev or the next planned stop, Athens, Greece. What should we do with 9000 lbs. of humanitarian supplies for Kiev? Higher headquarters said 'bring it home'. Done! We're flexible.

The next leg and airport to try our Pilots' and Navs' abilities is Lisbon. More good training but otherwise uneventful. Many on the crew agree that Lisbon has a terrific rapid transit system and CWO Ignatanki found a shampoo

sale.

All through our airtime, the loadmasters, Sgt Cote and MCpl Robinson were in the back cooking up a storm and babysitting the freight (the lasagna and spaghetti with garlic bread was a delight). Sgt Rick Henry was kept busy dispensing minor first aid to those not used to European food, bandaging cuts and scrapes on Loadmasters and flushing eyes. And the pilots were able to gain lots of practice, hand flying and dodging weather fronts.

Our next stop was the Azores



for fuel. Bermuda for sleep then homeward bound with many lessons learned.

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On April 1, 1999, a new territory will be born. Nunavut

Nunavut, "our land" in Inuktitut, is the traditional land of the Inuit in Canada's eastern Arctic. This fifth of Canada's land-mass is home to a young and dynamic population of about 25,000.

Nunavut faces formidable challenges, but it also holds great promise for its people. Northerners have always demonstrated resourcefulness, ingenuity and adaptability. The new Government of Nunavut will reflect this in a partnership that incorporates the best of traditional Inuit values and contemporary systems.

Canada - built through cooperation, an evolving democracy and a tradition of peace - continues to grow with the birth of this new and unique territory, Nunavut.

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The Supply Line

By Major D.L. Miller
W Sup O

Are you thinking inside your box right now? Have you ever ventured outside your box? Do you even know what size your box is - 1.2 cube, 0.9 cube, or 4.5 cube? We recently wrote about buzzwords and acronyms - our world is inundated with them as is the business world. I read an article the other day that dealt with a topic very similar to this subject. "Thinking outside the box" is a very timely issue with ASD, BSD, ASU, ACSSS, and CSG looming on the horizon. Simply put this phrase means stop looking at things in the usual old way, take a new approach and get away from "well we always did it that way".

Supply, like many of the other support areas, is not the only game in town anymore - we have to get competitive. Because in the competitive world if you're not thinking beyond the horizon your rivals are and they will win the race.

Operating in the same old way and thinking in the same way will deliver the same results.

Next time a situation presents itself, try something different and take a gamble. But before you jump in with both feet you first might want to do a test on a small "market". Forbes recently sent out some simple "rules or guidelines" for thinking outside the box:

- there are only lessons to be learned;
- ask someone you've never asked before for their opinion;
- talk to the end user, your customer, not just your supplier;
- show your idea around in your section, there just might be room for modifications, etc;
- imagine your company (section) as an animal. Would it be fast like a cheetah, strong like an ox or smart like a dolphin;
- imagine your company (section) is a vehicle. It might be possible that your customers perceive you to be costly/expensive like a Rolls Royce and don't want to spend the time - they have the acquisition card, quicker easier. Or are you strong and functional like a new truck?;
- maybe the portrait of your company (section) leaves a

negative impression, perhaps your customers don't know or understand all the changes - they have to be educated;

- perception is reality;
- go to your customers, ask the hard questions, keep an open mind, you may be surprised by a few of the answers.

Radical, these ideas are not. We must think past tomorrow, think down the road in order to keep in the game. There is no level playing field anymore and the sooner we realize this and take that first step to get us out of our same antiquated box the better off we'll be as will our customer. My Captain is continually urging her people to think outside their box. These days there are no stupid questions, only the ones never asked or dumb ideas. You only have to ask the inventor of Velcro.

Supply has begun to think outside our box and we're expanding our horizons. There are no failed ideas, just bumps on the road. And oh, by the way, if you don't know your box size call MDC/shipping...they stock 'em all.

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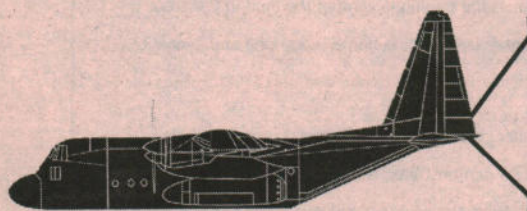
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By Dr. Carl Christie,
RMC War Studies
Liaison Officer

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Le Nunavut, qui signifie « notre terre » en inuktitut, est le territoire ancestral des Inuits de l'Arctique de l'Est. Avec une superficie qui constitue le cinquième de celle du Canada, le Nunavut abrite une population jeune et dynamique de près de 25 000 personnes.

Le Nunavut doit certes relever de formidables défis, mais il offre également la promesse d'un avenir meilleur à sa population. Les résidents du Nord ont toujours fait preuve d'initiative et d'ingéniosité et ont toujours su s'adapter aux situations auxquelles ils devaient faire face.

Le nouveau gouvernement du Nunavut reflétera ces qualités en alliant la fine fleur des valeurs traditionnelles inuites et des régimes contemporains.

Le Canada, qui a été établi dans un esprit de collaboration, de démocratie et de paix, poursuit son évolution avec cette réalisation unique : la création du Nunavut.



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CF dependants' dental care plan

1999 benefit change

The purpose of this message is to issue a reminder to eligible members on the benefit change made to the two CF dental care plans in 1999 and to provide helpful information and reminders on some changes previously made to the two CF plans.

Benefit change introduced in 1999

Effective 1 Jan 99, the reimbursement of any eligible dental expenses under the dental care plans that are incurred on or After 1 Jan 99, shall be based on the relevant 1998 fee schedule of the provincial dental associations and specialist fee schedule where available.

Practical reminders regarding the plans

1. In the case of new enrollees in the CF, participation under the plans, if admissible, commences the day following a waiting period of exactly three months from the date of enrollment.
2. Recall exams, cleaning and polishing, topical application of fluoride and bitewing X-

rays are limited to once every 9 completed months.

3. Diagnostic services associated with orthodontic treatment are paid at 90 per cent while the actual orthodontic treatment is paid at 50 per cent. The lifetime limit for all orthodontic services is \$2,500.00 per eligible person.
4. Scaling and root planing are limited to a combined total of 6 time units per 12 month period. One time unit equals 15 minutes, therefore you could be eligible for up to one and one half (1.5) hours of scaling and root planing over a period of 12 months. The 12 month period is referred to as a "running 12 month period", which means that each time you incur dental expenses for this treatment, the administrator must determine how many units of scaling and root planing you have used during the previous 12 month period.
5. Fillings for the same tooth and surface are limited to once every 24 months.
6. When the proposed dental treatment is \$300.00 or more, submit a treatment plan to the plan administrator for approval.
7. Keep track of your dental

expenses. The maximum reimbursement amount per calendar year is \$1,250.00 per covered person. If you become a member of the plan on or after 1 July of any year, the maximum reimbursement amount is limited to \$650.00 for that year.

8. In the case of a divorce or a termination of a common-law relationship, members are to be reminded to advise the plan administrator of the change in their marital status by providing the relevant information as to ensure that coverage for the spouse is terminated without delay. Note that the member's children of the marriage/common-law relationship continue to be covered under the plan.
9. Where a CF member and his spouse are both covered as members of one of the plans (CF, reserve, public service or RCMP plans), the coordination of benefits will apply to them on the same basis as if they were each participants in different plans. By way of example, if the eligible child received dental treatment for a crown and the total expense is \$500, provided the member and the spouse have satisfied the annual deductible amount of \$25.00 each or \$50.00 for

the family unit under their respective memberships and the amount of the dentist's fee does not exceed the eligible amount under the plan, then both individuals may make a claim for the expense. The spouse would first make a claim and since the expense is considered a major expense, the claimant would be reimbursed at 50% or \$250.00. The member would then submit a claim for the balance and would receive reimbursement of \$250.00.

10. As a member of the plan, it is your responsibility to be aware of the terms of your plan prior to treatment. Be sure to have your plan and ID number ready when calling the administrator at one of the toll-free numbers shown below.
11. Dental claims should be sent to Great-West Life, at one of the following addresses:

For members residing outside Canada: Foreign Benefit Payments, P.O. Box 6000, Winnipeg, MB, Canada R3C 3A5, toll-free line (english): 1-800-957-9777, toll-free line (french): 1-800-704-4007.

For Quebec residents, other than in the national capital region: Montreal Benefit

Payment Office, P.O. Box 400 - 40 Dolbeau, Place Bonaventure, Montreal, Quebec H5A 1B9, toll-free line (french and english): 1-800-663-2817.

For all other Canadian residents: Health and Dental Claims Centre, P.O. Box 6025, Station Main, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3C7, toll-free line (english): 1-800-957-9777, toll-free line (french): 1-800-704-4007.

Please note that dental claims submitted electronically by your dental office with respect to routine services will be adjudicated electronically by the administrator, if the required information is on file. The dental office will provide you with a copy of the explanation of benefits during your visit. This clause applies to members enrolled in the dependants dental care plan - policy number 55777 only, that provides coverage for their eligible dependants. This service is not provided to members of the CF Reserves since their claims must be approved by their unit orderly room, who in turn verifies their eligibility under the plan and the proper completion of claim forms before they are forwarded to Great-West Life under the Reserve dental care plan - policy number 55999.



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Special guest at the Winnipeg concert, hosted by the Commander of Prairie Region Major-General L.C. Campbell, will be the Honourable Peter M. Liba, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba.

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Sea, Army, and Air Cadets are

part of a youth organization with units located in communities across Canada. Cadet units are supported by special partnerships of local community sponsors, the Navy League of Canada, The Army Cadet League, the Air

Cadet League, and the Department of National Defence.

Tickets are \$11.00 and available from any Navy, Army or Air Cadet unit in Manitoba and at Ticket Master 780-3333.

The 6th annual concert tour of the Cadet Honour Band of Prairie Region will perform at the Centennial Concert Hall, 555 Main Street in Winnipeg, Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 8:00p.m.. Sea, Army and Air Cadets from across Western Canada will participate in this very special event.

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'WHO' says

By Captain M. J. Rozak,
17 Wing Heritage Officer

The New Millennium is rapidly approaching. The news reports are full of stories regarding Y2K and impending doom when the world's computers crash. The world awaits the New Year's Eve Party of the Century. And humans, true to their nature, are looking ahead to the year 2000 and beyond.

While all of this is understandable this year is much more than the last year of the old millennium. It is also the year that the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canada's air forces celebrate their 75th anniversary. It is a year that those of us who wear the light blue, wore the light blue, or support the light blue, should reflect on our heritage and of those who went before us. Without them the world would not be as we know it.

Most of you know that the east side of the Wing, where the Bishop Building now stands, was built as a British Commonwealth Air Training Plan facility. The temporary "H" huts, the interior of Building 21, and the remaining wooden hangar (T127) made the origins obvious. But why is there a solitary permanent brick building - Building 47 - over there? The answer can be found in a letter written by the late Brigadier General H.M. Sutherland to the Base Commander back in July 91.

"In the dark days of 1939-45 the RCAF was totally dependent

upon off shore production to satisfy its aero engine needs. While airframes had been manufactured domestically for some time, and significant progress had been made in setting up manufacture of all types of accessories and instruments, Great Britain and to a lesser extent the US, were the source of engines. The whole country was engaged in one of the most mammoth enterprises that has ever happened in this country: the creation of the BACPT. Production of Anson aircraft was but one of the many problems being grappled with by industry, the Dept of Munitions and Supply and the RCAF. While the UK was to provide aircraft as part of its contribution to the BACPT the industrial production of that country was being over-taxed while at the same time being subject to the blitz, A/V/M Allan Ferrier, the Air Member for Aeronautical Engineering, in one of his periodic reports to the Air Ministry noted that the recent raid on Coventry had finished the supply of Armstrong - Whitley engines for the Anson program and other solutions would have to be found. The short term solution was a fairly well known program to create the Anson II, III, IV, and V - variants of the airframe with different propeller/engine combinations; but there was a long term solution as well and that is where Building 47 comes into play.

The Director General Aeronautical Research, A/V/M

E.W. Stedman recognized the strategic impact of being dependent on off shore engine production and made a submission to Air Council that Canada should get into the engine manufacturing business. He was aware of the then secret development of the Whittle engine and recommended that technology for Canada as being the future trend. This was a most interesting and daring recommendation in 1942! A number of people from NRC including Dr. J.J. Green, Malcolm Muring, Dr K.F. Tupper and Paul Dilworth along with Stedman and under the direction of the Minister of Everything, C.D. Howe, put together a scheme to build jet engines in Canada in the long term. To gain access to the technology, Canada was required to provide some offset effort and one aspect was the cold weather testing of jet engines. By now you have undoubtedly guessed that Bldg 47 started life as the first ever jet engine test facility in Canada. Why Winnipeg? The Winnipeg 2000 folk would shoot me for saying it but it was the coldest RCAF Station available.

Of course, the reason why does not solve the mystery of the brick building among all that Douglas fir and cedar shingled temporary buildings. It seems that Bldg 47 is an exact replica of a building put up at RAE Farnborough, and this course was selected to save construction time. Construction time in those years is a bit different than now. The MILE folk would

be a bit dismayed to find out that a whole air base could be built from scratch in six weeks-grass germination extra!

The original test facility was operated by the NRC. The first test of a Whittle designed engine took place in Winnipeg, 4 Jan 44. Shortly after it started, the facility was taken over by Turbo Research Ltd, the Crown Corporation that had been set up to produce jet engines in Canada. Turbo Research of Islington, Ontario was taken over by Hawker Siddeley after the war and became Orenda Engines Ltd. Their first engine was the Chinook then the Orenda and finally the Iroquois before they reverted to licenced manufacture and repair. The test facility was phased out in 1946 with the equipment being transferred to Ottawa and Toronto. Some cold weather testing was carried out at Churchill and of course, the RCAF WEE at Edmonton became involved in aircraft cold weather testing.

In addition to testing of British

engines, the facility was involved in some capacity just after the war in testing of captured German engines. I believe most of this work was done at Churchill."

Quite an interesting story behind what most of us know only as "The Band Building". And the same can be said about other buildings and locations around Winnipeg. Winnipeg is, after all, the Home of the Air Force.

Heritage Trivia:

What was the original address of 17 Wing?

Send your answer to Wing Heritage Officer, 17 Wing Winnipeg, PO Box 17000 Stn Forces, Winnipeg, MB, R3J 3Y5. All correct answers will be entered into a draw for a free copy of 'Wings Magazine' special commemorative edition celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the RCAF. Please, one entry only per person. The first draw will take place 30 Jun 99.

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Capt Brian Cole

A profile in excellence

By Capt Rob Chapman
3CFFTS UIO

In this, the first of hopefully many articles of its type, 3CFFTS will profile a deserving member of our organization. In particular, this article is devoted to Capt Brian Cole, Multi Engine Standards Officer. Brian has been posted to 412 VIP Sqn in Ottawa to fly the CC-144 Challenger. It's only fitting that the Multi Engine School recognize Brian for his outstanding contribution to, not only the MES, but to FIS/Standards, the military community in Southport and indeed the city of Portage La Prairie.

Brian arrived at the MES in July 1993 and, although not one of the initial cadre on the King Air, was a member on the first course to be trained on the King Air in Southport. Apart from one other QFI on the King Air, Brian has been with the MES for the longest. Since 1993, he's amassed over 2500 hours on the King Air — no easy feat considering the vast majority of sorties are 1.5 flight hours. It shouldn't come as a surprise to the readership that Brian, during his tour, has done just about every primary and secondary at 3CFFTS.

No training school would run efficiently without the tireless support from those Instructors entrusted to discharge various secondary duties. In every secondary duty assigned to him, Brian has

exceeded that standard, executing those duties with vim and vigor. Since 1993, Brian has been employed as the MES Scheduler, a Ground School Instructor, UFSO, ICP, Static Air Display coordinator, OPI for the annual re-currency training at Flight Safety International, and most recently, Flight Commander at Standards/FIS.

Of particular interest, Brian volunteered for the Cadet Liaison Officer position overseeing the activities of an Air Cadet Sqn in The Pas, MB, and one Army and one Sea Cadet Corp in Flin Flon, MB.

The above is an impressive list of secondary duties. But that's only what he does when in Bldg 3000 (home of the MES, BHS and FIS/Standards)! In his spare 'duty time', Brian has served two terms as Entertainment Officer and one term as Vice PMC of the Southport combined mess. Unarguably, one could attribute the success of Southport's combined mess, particularly social events and graduations, to Brian's



Brian's Posted!

active participation. One only has to recall the Staff Xmas party in Dec 97, during which Brian's rock band (oh, I forgot to tell you, Brian plays a mean guitar!) regaled the audience to the wee hours. He also organized the evening's entertainment, a hypnotist (it was entertaining in the extreme, but we won't go there).

Brian and his wife Sue have two children (Scott and Allison) all of whom are active in the community. In his 'off duty' time, Brian coaches novice hockey (8-9 yr olds). The 'Portage Terriers' have done quite well under his tutelage. Sue, a teacher, is active in volunteer work as a canvasser for the Canadian Diabetes

Association and recently was nominated for the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (I guess excellence runs in the family). The entire family are avid campers and as home owners, have contributed in their own special way to the ambiance of the community.

In speaking with Brian in preparation for this article, I was fascinated with a request from him. He wanted to share with the VOXAIR's readership his most memorable trip in the King Air. Along with another staff pilot, Brian flew our Honourary Colonel, Hal Wishart, to Gander, NF, and thence via a 103 RU Labrador Helicopter to the WWII crash site of Col Wishart's Lockheed Hudson aircraft. Brian told me it filled him with a tremendous sense of pride to take our Honourary Colonel to that site. Col Wishart was grateful indeed.

Brian's list of accomplishments goes on. Brian has been frequently accessed as a 'consultant' for

the MES, conducting flight trials on possible alternatives to the King Air and Slingsby, flying the Beechcraft Baron and Katana respectively. As well, Brian was instrumental in the simulator evaluation with Atlantis, the manufacturer of our Multi-Engine Procedures Trainer (MEOPT).

Of all the past graduates of the MES, and that would include graduates of the Advanced and Initial ME Courses, Recertification and Refresher Courses and certainly not least, the Flying Instructor School (FIS) course, there are few, if any, who have not flown with Brian, and probably no one who does not know him. I'm sure all would attest to his joie de vivre, dedication and professionalism. Needless to say, Brian and his family are excited about the posting to Ottawa. To be sure, the job will offer its own rewards and challenges, but Ottawa is also home to both Brian and Sue's parents. I'm sure his children are excited about being close to their grandparents.

I'm confident all the staff in 3CFFTS join me in congratulating Brian, for nothing short of a "first class job" and in wishing him god-speed on his well-deserved posting. We just hope he remembers to dip his wings when flying over Southport, but not so much that he spills the PM's coffee. Well done Brian and thanks for your training.

Around the Canadian Forces

Did you know...

FROM THE MINISTER

22 Mar 99 - Military Investigation at Kingston Military School

Articles relayed Defence Minister Art Eggleton's statement that three men were found guilty, fined amounts ranging from \$800 to \$1500, and demoted as a result of investigations into porn parties and sex games at the Kingston Military School. Eggleton reportedly added: "it was more than fines, it was in fact a demotion that was also given." The investigation report was said to have been obtained through a request under the Access to Information Act filed by Esprit de Corps publisher Scott Taylor. The article reiterated the details of the incidents that reportedly took place at the school (G&M A6, Ctz A8, OSun1/7, TStar A22 - 20 March).

Jackie Burns wrote in the Ottawa Sun that the military handed out lenient fines in the incidents so they would not provoke bad publicity and jeopardize their \$1.5-million plan to attract women to the military. Burns said these allegations were made by Esprit de Corps publisher Scott Taylor (OSun 7 - 21 March).

24 Mar 99 - UN Inquiry into Rwandan Genocide

Reporter Robert Fife wrote that Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy would welcome a UN Security Council inquiry into the UN's failure to prevent the Rwandan massacre, but the Government may not allow Lieutenant General Romeo Dallaire and CDS General Maurice Baril to testify. Axworthy said it is too early to say what this would imply. Defence Minister Art Eggleton was said to support the idea of having the two Canadian generals participate in an independent inquiry. Minister Eggleton said that he thought Dallaire and Baril would be "happy to testify", since up to now they have not been allowed to by the United

Nations. Mr. Eggleton stressed that the tragedy was terrible and one that we "don't want to happen again". Defence officials said that neither Baril nor Dallaire would agree to be interviewed on the issue (NP A6, TSun 39, Gaz B8, TStar A7).

OTHER ISSUES

22 Mar 99 - Truck Explosion at CFB Comox, BC

A report datelined Comox, BC, stated that a fuel truck explosion at the Canadian Forces Base on Saturday resulted in injuries to Master Corporal Roger Giguere, who was driving the truck. The report explained that high-octane jet fuel from storage tanks was being transferred into the truck when it blew up. Giguere was reportedly taken to hospital and was later airlifted to a burn unit in Vancouver. Coverage noted that about a dozen military firefighters were on the scene within about 12 minutes of the blast, and put out the fire. An investigation into the blast was said to be underway (G&M A5).

22 Mar 99 - Canadian Accused in Bosnian Kidnaping

Several reports noted that Canadian Nicholas Nikola Ribic has been charged for the 1995 kidnaping of UN observers in Bosnia. Ribic was arrested, according to the articles, in Mainz, Germany, last month on four counts of using hostages as shields against NATO air strikes. It was mentioned that Canadian Captain Patrick Rechner was among the hostages acting as UN observers who were handcuffed to bunkers near potential NATO targets. The piece noted that Ottawa has asked Germany to expedite Ribic to Canada so that he can face charges here (G&M A1/A21, NP A4, Ctz A3, TStar A16 - 20 March; Gaz A7 - 21; Sol A7 - 21 mars).

24 Mar 99 - Labrador Helicopter Crash

A CP report indicated that a standard safety measure may have backfired on a Labrador helicopter last October and caused the explosion which killed six crew members. The report said that officials and related documents indicate that the aircraft crashed when it lost two of its engines and the crew dumped fuel for a controlled emergency landing and the fuel ignited. The information was taken from the investigation report on the crash which was obtained by the Canadian Press (Ctz A10, G&M A5, Gaz A8, NW 9:00 pm, CBC-T 10:00 pm).

24 Mar 99 - Canadian Forces Engineers Arrive Home

Reporter Ruthanne Urquhart wrote that Canadian Forces engineers arrived in Trenton, Ontario, Monday from Macedonia. Urquhart said that they had completed their mission to prepare a new army base at Kumanovo for the evacuation of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). She cited comment from Lieutenant Chris Brown, who said it was the "most challenging thing I have done in my military career". Brown said the Canadians had "established good rapport" with forces from other nations. LCol Serge Duplain also viewed the mission as successful. Duplain said that it was "not easy for them, but they did the job." (OSun 7).

17 Wg Ops Situation Report 08 March 99 - 14 March 99

OPERATION	COUNTRY	PERS DEPL
Op Calumet	Egypt	2
Op Danaca	Golan Heights	6
Op Echo	Italy	1
Op Guarantor	Macedonia	3
Op Kayak	Kumanovo	2
Op Palladium	Bosnia	4
Op Prudence	Central Africa	1
CFS Alert	NWT, Canada	4
1 CAD/Indiv Tasking*		2
TOTAL PERS DEPLOYED		25

* Indiv Tasking: Dundum (1), Entertainment Show Tours (1)

Promotions & Presentations



Above: CWO Galaway receiving his new rank from Col T. Watt. Congratulations!

Photos by
17 Wing Imaging Section

Below: WComd presents retired CWO Ronn Anderson with his certificate of service and gold pin for 38+ years. Good luck on the housework...the weather sure is getting better.



Above: WComd presenting Maj Charvette with his new rank. All the staff wish Michelle and Barb good luck on their posting to Ottawa. His favorite quote: "Just one favour."



CANJEX Falcon '99

A visual overview

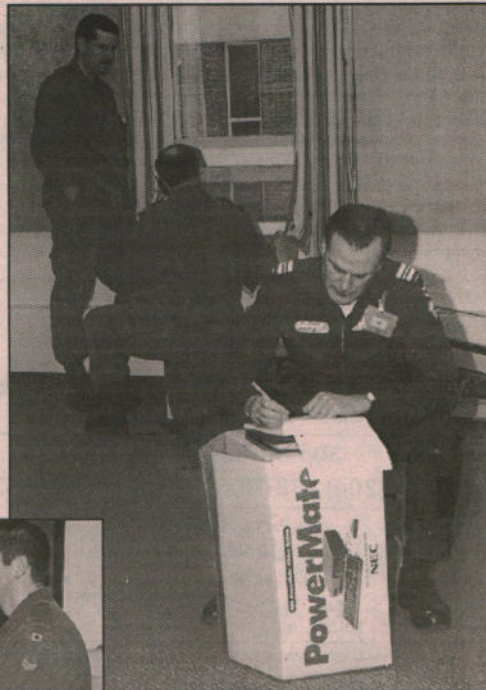
Photos by Sgt Dennis J. Mah



Above: Two linemen from 1 Signal Regiment in Kingston are connecting up the internal telephone system at the Federal Study Centre in Ottawa, now being used as a headquarters for CANJEX FALCON '99. Some 500 military personnels from across Canada are participating in a joint exercise designed for preparedness for the Year 2000 Problem (Y2K).

Headquartered in the Federal Study Centre in Ottawa some 500 army, air force and navy experts were brought in for a joint exercise from across Canada. The week long exercise is the first of three exercises to be conducted by the Canadian Forces, called CANJEX FALCON '99 in preparation and planning for the problems associated with Y2K.

Right: Major Pat McSorley, a navigator with A3 Plans, 442 Sqn Comox, finds furniture a little sparse in an unoccupied room of his new surroundings.



Left: Photographic technicians Corporals John Bradley and Marc Lamontagne help to provide news images on their portable ABET character generator for up-to-date news broadcast during military exercise, CANJEX FALCON '99. Some 500 military personnel from across Canada are in Ottawa for a week in preparation for the possible disruption of essential services in Canada caused by the Y2K failures.



17 WING SPORTS

Kids 'n' Karate

"I believe that besides the three 'R's, every parent today should ensure that their child knows two things - karate and how to swim." — Nick Cokinos, President Education Funding Corporation.

By Captain Terry Smith

The above quote is of no surprise to those who possess even a basic understanding of the martial arts. Karate has a rich and dynamic history, however the purpose of this article is not to educate you to its history but rather to inform you of a small karate club operating right here at 17 Wing. The 17 Wing Karate club is one of the newest Shotokan karate clubs in the city. It is also one of the base's best-kept secrets.

One thing I would like to make clear up front is that I would never take my kids to a karate class simply to learn self defence. The reasons are numerous, including the amount of effort you will have to put in (a certainty) in order to defend yourself in the event of a threatening situation (an uncertainty). It is much easier to avoid conflicts than to fight them. A simple cost-benefit analysis will tell you that you would be better spending your time and money doing something else. If you want your kids to study karate the reasons should be more substantial than that. Luckily, they are!

Parents often desire to have more time to exercise through aerobics, or going to the gym. Karate allows parents to kill two birds with one stone, and satisfy ourselves while giving our children an opportunity to develop. I started my kids in it knowing that the best way for them to keep at it would be if dad was right there

sweating beside them (and I do). Aside from the obvious physical aspects of karate training, the club allows young people to experience a different cultural environment. The art of karate is rooted in Japanese tradition which discourages violence while paying respect to others and trying to become the best you can possibly be. Classes commence and end with bows of respect to the sensei (teacher). There is no talking, running around or playing during the class unless the sensei allows it. Most classes are rampant with push-ups and sit-ups as the result of improper behaviour or conduct. Let's face it, none of us thought of the discipline we were subjected to at boot camp was bad for us (I hope). We learned to work as a team and discipline ourselves to accomplish goals. The same principle holds true here. Kids learn to work together and that there is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour. Should they 'cross the line' they perform a healthy (but one that they would still rather not do) exercise.

On the issue of injuries, the karate club does not engage in any sort of free sparring or fighting as some schools do, but rather dedicates all the 'front end time' to learning basic techniques. Only after these have been learned will students be allowed to engage in free sparring. This process will normally take two years or more. So the fear of your son or daughter getting injured in karate is relatively small compared to other activities such as hockey or even soccer. I joined the club 8 months ago and have not seen anyone injured yet. The tests and competitions are based on execution of technique, rather than fighting, allowing both adults and kids to set goals, attain them, and

importantly, be recognized for them, without the threat of injury.

Simply put, karate allows kids to participate in a fun environment, carry out physical conditioning, learn self defence (although ideally they will never need this) and self discipline while learning that effort and hard work pays off as they test for higher belt levels and enter tournaments.

Now that we have established that karate has certain advantages for both adults and children, what makes the 17 Wing Karate Club so special! It is here that we believe the club is one of the base's best kept secrets. Simply put you will not find a better value for your money. If you do not believe us then by all means pick up the yellow pages and make a few phone calls. The total cost for my two kids and myself is a whopping 45 dollars per month. Similar training at any of the commercial schools would easily cost over 200 dollars per month. And if you are worried that you only get what you pay for, then think again. We are very fortunate to have as our Chief Instructor Sensei Waiter Crockford, who holds a 5th degree black belt. Sensei Crockford is extremely qualified in what he does and, luckily for us, is also extremely dedicated to



the 17 Wing Club.

As a club, the idea is not to make money but rather to provide an opportunity to the Wing community and further the study of karate. We have an executive committee and full voting privileges. We also have other events such as the annual karate camp. As the club becomes more successful we hope to further lower costs and subsidize participation in such events.

We hope that you will give some consideration to joining us.

We are a young club with all members still at junior belt levels so you would be getting in on the ground floor and not feel at all out of place. We hold 1 1/2 hour classes at the Westwin Community Center Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1900 and Saturday mornings at 1000 hrs.

Feel free to come out and try a class or two (on us) or give us a call if you have any questions. I can be reached at home at 885-2645 or at work at local 6678. Just ask for Terry.

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17 WING SPORTS

Strong Contender '99



2VP hockey game in the finals against CFB Shilo.

Ex Strong Contender 99 preparations started off hard and furious right after Christmas leave on the 4 Jan 99. The four teams from 2 PPCLI (floor hockey, ice hockey, volleyball and broomball) were given limited time to hone up on their skills for the competition on the 22 Jan to 28 Jan 99. The competition involves all the units in 1 CMBG; they are divided into major and minor units depending on their strength.

On arrival in Edmonton, there was the annual 'meet and beat' on the 22 Jan prior to the brigade commander opening the games on the 23rd. Once the games were officially opened all the teams started off with the second games of the day.

On completion of the round robin on 26 Jan all of the teams

had made it into the semi-finals. The floor hockey team came in fourth in the round robin with a record of 3 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties. Once the semi-finals started they had to play 1 RCHA, who they lost to in a hard fought game, and ended up coming in fourth place. The broomball team through the round robin had a record of 5-1, which left them in first place. In the semi-finals the broomball team played 1 PPCLI and lost a heart breaker 2-1, which left the team in third place.

The hockey team, which had a hard draw in the round robin, came out with a record of 2-1, leaving them in third place after the round robin. In the semi-finals, the team played the LDSH(RC), who they defeated 5-4. This left the hockey team waiting to see who was going to

win between 1 RCHA and 3 PPCLI. 1 RCHA were the winners and the next day the hockey team had to play them. The hockey team fought the guns to the end, but came out on the losing side 5-2.

The volleyball team, which came into the competition the favorites, had a record of 15-3 in the round robin. In the semi-finals, the team played against 1 CER and defeated them 3-0. In the finals against 1 PPCLI, the volleyball team beat them 3-1 and won the gold.

After all the points were added up at the end for the aggregate, 1 RCHA had won the overall by 1 point over 1 and 2 PPCLI.

All in all, Ex Strong Contender 1999 was a great success in which all sports teams fought hard and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Flying Tigers compete at 'A' level

By Todd Martin



The Flying Tigers Swim Team of 17 Wing was one of 30 clubs from Manitoba and Saskatchewan competing for provincial rankings (bragging rites) at the premier 'A' level Man-Sask Swimming Finals held at the Pan-Am pool, 11-14 March 1999.

As a result of having achieved provincial 'A' times, Niall Martin (12) and Margaret Fergusson (10) represented the FTST at this high level competition.

In his four races, Niall achieved Man-Sask rankings of sixth in the 200 backstroke, ninth in both the 100 back and 200 free and tenth in the 200 breaststroke.

Margaret also swam well in her

four events, placing eighth in 50 back, 10th in 100 back and attaining a PB time in the 100 IM.

Although the meet was intense and demanding, their coach, Lt Roger Bowden, had nothing but praise for both athletes who performed with determination and poise.

In addition to the competitive swim program, the FTST offers a pre-competitive program three days a week for children who love to swim. For information contact the FTST president MCpl Dan Rivest at 833-2500 ext. 5513 or at his home, 831-1404.

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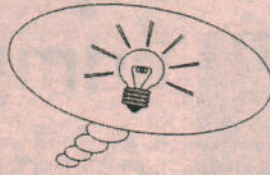


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Special Needs Program

For more information call Victoria Lambert at 489-7003.

Special Needs Parents Network will meet once a month on the first Wednesday evening of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the MFRC. If you are differently-abled or someone in your family is, please join us for refreshments, conversation, information sharing and laughter! For more information, contact Victoria.

Are you and your family being posted or do you know a family that is? If you have children that will be transferring to a new school, the MFRC can help ease the transition by contacting the new school ahead of time, providing parents and children with information and putting families in touch with the MFRC at the new location. If your child receives special education services, it is vital to contact the new school as far in advance as possible so that resources can be allocated for your child.

Does your family have a special need? Do you need respite, special service in the school or home, equipment or resource lists? Support, liaison, advocacy and information is available at the MFRC. Contact Victoria.

PARENTING PROGRAMS

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

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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. Judy, 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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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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17 WING SPORTS

Shack's 18th Annual Hoser Party

Buns win third team championship

Brian (Shack) and Jill Shackleton hosted the 18th Annual Hoser Party on Saturday 27th Feb 99. Shack held his first three Hoser Parties in Cold Lake AB (82-84), the next four in Greenwood, NS (85-88) and the Comox Valley, Vancouver Island set the stage for nine more (89-97). The Hoser Party was held in the BBQ area of WO's and Sgt's Mess (Bldg 66) in both 1998 and 1999. Following in the tradition of all seventeen other parties, it was held outside on a Saturday afternoon in Feb. There were about forty participating Hosers and Hosettes in attendance, all of which had a great time and vowed to return next year with some friends. The weather was perfect for a Hoser Party, +1 C.

Several people made the Hoser Pilgrimage to Winnipeg: Ed Garrett drove from Edmonton, arriving Tues. 23 Feb at 11 pm even though the road had closed! Dan Martin made a special trip from Kelowna, BC for the Hoser Event of 1999. Gail Richards from Tacoma, Washington, USA will go home with a few stories and promises to return for the next Hoser Party. Deane Ingram and Keith Esuger will help spread the international knowledge of the Hoser party when they arrive back in New Zealand.

Official 1999 Hoser Party shirts are also off to Ottawa, ON,

Moose Jaw, SK, Chemanus and Comox, BC.

The official beverage of the 1999 Hoser Olympic Games was "Labatt Blue". The Hoser Olympic Games started at one o'clock sharp. The 10 games were: Hoser Brunch (1-2-3), Down Under Event, Hoser Bucketball, Team Beer Race, Donut Hole Relay, Beer Relay, Sock Hop Relay, Beer Pole Relay, Egg & Beer Can Relay and The Hoser Triathlon (Ironman). Six teams competed, receiving points depending on their position in each of the 10 events. Penalty or bonus points could also be assigned at the discretion of the Head Hoser. The top three winning team members in each event received "Gold", "Silver" or "Bronze" medals and in some cases additional prizes for their outstanding efforts.

Some of the hi-lights were: Bob Rex, competing in his first Hoser Olympics, winning Gold in the Hoser Brunch (1-2-3) in a time of 3 min 37 sec for the Buns Team. Veteran Hoser Jim Alberding and Touque Team partner Robyn Postlethwaite were the winners in the Down Under Event. The Beer Team members, Simon Beaulieu and Ron Bauer, displayed excellent technique to out shoot the field in Hoser Bucketball. It took a real team effort but Todd Cooper (Ironman

98), Diana Lynn-Rex and Keith Eslinger of the Donuts won the Team Beer Race. The past Hoser Party experience of John Haugen and Rick Dwyer combined with Bob Rex's enthusiasm made the Buns team unbeatable in the Donut Hole Relay. Ed Garrett coached his Earmuff teammates Gail Richards, Darryl Szydluk and Carole Gessell to victory in the Beer Relay. Beer teammates, Simon Beaulieu (C), Adele Chapdelaine and Ron Bauer displayed unorthodox but highly effective form in dominating the Sock Hop Relay. The Buns team won their third Gold of the 99 Games when John Haugen, Bob Rex, Peter Balagus and Deanna Murray out performed the competition in the Beer Pole Relay. Diane Viel (C), Deane Ingram, Robert Young and Del Badiuk of the Backbacon Team won the Hoser Game debut of the Egg & Beer Can Relay. The tenth is the most prestigious event, (The Hoser Triathlon), because the winner not only receives a Gold Medal and a prize, they also get their name permanently etched on The Ironman Cup. For the second year in a row a Donut Team Member has won this event, Sean Melrose now holds the title "Ironman 99" for completing the event in 44 seconds.

Led by Team Captain, John Haugen, the Buns Team took the

lead in the first event and never looked back, capturing the teams third overall championship with 52 points. The Buns Team has a great history as they were the winners in 1986 (first year in the current team format) and in 1990. The 1999 other team standings were: 2nd Beer 45 pts, 3rd Donuts 43, 4th Backbacon 42, 5th Toques 36 and in 6th Earmuffs with 35 pts. Congratulations to all team members.

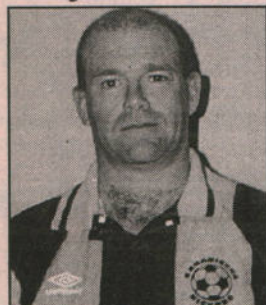
The Hoser Olympic games and presentations at the WO & Sgt's Mess ended about 6pm. Then close to twenty Hosers and Hosettes received a very warm welcome at Moe's Sports Bar for the 1999 Hoser Post Party.

I, Brian Shackleton would like to thank the following people and/or businesses for their donations or extra efforts: Cal Chute of Labatt Breweries (Official Game Beer "Labatt Blue" and Prizes); Darryl Szydluk - "Total Image" (Artwork for shirts & ribbons & his partici-

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Most of all, I wish to thank the Hoser Game participants for taking time out of their busy schedules to have some fun! Take care and I hope everyone catches the Hoser Bug in 2000, Eh!

Kanadische Kickers Player Profile



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RV compound excavation

By Capt M.R. Lillo

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The RV compound will be used by the PanAm group for parking of their vehicles over the period 15 May - 1 Sep 99. They will be providing a proper graveled surface to this area which in turn, will benefit the users once it is

completed. Registered vehicles may return to the compound after 1 Sep 99. Registration for storage may be applied for through the MP Ident Section.

All items that are not registered and where there is no owner found, will be removed through Crown Assets disposal activity. Anyone knowing of an owner for items that have been abandoned in the RV compound is encouraged to contact either Sgt Peters at ext. 5103 or Capt Lillo at ext. 5345.

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The RV compound is operated by 17 Wing Military Community Council for the benefit of CF and DND personnel. It is with your support that this facility operates on the wing and with the addition of a graveled surface, it should prove to be a viable and valuable facility.

CFB Wpg Women's Fastball

There will be a meeting on the 8th of April 99 at 1545 hrs in Bldg 90, main office, for anyone interested in playing fastball for the Base Women's Fastball Team. If you are interested in playing but are unable to attend the above mentioned meeting, please contact WO J.N. Belzile at ext. 6959.

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Just a common soldier

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast
 And he sat around the Legion telling stories of the past,
 Of a war that he fought in and the deeds that he had done
 In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, everyone.

And tho' sometimes to his neighbours, his tales became a joke,
 All his Legion buddies listened, for they know whereof he spoke.
 But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bill has passed away
 And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
 For he lived an ordinary quiet and uneventful life,
 Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way;
 And the world won't note his passing tho' a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
 While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great,
 Papers tell their life stories, from the time they were young,
 But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
 A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
 Or the ordinary fellow who in time of war and strife,
 Goes off to serve his country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and style in which he lives
 Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives,
 While the ordinary soldier, who offers up his all,
 Is paid off with a medal, and perhaps a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them, for it was so long ago
 That the Old Bills of our country went to battle, but we know,
 It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
 Who won for us the freedom that our country now enjoys!

Should you find yourself in danger with your enemies at hand,
 Would you want a politician with his shifting stand?
 Or would you prefer a soldier who has sworn to defend
 His home, his kin and country and would fight until the end?

He was but a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin
 But his presence should remind us we may need, his kind again.
 For when countries are in conflict then we find the soldier's part
 Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start!

If we cannot do him honour while he's here to hear the praise
 Then at least let's give homage at the ending of his days.
 Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say:

**'Our country is in mourning,
 for a soldier died today'**

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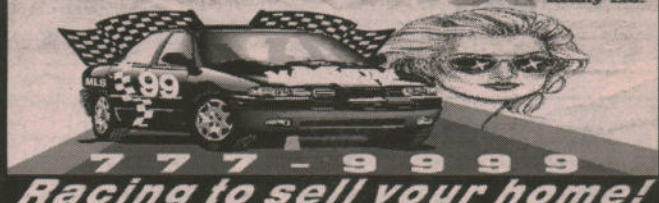
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