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On 17 March, 1999 Public works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) on behalf of DND signed a contract with Software Kinetics of Ottawa, Ontario to provide the Canadian Forces Air Navigation School (CFANS) with a new simulator. This is the latest milestone achieved towards fulfilling a Miscellaneous Requirement (DND projects under \$3 million) to replace the antiquated Air Navigation Procedures Trainer (ANPT), which has served CFANS well since 1977. The new simulator has been named the Tactical Mission Trainer (TMT) to better reflect the focus of the new Basic Air Navigator Course. The TMT should enter service at CFANS during the early summer of 2000.

Transitional Tactical Awareness Trainer Inaugurated

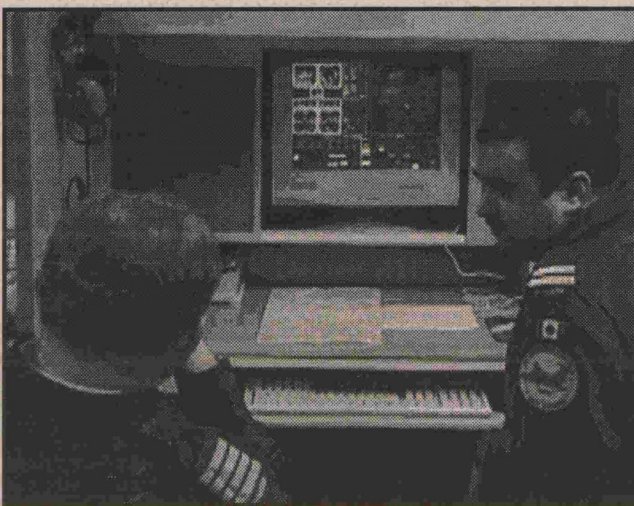
The Tactical Mission Trainer is critical to teaching the new Basic Air Navigator Course (BANC), which commenced on June 8, 1998. With the TMT not scheduled to enter service until the summer of 2000, CFANS is faced with a training aid deficiency that cannot be filled by the old ANPT. To fill this void, Captain Reg Paquet, a CFANS Navigator, has been developing a PC-based Transitional Tactical Awareness Trainer (TTAT) since his posting to CFANS in August 1998. Using his Visual Basic® software programming skills, he has created a realistic replication of the equipment and the airborne environment that the student will encounter on the CT-142 navigation training aircraft. The system runs on a 350

MHz Pentium II computer with a 17-inch monitor. As well, the instructor also has a second computer to actively interact with the students.

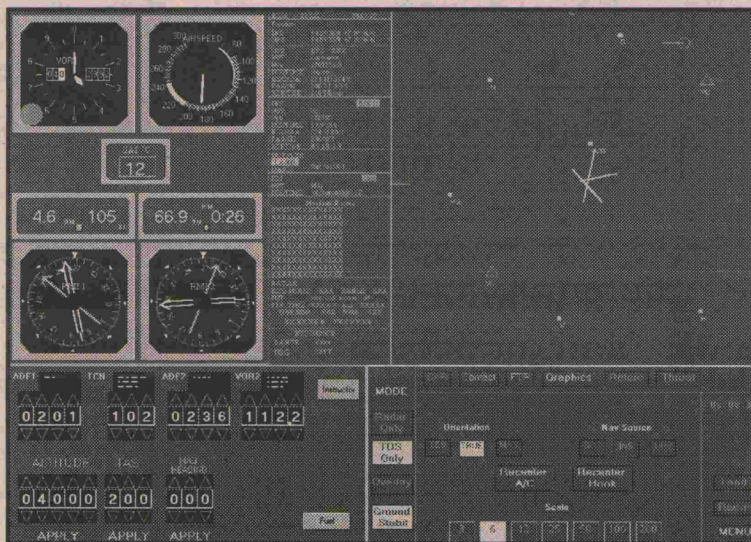
While Captain Paquet developed the software, CFANS struggled to find \$40,000 to buy the hardware to implement the TTAT. Also at the same time, the SPAR Aerospace technicians, who maintain the ANPT, produced the Modification Leaflets to allow the ANPT to be modified to accommodate the

TTAT. Then, finally, in early November the TMT Project Team in Ottawa provided funding for the hardware. CFANS staff quickly bought the hardware and the SPAR technicians installed it into the ANPT consoles. The system was then given a quick trial by CFANS staff. Having successfully passed all tests, the TTAT became operational just in time for the November 19 deadline for use by the initial course of students on the new BANC syllabus.

Colonel T.F. Watt, 17 Wing Commander, who is very familiar with the ANPT as a former CFANS Commandant, toured the ANPT spaces and was shown the TTAT on November 23. He observed a student operating the system and was given a comprehensive demonstration of the TTAT's current capabilities by Captain Paquet. Captain Paquet also explained to Colonel Watt what enhanced features he has planned for future versions of his software, namely a radar visual simulation. All indications were that the Wing Commander was very impressed with what the talented innovative individuals at CFANS had built on a shoestring budget.



Captain Reg Paquet discusses Transitional Tactical Awareness Trainer with Col Watt



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VOXVIEWS

The Power of a Cartoon

By Major CM Walton-Simm
Managing Editor

Our last cartoon "Environmental Clothing Trials" elicited a wide range of feedback - both positive and negative. Feedback is always good, as it gives us an indication of what our readers think and feel about the newspaper and its contents. We receive fairly little positive feedback, which is expected, as most people have nothing to say if things are agreeable. On the flip side, no one likes to receive negative feedback, the kind that is most frequently received at our newspaper office. But, when we do receive criticism we try and address it from a constructive per-

spective.

Some people felt this last cartoon presented a negative image of the Canadian Forces (CF). Others thought it rather humorous. When the cartoon was created a survey was conducted to obtain opinions about its acceptability. Approximately 60% of the people interviewed felt the cartoon was in good taste. So, being the democrats we are, we ran the cartoon.

The intent of the cartoon was to poke fun at an issue that is finally being addressed by the CF - providing female members with operationally functional breast support. In an operational environment this will be a welcome addition to the clothing we are currently issued. However, when

the trial/study was announced, men and women, military and non-military (including national media), chuckled and bantered about the issue.

Moving beyond the obvious, initial remarks and opinions reference a "combat bra", one learns that the issue is far more complex than meets the eye! Concerns range from support, durability and comfort to type of material, colour(s) and whether it can withstand field laundry methods. So, suffice it to say that designing will not be a simple process. There probably isn't an off-the-shelf product that will meet all the requirements and it's something that should have been addressed long ago. This aspect of the issue

was what women focussed on and therefore, our cartoon was intended to poke fun at the complexity of designing breast support for female CF members. With the integration of women into combat roles it shouldn't be a sensitive issue to either males or females and we should all be able to freely discuss it amongst ourselves.

So, if we offended some individuals we apologize, because that was not the intent. The intent was to increase the awareness of the female side of military life and have some fun with it. The more we communicate freely about issues of this nature the closer we may get to a gender neutral environment.

The very best of the best

The Professional Photographers of Canada's (PPOC) Annual Print Competition was held on Oct. 1-2, 1999. This competition invites entries from across Canada as well as internationally. Photographers submit their finest and most contemporary work in pursuit of the highest standards established by their peers. Images are judged on impact, creativity and technical excellence by qualified master photographers from across North America.

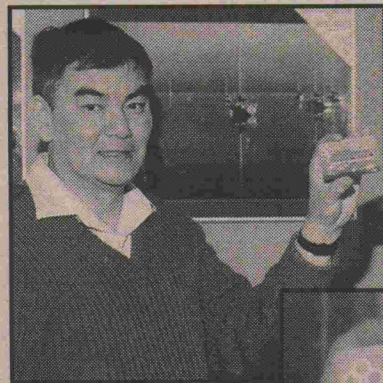
Approximately 1000 photographs were judged with only 216 entries receiving evaluations

that met the demanding standards and were accepted for exhibition. Of those, a select group of 40 images called the Travelling Loan Collection is created. This elite group of images represents the highest level of craftsmanship in the photographic industry in Canada today. The Travelling Loan Collection tours the country to promote photography, and showcase the skills level of Canadian photographers. It is truly the pinnacle of Canadian photography.

At this annual Print Competition, Sgt Dennis J. Mah, a professional photographer from Winnipeg had one of his images selected to be part of the Travelling Loan Collection.

The Professional Photographer

of Canada is a not-for-profit organization representing portrait, wedding, commercial, military and digital photographers. The association promotes photographic excellence through education and exploration of image artistry.



Photos by Cpl Dave Payne, 17 Wing Imaging



Above: Sgt Mah by the Travelling Loan Collection which was displayed in the Atrium, 1 CAD HQ between Apr 7 - 15 for the first time. It was a very impressive show viewed by hundreds of DND personnel and visitors during its brief stay in Winnipeg.

Left: Sgt Dennis Mah had not only one of his prints chosen for this Travelling Loan Collection; but also had the picture called "Serenity" chosen to be used on all the '99 membership cards of the 1,300 Professional Photographers of Canada. In the previous year, he also had another print accepted for exhibition called "The Pied Piper Of Banff" which makes him the first member of the Professional Military Photographers of Canada to do so.

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435 Squadron

Passing Gas at the North Pole

By Capt Sam Nelson
435 Sqn D/PAFFO

It lies on the edge of the Arctic Ocean, at the very tip of this country. It is a small cluster of buildings, housing a community of military people who keep watch over the airwaves. It is separated from civilization by an expanse of barren land, which even the Inuit of the High Arctic call the "land beyond people."

Canadian Forces Station Alert is the northernmost permanent habitation in the world, at the northern end of Ellesmere Island. There are no roads, no pipelines,

no railways across the tundra...there is only a small gravel airstrip which each year receives hundreds of flights by Hercules aircraft. These flights bring the food, fuel and tons of other supplies, which are needed to keep the station in operation. Boxtop is one of ICAD's major airlifts, and it will continue as long as CFS Alert remains open.

In years past, it used to be standard to do three lifts a year: spring, summer and fall. The fall one was always subject to poor weather. Now, only the spring and summer lifts take place, known as wet lifts (fuel) or dry

lifts (cargo).

Two events have had a profound effect on the size and method of Operation Boxtop. The first was the loss of a Hercules aircraft en route to the station several years ago. Of the eighteen people aboard the flight, five died and 13 were saved in what is probably the most dramatic rescue in Canadian aviation history. The crash resulted in changes in procedures for flying in and out of Alert, and in the rules for carrying passengers. The second factor was the collapse of the Soviet Union, coupled with increased automation at the sta-

tion. As a result, fewer people now occupy Alert, making resupply needs smaller.

The Boxtop operation this April is based, as usual, out of the American airbase at Thule, Greenland. The commander of the airlift control element (ALCE) is Major R. J. Cooney, 17 Wing Winnipeg.

Cooney's team of close to 200 people will have the job of getting 300,000 Imperial Gallons of DF-8 and 30,000 Imperial Gallons of JP-8 to Alert. To move the fuel, each aircraft is outfitted with a Canadian designed bulk



fuel delivery system, the main part of which is a large tank fitted into the Hercules, holding about 1,600 liters. The fuel is pumped directly into a fairly new system of storage tanks that was installed at Alert in 1995.

B Coy at NTC

By Pte Elliott
and Capt McLoughlin
6 PI, B Coy, 2PPCLI

After months of anticipation, January the 18th arrived and it was time for Bravo Company to deploy to the National Training Centre (NTC) in Fort Irwin, CA for EX PATRICIA ANGEL. At 0300 on a Sunday morning we loaded up our kit, boarded the buses, and began our journey. After a few hours in the comfortable confines of the AMU, we boarded the Heres and flew to Las Vegas.

The weather in Las Vegas was somewhat cooler than expected, but it was a welcome relief from the freezing temperatures of Manitoba. After a quick view of the Strip from the interstate, we settled in and caught a little sleep on the three hour bus ride to NTC.

The first week of the deployment was spent preparing for the exercise. We were to be employed as 'Task Force Angel', the airmobile company for OPFOR. Our "enemy", the BLUEFOR, was comprised of the 82nd Airborne. We received our desert cams (chocolate chips in US soldier terms), sorted out our MILES gear and became familiarized with the various US weapons systems which we would be using. We also received instruction on desert warfare and the dangers of the environment. An important lesson learned was the handling and care of the endangered desert tortoise. During the week there was

also time to relax, watch a few movies, and even sample the local cuisine (Burger King). Many chose to check out the nightlife at the 'Outer Limits', where we were treated to many fine displays of dancing by our CQ, WO Dumas.

Once the exercise began we soon discovered that Task Force Angel was not limited to travelling in helicopters. Unfortunately, the all-too-familiar "ML-a-copters" served as our means of transportation more than once. Many an hour was spent in the back of a truck driving through the darkened desert. 6 PI spent the better part of a night in MLVW's until their mission was finally confirmed: to test a recce screen of Kiowa Warriors. The Kiowas were unfortunately given the nickname of the Canadian Hillbilly Hunters, a term that lasted until our departure.

Battle procedure prior to an operation was very condensed and orders were generally issued on the ground. Our defensive missions were our most successful: during a night defensive at Granite Hill, 6 Platoon held off a battalion minus while the rest of our coy disrupted the other BLUEFOR units. After that night, the 82nd Airborne had a newfound respect for Canadians. Despite smaller numbers, we had influenced the battle and exerted our will. Morale was high when we were given the opportunity to destroy the enemy face to face.

After a couple of days spent cleaning kit and turning in our



Left: Preparing to meet the foe on Granite Pass



Below: Pte Smith earning his keep on Granite Pass

stores, it was time for two well-earned rest and relaxation days in Las Vegas. The company had its fair share of winners and losers at the tables and slot machines on the Strip. Other highlights included a member of our FOO party getting married and the inclusion of members of Anti-Armour Platoon in the pirate ship show at

Treasure Island. All in all, the exercise turned out to be a very good experience. The opportunity to train in the desert with the

Americans proved to be a very welcome change from Shilo. In the words of our US allies "KILL BLUEFOR!!!!"

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En liberté

Par 2Lt Doyon-Gosselin

Présentation d'usage

Ça fait longtemps que j'en parle, je vais enfin me mettre à la tâche. Il demeure difficile de croire qu'il n'y a systématiquement aucun article francophone dans le Voxair depuis tant d'années. Winnipeg est de loin la ville la plus importante en nombre de francophones à l'ouest de Toronto. Cela me chicotait de ne pas voir d'articles en français dans le journal de l'escadre. Alors, je me suis remis à l'écriture et j'espère que vous allez apprécier. Je n'écrirai pas d'articles sur le harcèlement ou sur un domaine militaire quelconque, je n'écrirai pas en tant que sous-lieutenant ou en tant que WCOL, je vais écrire en tant qu'homme faisant partie de la société. Observateur du monde si vous préférez...

J'aimerais publier une page entièrement en français, mais je ne veux pas écrire tous les articles. Je demande votre aide; si vous voulez bien ressortir vos plumes sèches de vos tiroirs poussiéreux, je suis certain que vous pourriez écrire des articles de qualité sur des sujets diversifiés. Ou encore, si vous avez d'excellents sujets, mais vous n'avez pas la force d'écrire, envoyez-moi vos idées, je me ferai un plaisir de les utiliser. Une dernière chose avant de commencer, je vais peut-être choquer dans cette chronique intitulée En liberté, mais je vais m'efforcer de ne pas toucher à des sujets sensibles. Plus que jamais, mes propos n'engagent que moi et je tiens toujours ma parole.

* * * La complaisance dans la paresse

Je l'avoue haut et fort, je suis, plus souvent qu'à mon tour, paresseux. Je le suis, mais consciemment. Je veux dire par là que je sais très bien que je ne prendrais pas de poids si je ne vais pas au gym. J'en parle beaucoup, mais je n'y vais pas. C'est un peu la même chose pour le

ménage ou encore pour cet article il n'y a pas si longtemps. L'autre jour, j'ai même demandé à ma copine de me donner un « lift » du bloc 74 au mess des sergents et adjudants.

De plus en plus, je me rends compte que la paresse est un phénomène de société irréversible. Je pense aussi que la plupart des gens ne sont pas conscients de leur paresse. Juste un exemple pour vous montrer cette complaisance dans la paresse. Me dirigeant l'autre jour vers le boulevard Inkster, je passais par la rue à l'ouest de la base. Vous connaissez, la route de campagne à travers un champ désert. Lorsqu'on arrive près du boulevard Inkster, il y a une petite route parallèle en terre à droite. Anodine cette route, je n'ai jamais vu un chat passer par là, encore moins une voiture. Sauf qu'il y en avait une voiture...

Une voiture qui roulait à basse vitesse. La fenêtre côté conducteur était à demi-ouverte et une laisse avec un chien au bout y paraissait. J'ai moi-même ralenti pour me rendre compte que l'homme promenait vraiment son chien... en automobile. J'étais abasourdi. Je ne pouvais pas croire qu'une personne pouvait être aussi paresseuse. Deux jours plus tard, j'ai revu la même chose avec une voiture différente.

Phénomène de société étrange que de voir ces hommes et ces femmes qui font faire de l'exercice à leur chien pendant qu'eux n'en font pas. Est-ce seulement à Winnipeg ou ailleurs dans le monde? Il me semble que je me verrais en auto avec une copine, en train de discuter pendant que nos chiens se promènent de chaque côté. C'est pathétique et je suis sûr qu'il y a d'autres exemples flagrants de cette paresse inconsciente. Je suis paresseux, mais j'assume ma paresse... et je n'ai pas de chien.

Contre l'expropriation

Lorsque je suis arrivé à la 17e Escadre en tant qu'étudiant navigateur, on m'a dit que je n'avais pas le choix de demeurer sur la

base tant que la phase un du cours n'était pas terminée. Par ordre du commandant de CFANS, on ne veut pas prendre de chance que les étudiants se laissent distraire par les attraits de la ville pendant la première partie du cours. Je trouvais cela frustrant, mais les raisons invoquées étaient valables. Par contre, entre la fin juin et la fin août, tous les étudiants du bloc 74 (et les autres blocs aussi sauf un) seront expropriés on ne sait trop où pour une raison supérieure. En effet, les Jeux Pan-Américains prennent le contrôle de toute la logique de la politique de CFANS. Je trouve déplorable que les étudiants ne peuvent aller en ville de leur propre gré, alors que pour accommoder des instances supérieures, on va les « barouetter » dans quelque habitation à loyer modique (tous les motels de la ville seront pleins à craquer) contre leur gré.

Vous savez, dans la vraie vie, on n'a pas le droit de jeter à la porte un locataire qui paie son loyer chaque mois, qui ne fait pas trop de tapage et qui entretient une bonne relation avec le propriétaire. Je pense que tous les étudiants font partie de cette catégorie. Malgré tout, à la fin juin, leurs effets personnels seront remis et eux aussi par le fait même. Évidemment, je comprends que les Jeux ont besoin d'un village d'athlète qui soit sécuritaire, mais cela aurait pu se faire d'une façon plus élégante. Que va-t-il arrivé si un étudiant se trouve dans le trouble pendant la phase un? Va-t-il pouvoir invoquer ce déménagement importun?

Autre question, plus importante celle-là. Je sais que les étudiants n'auront pas à payer les quartiers pendant cette période. Je sais aussi qu'un transport temporaire (adéquat j'espère) sera disponible. Par contre, les étudiants expropriés vont sûrement utiliser leur véhicule, car l'horaire de l'autobus ne sera pas aussi flexible que la leur. Lorsqu'on demeure sur la base, l'assurance-auto est moins chère,

Canadian Forces School of Meteorology (CFS MET)

In the spring of 1974, the Canadian Forces School of Meteorology was established in the concourse of Building 84 after re-locating from RCAF Station Trenton as a result of fire that destroyed the original facility during the winter of 1973.

During the past twenty five years, CFS Met has trained some 1,665 students to perform their duties as Meteorological Technicians supporting the Aviation, Land and Naval environments throughout the world. CFS Met is the central meteorological training facility for CF Met Tech MOC 121 and provides basic and advanced courses in meteorology and oceanography. Courses offered include:

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- OSQ 121.11 Short Range Forecasting; and (19 Weeks)
- OSQ 121.16 Instrument Specialist (2 Weeks)

In addition, CFS Met also provides:

- Practical training in meteorology to contract weather observers;
- Theoretical and practical training in meteorology to CFANS Navigator students; and
- Military orientation training to civilian meteorologists responsible for providing CF weather support.

The professional and dedicated staff of CFS Met is

commanded by Mr. D. Brown and SCWO D. Houde and made up of eight military personnel and four civilians who support; two multimedia capable classrooms with corresponding weather office simulators fitted with large passive solar receptacles, a communications control room which houses the server distributing data for the Canadian Forces Weather Service network within 17 Wing, an instrument repair lab, a reference library and school administration offices. As well, there is a weather instrument compound containing various devices for recording meteorological conditions located across the street from building 86 where training is also conducted. To the untrained eye, it resembles a well-manicured lot full of white bee hives. These are in fact, Stevenson Screens that contain thermometers and thermistors to measure temperature. There are also, devices for measuring the amount of rainfall, snowfall amounts, wind speed and direction, visibility and cloud heights within this site. A lightning detection system has also been installed just outside the compound to the southeast, housed within a large white canister.

The students and staff have enjoyed a healthy and colorful history here in Winnipeg and hope to continue this trend well into the future. So, the next time that you see a group of young folks marching to and from the quarters to the School, you can assume that there goes the next serial of Met Tech trainees.

car on ne se sert pas de notre véhicule pour aller au travail. Supposons que l'on prend son véhicule pour ces deux mois et que malheureusement un accident routier grave (on ne le souhaite pas) se produit. Les assurances ne voudront pas payer, car les étudiants ne sont pas assurés pour aller à leur travail. D'ailleurs, j'ai appelé Autopac et la compagnie

m'a confirmé qu'elle n'avait pas à payer dans ce cas. Ma question, qui payera à la fin? Ce sont à ces petits détails que l'on ne pense pas tout le temps. Genre de détails qui peuvent coûter chers. Mais ce n'est pas seulement le côté monétaire.

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17 Wing safety sign: Promoting the safety culture

By Captain Dan Naylor

The Wing General Safety Office installed two brand new safety signs during the week of the 3rd May, kicking off the run-up to the Directorate of Flight Safety (DFS) Briefings on the 11 and 12 May. One sign at the Whytewold Gate and the other at the Sharpe (Air Force Way) Gate promoted the first of many safety messages going out to thousands of 17 Wing personnel.

Promoting safety of all kinds encourages cost savings and accident prevention and also enhances the public image of our Canadian Forces. Do you have a safety idea, theme or message? Contact your Unit General Safety Officer, UGSOs may coordinate their submissions through the Wing General Safety Officer, Mr. Chuck Haarsma, at local 5950.



Never too late to know better

By 2Lt Doyon-Gosselin, WCOL

We all have families and we hate to be away from them. As much as we want to learn in life, we would rather do it at home with our feet up. However, this is becoming harder and harder to achieve. This is where second language training at your unit comes into play. Because, we all know that you would rather do it here than going to St-Jean.

First of all, why do you need second language training? Throughout your career, you have probably asked yourself why this sergeant or this captain got promoted and not you. Especially when you know you did as good a job as him or her. Indeed, you probably did, but why he or she got promoted is related to the fact that he or she had a better second language profile than yours. However, the reason doesn't work for me since I know I won't be promoted anytime soon (zulu!).

The way you could see it is that you won't be in the Canadian Forces forever. At one point, you will need to find a job outside the military and yes! you could easily find a job without being bilingual. But the reality is that you will find a better job if you are bilingual. Why do you think parents, across

Canada, are sending their kids to immersion schools? To help them get a better job. To open them the doors to a brighter future. And you know what? They are paying for it.

Finally, if you believe in real bilingualism, you know it starts with personal bilingualism. The institutionalized bilingualism, the one you see on every poster, the one you see in some newspapers is there for the image. The real bilingualism begins when you begin to learn.

At 17 Wing, we have all you need to learn in a quiet environment and a semi-private group. On the other hand, if you are new to the world of second language training, you can complete the two first Progress Levels (PL1, PL2) in our modern multimedia lab. Usually, to finish a Progress Level, it will take you 150 hours, but with the lab you can do it in 60 hours or even less. At the end of all PL except PL5 and PL7, you will write an Enabling Check test. At the end of PL5 and PL7, you will write a Performance Check (PR 401, PR 402) and you will do the SLE test that will give you a second language profile. All this information can be pretty confusing, but the objective is still to be better in our second language.

Other courses that can be offered are the Specific Skill Course in which you will work on one or two skills (reading, writing or speaking) and the SLE test will be given at the end. The course could last from 90 hours to 150 hours. If you already have a good profile, you may just want to keep up with it and a Maintenance Course would be suitable for you. The course could last from 30 hours to 90 hours and there is no test at the end. There is always a possibility to give a Maintenance course in English for francophones who wish to improve their writing skills. Practice makes perfect for everyone!

With the PamAm games, there will not be a course this summer. However, there is a tentative calendar for courses next year and now is the best time for all of you to get a placement test to see where you're at in the second language training world. Usually, courses are semi-intensive, held once a week for 6 or 7 hours during the day, but there is always a chance to give an intensive course, 5 days a week, 7 hours a day. The course will be over a lot sooner that way.

If you are interested in second language training starting at the end of August, do not hesitate.

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PL4/NP4 PL5/NP5 PL6/NP6	9912 17 Jan 00-18 Feb 00 9904 7 Sep 99-3 Mar 00		30 hrs/semaine 6 hrs/semaine	150 hrs 150 hrs
Computer Based Training Multimedia	9905 NP1 7 Sep 99-5 Nov 99 9910 NP2 15 Nov 99-21 Jan 00 9913 NP1 1 Jan 00-24 Mar 00 9916 NP2 27 Mar 00-19 Mai 00	Not Available/ Sans objet	2 hrs/jour 2 hrs/jour 2 hrs/jour 2 Hrs/jour	70-80 hrs 70-80 hrs 70-80 hrs 70-80 hrs
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Specific Skills/Habilité spécifique	9908 4 Oct 99- 18 Feb 00 9909 1 Nov 99- 3 Dec 99 9915 21 Feb 00- 10 Mar 00		6 hrs/semaine 30 hrs/semaine 30 hrs/semaine	120 heures 150 heures 90 heures

Call 2Lt Doyon-Gosselin, WCOL at local 5519 to obtain more info. All language courses will help you throughout your career. In the

near future, you could get a break once a week to learn a second language. Remember, it's never too late to learn!

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Nature's Dusty Devils

By David Brown
Commandant CFS Met

For fifteen minutes nearly everyone behind the home plate fence blinked and rubbed their eyes trying to extricate the grit and dust from their eyes put there by a feisty, sudden little whirlwind that sprang up within seconds near centre field. It quickly gathered a load of dry leaves, paper fragments, sand and dust into its circulation and carried its burden directly toward the bleachers behind the catcher's mound. Flailing arms and grimacing faces greeted the blast of grit and debris delivered by the passing swirling vortex. Then as quickly as it came to life, it dissipated in a group of trees behind the ball park.

Behold the dust devil – a tightly rotating, slender column of air that develops locally over a very warm patch of ground on a sunny day in the spring or summer. These tornado-like whirlwinds are usually short-lived events that are in no way related to tornadoes. The nursery for tornadoes lies deep within large thunderstorm clouds while dust devils are not linked to any clouds. In fact most dust devils form on days when there is very little or no cloud at all. Because of their small diameters, dust devils do not feel the effects of a rotating earth and therefore can rotate in either a clockwise or counter-clockwise fashion.

Dust devils take the morning off because the conditions favouring their development are usually not met until later in the day. A strong sun must heat the ground to temperatures that are locally much higher than the temperature of the air at some distance higher up. The temperature of the air in the 50 metre layer above the ground must fall off much more quickly with height than normal, creating what is known as a super dry adiabatic lapse rate. This reservoir of heat energy close to the ground becomes the source of potential energy that drives the circulation once it has developed. In order for a dust devil to form, there must be a source of organized spin to set the circulation going within this heated air layer. One common way that this spin

can be initiated is by trees or buildings shedding small eddies as a gentle wind blows around them. These little eddies are carried along by the wind and if they move over a thin layer of very warm air next to the hot ground, this warm air gets entrained into the eddy. Now, the air density in the eddy is suddenly much less than it was and begins to ascend through the eddy. This ascending motion stretches the eddy upward making it skinnier than it was originally. Suddenly, this small vortex takes on the same characteristics of a figure skater who, with an initial spin, makes him or herself skinnier by drawing his or her arms toward his or her sides. Immediately, the skater begins to spin faster and faster, obeying a principle of physics called the conservation of angular momentum. The upward stretching (skinnier) vortex of air obeys the same laws of physics and begins

to spin faster as well. The faster it spins, the faster the air within it rises, and the result is that there is a draw of air into the base of the circulation to replace the ascending air in the column. This inflow of air at the base is very warm and continues to stretch and drive the circulation into a stronger and stronger whirl. Wind speeds increase within seconds lifting dust and other loose debris into the circulation. A dust devil is born. This whirlwind will be carried horizontally by the ambient wind making life temporarily unpleasant for anyone caught in its path. Eventually, the vortex air will mix with cooler, non-rotating air near the top of the column. The cooler air begins to descend through the top portion of the dust devil causing the rotating core to spread out and slow down just as the skater's rotation slows down once she extends her arms outward (spreads herself out).

Frictional effects eventually destroy what is left of the diminishing circulation and its load of suspended debris is deposited some distance from where it was picked up.

Dust devils may extend upwards to a few tens of metres, and on rare occasions, to about 500 metres. They rarely last for more than a couple of minutes, but can have lifespans of over 15 minutes over the superheated surface of a desert.

All of us, at one time or another, have witnessed these whirlwinds crossing dry farmers' fields or blowing across backyards upsetting garbage cans and sending scraps of paper and leaves high into the air. Damage from these events is small to non-existent. But I was witness to two dust devil events causing some damage at two different times at two very different places. On one occasion while I was living in

Northern Ontario, I saw a dust devil blow through a neighbour's yard whipping a patio umbrella from its support and flinging it against a kitchen window cracking the glass. Another time, I was driving across the Mojave Desert west of Las Vegas following a car towing a tent trailer. A number of rather vigorous, fast moving dust devils had developed over the heated desert surface and were visible in every direction that hot July day. One of these whirls approached the highway and blind-sided the car and trailer some distance ahead of me, and wrenching the trailer from its hitch sending it careening into the ditch. The travellers, from Wyoming, in that car did not know what had hit them. No one was injured. But their dignity was definitely bruised and their camping vacation ruined by that surprise encounter with one of nature's dusty devils.

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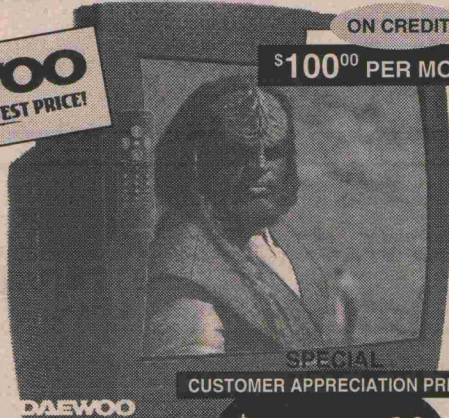
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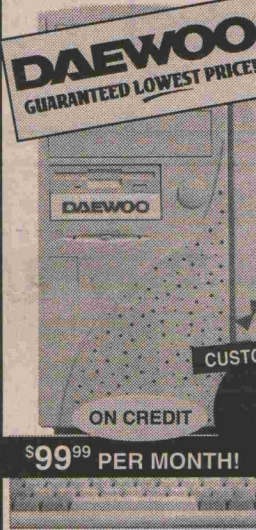
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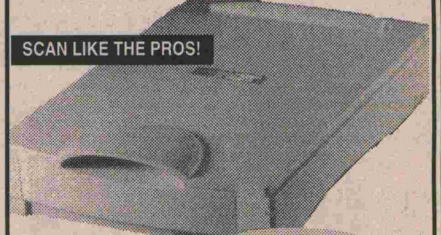
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1 CAD/CANR HQ Honours and Awards

Commander of 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region, Major-General Campbell and 1 Canadian Air Division HQ CO, Col W.G. Koch, presided at the Honours and Awards Ceremony for 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters held 30 March 1999 in the Atrium of the Billy Bishop Building in Winnipeg.



MWO D.A.M. Speakman, A6 ITSec posted in charge 17 Wg SAMP, accepts her promotion to MWO from MGen Campbell accompanied by LCol Leon Gemmill, 1 CAD A6. (WGC99-0085-10)

17 Wg Ops Situation Report		
3 MAY - 9 MAY 99		
OPERATION	COUNTRY	PERS DEPL
Op Calumet	Egypt	2
Op Danaca	Golan Heights	6
Op Echo	Italy	7
Op Palladium	Bosnia	3
Op Prudence	Central Africa	0
CFS Alert	NWT, Canada	5
DCDS Taskings*		0
1 CAD/Indiv Taskings**		4
1 AIR MOV Sqn Taskings***		0
TOTAL PERS DEPLOYED		27

* DIRECTING STAFF - ALOC CRSE, CFB BORDEN (2)
 ** 1 CAD/INDIV TASKING - CFAD DUNDURN (1), OP ICESHELF, CFS ALERT (2)
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Quality of Life Appreciation Awards Presentations

PO1 Sheppard was nominated by his unit because he not only completes his primary duties with skill and professionalism, but also puts in marked effort beyond that which is required. During the Sail West Regatta he worked driving a Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat in a rescue capacity, he assisted the officers and cadets to help make the North West Ontario Sailing Concentration a successful exercise, he attended MOC 91A in order to better understand and work with the sea element of the CIC and has used initiative and contacts to get cadets invaluable experience aboard HMCSs. He puts forth extra effort to shape positive relationships,

making personal contact with, and inspiring many officers and cadets at the numerous cadet units in Manitoba and North West Ontario. PO1 Sheppard, for a second year, has volunteered his spare time with the local Navy League Cadet Corps as their Deck Officer. PO1 Sheppard's loyalty and dedication to his duties have received many accolades from cadet unit officers and parents alike and not only is he a credit to the Cadet Detachment but his unit felt he was extremely worthy of recognition through the Quality of Life Appreciation Award and as such was one of the two winners for January 1999.

Sgt Sproul is presently employed in 402 Squadron Employment and Training Office. Sgt Sproul became a volunteer at the Voxair in the spring of 1994. Initially he was involved in the production of the paper - scanning photos and text and designing advertisements. Since 1995, Sgt Sproul has been the System Co-ordinator, maintaining and procuring computer hardware and software as well as office equipment. Recently he has been involved in the development of a web page for the paper. In spite

of his very busy workload in his position at 402 Sqn, Sgt Sproul has always found the time (normally after hours) to assist, train and support the Voxair, its equipment and staff members. Without his input, the success of the Voxair operations would have been negatively affected. It is because of his loyalty, dedication and enthusiasm that he was nominated and awarded with the Quality of Life Appreciation Award and as such was one of the two winners for January 1999.



Major J.G.A. Bohemier, Detachment Commander Cadet Detachment Winnipeg, looks on while PO2 Mike Charette, Quality of Life member, presents a \$200.00 cheque and an Appreciation Award certificate to PO1 Andre Sheppard on behalf of the 17 Wing Quality of Life Working Group.



Major Walton-Simm, Voxair Managing Editor, looks on while PO2 Mike Charette, Quality of Life member, presents a cheque for \$200.00 and an Appreciation Award certificate to Sgt Bill Sproul on behalf of the 17 Wing Quality of Life Working Group.

Awards Ceremony - 30 March 1999



Capt J.A.G. Bealleu, AE EO Coord, receives the second clasp to his CD, in recognition of thirty-two years of dedicated service. (WGC99-0085-04)



MWO V.M. Doyle, MOC 500 Air Reserve Training, receives the second clasp to his CD, in recognition of thirty-two years of dedicated service. (WGC99-0085-05)



CWO R.B.C. Livingston, A6 Res 2, receives the second clasp to his CD, in recognition of thirty-two years of dedicated service. (WGC99-0085-06)



LCol C.R. Cueq, A3 Transport & SAR, receives the first clasp to his CD for twenty-two years of dedicated service. (WGC99-0085-02)



MWO B.E. Smith, A2 Coord, receives the first clasp to his CD for twenty-two years of dedicated service. (WGC99-0085-03)



Maj. A.D. Meinzing, A3 Avn Sys, receives his CD for twelve years of dedicated service. (WGC99-0085-01)



LCol R.C. Wolowidnyk, A4 Coord, receives his Special Service Medal with Humanitas Bar for service during Op Tempest in Dade County Florida and for hurricane relief to the Bahamas in 1992. (WGC99-0085-09)



CWO P.J.W. Tupper, AE EW/FEWR, receives the NATO medal Former Yugoslavia. (WGC99-0085-08)



CWO R.B.C. Livingston, A6 Res 2, receives his Chief Warrant Officer's Scroll. (WGC99-0085-07)



Capt M.M. Barbe, A4 Logistics Operations & Plans, receives his OPDP completion certificate. (WGC99-0085-13)



LCol P. Sloan, Region Cadet Officer for Prairie Region Cadets, his awarded Second Prize in the CF Photo Contest in the Amateur Sports Category. (WGC99-0085-12)



Lt A. Davey, Ancillary Platoon Commander 17 Wg EME Squadron, receives a sword as the overall top candidate for EME basic officer Training in 1998. (WGC99-0085-11)

Quick action by Firefighters averts major explosions: Heart attack victim saved

Exercise "Safe Response" was held on the flight line on the 8th of April. This spill response exercise involved personnel from numerous Sqns. The picture shows the scenario: The driver of a 1/2 ton pickup suffered a heart attack and collided with one of Wing Transport's 18,000 litre fuel tenders. The collision tore a large hole in the fuel tender's filter vessel and "fuel" (Wing Fire Services used water to simulate) gushed everywhere. The newly trained 17 Wing spill control team acted quickly and calmly to contain the spill and the victim was taken to hospital. There were a few wrinkles in the response, but participants, including the Military



Heart Attack "victim", Cpl Labranche, is carried across the tarmac to the waiting ambulance

Photos by 17 Wing Imaging

Police, medical personnel, and Wing Fire Services, not to mention OSCAR staff were able to practice their response techniques in a realistic scenario. Capt Dave Masnyk, 17 Wing Airfield Support Officer, is quoted as saying "From a Wing Operations standpoint, this was a valuable exercise. It allowed all the

players to get to know each other and also let us know who we could call upon for support in the event of a real spill or emergency." The headline above is dramatic, but far less dramatic than "Fuel tender explosion kills several Military personnel: Wing Commander blamed for 17 Wing's lack of preparedness."



The accident scene. The spill cleanup materials can be seen on the ramp surface behind the fuel tender.

Winnipeg Military Community Council (WMCC)

Your community could use your help. Every year the WMCC loses members to postings, retirement and members relocating out of the MQ area. This year has been and will continue to be an active year for community activities. If you have spare time and would like to become involved as a ward representative or committee member, please contact any member of the community council. Activities that the council is typically involved in are such things as: help organize community events like spring fair, family days or Christmas concerts. The only requirement needed to become a member of the Community Council is you must live in MQs, and be 18 years of age or over. Spouses are encouraged to actively participate as council members to help create a true balance of what the community needs and what services should be provided. Participation at the council means you will be attending monthly meetings of approximately one-hour duration. From these meetings, sub-committees are set up

to complete the activities the council has chosen to conduct for the community. The more positions we have filled on the council means the more activities we can provide for our community. Please take this opportunity to become involved in your community. The members of the 17 Wing Community Council:

Position/Wards	Name
Mayor	Terry Wilson
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WMCC secy	Ladean Morton
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Ward 2	Eric Dietz
Ward 3	vacant
Ward 4	Chris Bannerman

Ward 4	vacant
Ward 5	Del Badiuk
Ward 6	Joe Runge
Ward 7	Scott Trapnell
Ward 7	Cynthia Howlett
Ward 8	vacant
Ward 8	Ladean Morton
Neighbourhood Watch	Maureen Roach
Playgrounds-south Side rink	Del Badiuk
North Side rink	Bob Nevers
RV Compound	vacant
Publicity	vacant
Thrift Shop	Diane Brine
MFRS Rep	Diane Brine
Ex-officio	Carla Ryan

How much food does an athlete need?

Athletic training and genetic makeup are two very important determinants of athletic performance. A good diet won't substitute for either factor, but a diet can further enhance and maximize an athlete's potential. More importantly, a poor diet can certainly harm performance. Athletes need varying amounts of food energy, depending on his or her body size, current body composition, and the type of training or competition being considered. For example a small person may need only 1700 kcals daily to sustain normal daily activities without losing body weight, whereas a large muscular man may need 4000 kcals.

Anyone who exercises regularly, needs to consume a diet that includes moderate to high amounts of carbohydrates. This should be about 55% to 70% of total kcalories. Fat intake should then fall to 15% to 30% of total kcalorie intake. Protein should make up the rest of the energy-

about 10% to 15% of total intake. All athletes should consume a variety of foods to meet their requirements.

Table 10-3 Approximate energy costs of various activities in MET units and Kcalories per hour for a 150-pound (68-kilogram) person.

Activity	MET Units*	Kcal/hour
Aerobics - heavy	8.0	544
Aerobics - medium	5.0	340
Backpacking	9.0	612
Basketball - vigorous	10.0	680
Bicycling (5.5 MPH)	3.0	204
Calisthenics - heavy	8.0	544
Canoeing (2.5 MPH)	3.3	224
Cleaning	3.5	236
Cycling (13 MPH)	9.7	659
Dressing/showering	1.6	106
Eating (sitting)	1.36	93
Football - touch	7.0	476
Horseback trotting	5.1	346
Ice skating (10 MPH)	5.8	394
Jogging - medium	9.0	612
Jogging - slow	7.0	476
Racquetball - social	8.0	544
Roller skating	5.1	346
Running or jogging (10 MPH)	13.2	897
Skiing (10 MPH)	8.8	588
Swimming (25 MPH)	4.4	299
Tennis	6.1	414
Volleyball	5.1	346
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17 WING SPORTS

Prairie Region Cadet Biathletes strike Gold, Silver & Bronze



Cadet Biathletes of Prairie Region won a total of 17 medals while competing at this year's National Cadet Biathlon Championships, held at CFB Valcartier, Quebec on 06-13 Mar 99.

The weather and snow conditions were outstanding, setting the stage for an excellent competition. Our Cadets didn't disappoint, taking the opportunity to display an optimal performance. The Teams' efforts were rewarded, with Prairie Region Cadets medaling in every race, capturing 3 Gold, 9 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals, 1/3'd of all the medals presented.

The Sprint Race was the first of the 4 Races in the Championships. Prairie Region won 4 medals, 2 Gold and 2 Bronze. Congratulations to the Female Open category Gold Medal winner Louise Weber of 2815 RCACC, Sask, and Bronze Medal winner Irene Giroux of 2988 RCACC, Sask. Winning Gold in the Male Junior category was Cadet B. Tourett of 2561 RCACC, Alberta, and Bronze was won by Cadet Martin Slaa of 177 RCACC, Manitoba.

The Individual Race, brought Prairie Region a pair of Silver medals. Congratulations to Louise Weber of 2815 RCACC, Sask in the Female Open category, and to

Rob Heron of 573 RCACS, Manitoba in the Male Open category.

The competition for medals tightened up in the Team Relay Races, our teams were up to the challenge, and produced 4 more medals. The Team from 2815 RCACC, Sask won Silver in the Female Unit Team Relay, and 573 RCACS, Manitoba won the Bronze in the Male Unit Team Relay, 1 minute out of Gold. The Composite Team Relay had our Alberta Cadets winning Silver, and our Saskatchewan Cadets winning Bronze.

The Team Patrol Races were the most exciting of all, with the lead in these races changing places several times. Medaling in the Female Unit Team Patrol Race were 2815 RCACC, Sask winning Silver, and 177 RCACS, Manitoba winning Bronze. The Male Unit Team Patrol Race was agonizingly close with 573 RCACS, Manitoba winning the Silver, missing the Gold by 8 seconds. The Composite Team Patrol Race brought a Silver Medal to the Composite Team from Sask.

The Team results from all 4 races were added together in an Aggregate Result to determine the winners of the Championships. Winning Silver Medal Overall in the Female Unit Team category,

was the team from 2815 RCACC, Saskatchewan. The total results were very close for the medal positions. Winning the Silver Medal Overall was the team from 573 RCACS, Manitoba beating the Bronze medal winners by less than 2 minutes, and missing the Gold by 6 minutes. The Composite Team from Saskatchewan won the Bronze Medal Overall, just behind the two Composite Teams from Quebec.

It was a hard fought but successful Championship for the Teams of Prairie Region, giving their all for every race, earning every Medal and every placing. The Cadets were not alone in their achievements. A special thank you is extended to the CIC Coaches representing each province for providing invaluable race support at the Championships. Their knowledge, skills, and dedication were well appreciated by the competing cadets, and significantly contributed to their success. Overall it was a great championship. With the medals won this year, and the strength of the biathlon programs, as well as the skills of the coaches, our Cadets of Prairie Region are certain to continue their success at the 2000 National Cadet Biathlon Championships. Well done.

Kanadische Kickers Players Profile



#19 Denis Forest

Denis was born 1 October 1964 in Montreal, Canada and this will be his second season playing military soccer. Denis usually plays in the striker position where he is quite adept at scoring goals but due to his excellent physical condition, he can also play in the mid-field.

Denis is a very aggressive player and plays hard in every game. His total commitment to the team concept both on and off the field has made him an invaluable member of the "Kickers". Expect Denis to have an excellent season in the Manitoba Central Soccer League.

WBHL 17 Wing Base Team Ball Hockey

By: Capt S. Morency
Team Captain CFANS

Welcome to this year's first edition of Gators at large. The season commenced 26 April and will extend to the end of July. We hope that some of you will come out and support the team. If you would like to do so, contact Chris Merrihew at Local 5511 for the schedule and location of the games. This year's version of the Gators will be comprised of 8 veterans and 8 rookies.

GATORS 1999:

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4. MCpl Jerry Drisdelle - W Tpt
5. Capt Silvain Gazaille - 402 Sqn
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9. MCpl Lee Marshall - CFSAT
10. Capt Stephane Morency - CFANS
11. MCpl Kim Morey - CFSAT
12. Capt Dave Proteau - NEW/CFANS
13. 2Lt Yves Soulard - New/CFANS
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Our first game was a tie 0 - 0 against the River Rats, played on Thursday, 29 April.

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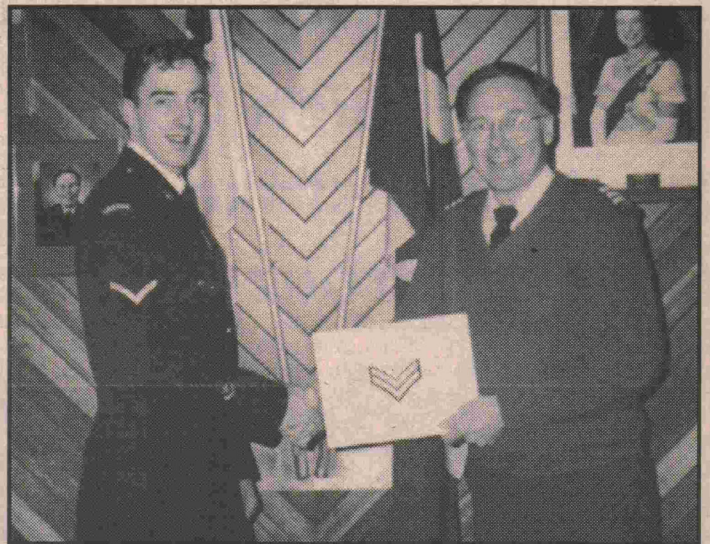


Col T.F. Watt, WComd presents WO B. Brake of Wg EME (Thunder Bay Det) with a Wing Commander's Commendation. Photo by Capt C.A. Priestman

WO Brian Brake was awarded the Wing Commander's Commendation in recognition of his outstanding dedication and leadership. These skills were consistently demonstrated through his contributions to the 17 Wing Quality

of Life Committee, his care and concern for other 17 Wing members in Thunder Bay and his professional and productive dealings with both Regular and Reserve Forces members of Thunder Bay.

Wing Food Services Promotion



Pte Dave Burry, Cook, receives his Cpl rank from LCol Ken Newnham, W Log O. Continued success Cpl Burry.

Earn your Management Development Certificate

The Seneca College Management Development Program is again being offered at 17 Wing. This immensely popular program has been offered throughout the year and due to the high demand I will be offering one final workshop before summer.

MDP 700 - Management For Results is scheduled for 4 - 6 June in the ground training classroom. Classes run Friday 6 p.m. - 10 p.m., Sat & Sun 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuition \$120, Material \$38.89.

This workshop will explore the complex, changing role of being a manager. While skills and techniques are crucial to being an effective manager, there are many other personal and organizational issues that affect us as well. Specifically, topics will include organizational culture, group dynamics and teamwork, time

management, planning, evaluation, authority, ethics and integrity.

The MDP subjects have been developed in cooperation with business and industry experts to provide realistic examination of current, relevant management issues. Workshop sessions include mini-lectures, sharing of experiences, case study analysis and role-playing. The focus is the application of ideas to on-the-job situations.

Register now to take advantage of the final MDP workshop to be offered this spring. You can register or have any of your questions answered by calling the CFCCN Coordinator's office at ext. 5115. Cheques and credit cards accepted.

NOTE: The CFCCN Coordinator's new office hours are Thursdays, 9:30 - 2:00.

Small power plants will miss bug deadline; Countdown 2000: 261 days

At least two electric power plants in Canada will not meet the industry's June 30 deadline for Y2K readiness, the Canadian Electricity Association said Wednesday.

The association, which represents 28 major power utilities, won't say which plants have decided to delay testing and contingency planning for the computer glitch known as the millennium bug. "We're talking about small thermal generating plants in both cases," said Francis Bradley, vice-president of the trade organization.

A public report, due next month, will outline what remains to be done at the plants, but the location of each plant will be kept secret. Bradley stressed that staff at the plants have not been dragging their heels. The testing will be delayed until after June because that's when the plants are scheduled to be temporarily shut down for routine maintenance. "It doesn't make any sense to do it now — in April

or May — when for years the schedule had those plants coming off-line in the summer," Bradley said. Missing the June deadline doesn't mean the plants won't be ready by year end, he added.

Bradley was responding to a report from a U.S. Internet news service that alleges the North American Electric Reliability Council, a non-profit watchdog agency, is trying to cover up the industry's Y2K problems. The report, from WorldNetDaily, cited a memo from the council that tells power companies to withhold information about their Y2K problems from the public and from the U.S. Energy Department. The document refers to "exceptions," which means the reasons a utility might give for failing to meet the June deadline. "All identified exceptions will be held in strict confidence and will not be reported to (the Energy Department) or the public," the memo says. "The exceptions will be reviewed by

(the council's) Y2K project staff for reasonableness and reliability impact on operations into the Year 2000." Council spokesperson Gene Gorzelnik could not be reached for comment Wednesday, but the report quoted him saying the memo was authentic. Most of Canada's major power suppliers are members of council, which is based in Princeton, N.J. Bradley, whose office is in Montreal, confirmed that Canada's 17 major "bulk electricity" utilities were also asked to report "exceptions" to the council. But he dismissed allegations of a coverup. "I don't accept that," he said. The electric reliability council "has been on the forefront of highlighting Y2K problems with electricity."

Bradley said the group was expected to draft a list describing what needed to be done to make North America's power companies Y2K ready. But, again, that list would not identify any individual utilities.

MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Military Family Resource Centre Special Event Volunteers Needed

June 5th & 6th International Air Show

Volunteers are needed to help work at a novelty booth during this year's air show. Volunteers will be selling souvenirs and must be able to work for a minimum of 5 hours. This is a fundraising event for the MFRC Youth Centre. Volunteers receive free admission to the air show.

June 5th Hanger Dance "Operation Safe Return"

Volunteers are needed for a safe drive home program during the Hanger Dance. Volunteers will be driving people and their vehicles home during the evening. Mileage will be reimbursed. This is also a fundraising event for the MFRC.

Safeway Barbecue & Fundraising (May, June, July, August)

The Tuxedo Safeway (Corydon) will be having lunchtime BBQs on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:30 to 1:30. Volunteers are needed to help Safeway staff, and represent the MFRC. If you can't help, why not stop by and have a hot dog and support your MFRC.

If you would like more information on these fun special events, please give Celine a call at the Military Family Resource Centre 489-7003.

MFRC Child Care Centre

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Registration Evening

Wednesday June 9, 7:00 p.m. Westwin Community Centre (in the conference room)

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and must be accompanied by a \$30 non refundable deposit.

Construction of the centre will commence in early May, with an opening date tentatively set for early September. The centre will be licensed to operate for 8 infant spaces (from 6 months) and 48 preschool spaces (up to kindergarten). The fees for the centre will be set in accordance with the guidelines for the province of Manitoba and will be \$18.45 for infants and \$27.45 for pre schoolers. These prices are subject to change dependent upon provincial reviews. Information concerning eligibility for child care subsidies will also be made available.

To ensure the centre meets the demands of the community, registrants will be asked to complete a "user survey". This information will assist in determining the hours of operation for the centre, and the need to offer evening and possibly overnight care in the future.

A "Parent Information Night" will be hosted in early July to inform registrants of all the fine details regarding the new centre. The requirement to offer before and after school care is currently under review. If your child will be attending Bannatyne, Strathmillan or Golden Gate schools, arrangements can be made to bus the children to and from the child care centre, as their regular pick up and drop off points

If you wish further information please contact the Children's Program Coordinator (Wendy Richardson) at 833-2500 ext. 2491 or 6846.



The Supply Line

Feature on the CF Chain Project

Why is there a Supply Chain Project?

In its Alternative Service Delivery policy of July 1995, the Department of National Defence identified the need to find opportunities for cost savings in the delivery of non-core services through competition. In selecting activities for review, DND seeks sectors where competitive services are available within the market place. Supply and distribution is an area where there are a number of private sector companies whose core business it is to provide integrated logistic support. Therefore, DND's supply and distribution function, end to end, was identified as a candidate for ASD analysis by the Defence Management Committee (DMC) in October 1997. An ASD review of these activities was begun later that year.

The aim of the review is to identify where private sector expertise could potentially offer significant cost advantages to DND and the Canadian Forces. Savings, both in dollars and personnel, can be used for reinvestment in operations.

Because supply and distribution activities are conducted at virtually every CF location, an in-house bid was not considered feasible. Personnel and the unions representing DND employees were advised of this decision in December 1997. Correspondingly, the most efficient organization process is also not applicable to the supply chain project. The Deputy Minister informed the unions of this in June 1998.

What does the Current DND supply chain do?

The Canadian Forces' supply chain provides members of the Canadian Forces at home and abroad with supply and distribution services for everything from clothing to spare parts for sophisticated military equipment. The functions include warehousing, receipt and issue, distribution, inventory management and related functions at depots, bases and units. At one end it begins in industry as the source of supplies and at the other end it terminates at the soldier in the field.

While the supply chain is a single system, it can be thought of as having two parts: one associated with deployed military operations; and, one associated with the fixed infrastructure in Canada or the static part. Delivery of the defence mission has always been dependent on a mix of military, public service and private sector

capabilities. The supply chain project has been tasked to review that mix with a view to optimizing cost effectiveness in light of rapidly changing private sector capabilities and an evolving military context. The total cost of the static part of the supply chain is above 300 million dollars per year. It currently employs approximately 1,750 civilian employees and 2,850 military members at installations across Canada. With few exceptions, the proportion of people employed in static supply and distribution activities at military installations is approximately 5% of the total strength of the establishment.

What work has been done so far?

Preliminary work on the project involved talking with stakeholders including management within DND, employees, unions, industry, local communities and other government departments. In addition, the concept of having third party logistics suppliers providing the supply and distribution for the Department and the CF had to be evaluated and the team needed to know what other countries like Australia, the U.S. and the UK might be doing in this area.

The initial feedback showed that there is a very competitive marketplace for services that generally correspond to the static supply and distribution operations at depots and bases. Indeed, experience has shown that significant savings and increased performance as well as other benefits are possible when activities are exposed to competition. Based on the experience of allies such as the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia as well as on previous Canadian experience, savings in the order of 20% to 30% are achievable in the area of support services.

In April of 1998 it was decided to proceed with a Solicitation of Interest (SOI) to industry. The SOI is not a vehicle for soliciting contractual tenders. Rather, it seeks to have third-party service providers identify themselves as being interested in working with the Department, at this preliminary stage, to ascertain the

feasibility of, in this case, achieving cost benefits through exposing the supply and distribution system to the competitive marketplace. The caveats to achieving those savings are to: ensure operational commanders are served effectively; to the extent possible, maximize quality employment opportunities for affected personnel; and ensure customer service levels meet or exceed current satisfaction rates.

In all, 31 contractors responded to the SOI and have made themselves available to answer queries of the project staff.

The next major task was to build a business case that would tell senior management exactly what going ahead with this project would mean to DND and the CF. This involved:

- building a 'process model' of the current supply and distribution system. Representatives from ADM (Mat) EPM/EPS, the ECS's, DSup and DTM participated in thirty workshops to develop this model;

- working with ADM (Fin), ADM (Mat) and the ECS's to arrive at an agreed costing model for the current system against which any projected costs could be measured and auditing the results both through the Chief of Review Services and a civilian accounting firm;

- developing a detailed risk assessment in accordance with Treasury Board directives on project management;

- working with the three ECS's, DCDS, and ADM (Mat) to develop the high order service levels (eg. timeliness, quality, asset visibility and customer satisfaction) required to meet the needs of the department;

- conducting an independent, arms-length evaluation of the performance measurements used by industry and gathering proof of industries ability to meet contracted performance requirements;

- working with ADM (HR Mil) and ADM (HR Civ) staff on the human resource strategies for

military and civilian personnel; and

- communicating and consulting with stakeholders. The project has provided briefings to stakeholders and sought feedback from stakeholders and experts on a continuing basis since its inception.

What's next?

The supply chain project is finalizing its work on the business case and is preparing to present its findings to the project Steering Committee in early June (1999). The Steering Committee was created for major ASD initiatives to provide advice to the Executive Authority, through the Chair (VCDS). It includes the Group Principals, Environmental Chiefs of Staff, union representatives, a representative from each of the Treasury Board Secretariat and Public Works and Government Services Canada, as well as a representative from the

Canadian Space Agency and a Senior Vice President from Queen's University. The Executive Authority for the Supply Chain Project is the Deputy Minister/Chief of Defence Staff.

For more information on the project:

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I cannot, however, do all this without your help. I need volunteers to help organize the Hangar Dance or to volunteer a few hours of their time to man display booths, or both. The rewards, while not monetary, will be significant.

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The benefit concert will be held on 18 May, 1999, at 7 p.m. The evenings performance will include the St. James Assiniboia Divisional Children's Choir, the 1 Canadian Air Division Band (formerly the Air Command Band), and dancers from the McConnell School of Irish Dance (performing a tribute to Riverdance and Lord of the Dance). The emcee for the evenings events will be local celebrity Laurie Mustard. Truly something for everyone to enjoy.

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Armed forces count down to Abacus:

Military personnel prepare for millennium bug with largest peacetime deployment

By: Lawrence Surtees

There's no risk like it. Operation Abacus, the Canadian Armed Forces' year long contingency planning exercise to deal with worse-case scenarios as a result of the millennium bug, will rank as the biggest peacetime deployment in Canada's history. The military plans to have almost 20,000 troops standing by on New Year's Eve to deal with any Y2K-related disaster, should the date change to Jan. 1, 2000, cripple computers that run the country's infrastructure.

At least 14,500 regular force personnel and an additional 4,000 reservists will be on call for instant deployment from the last week of December to the end of January. That puts the force earmarked for mobilization under Operation Abacus ahead of the previous record peacetime deployment — during the 1998 ice storm in Quebec, New Brunswick and Eastern Ontario, when 16,000 troops helped civilian authorities for a month.

Yet, officials at the Department of National Defence say Canadians won't likely see the troops, which will be available for Y2K duty as a last resort only, if local emergency workers become overwhelmed. "The troops committed to Abacus will be at their home bases and won't automatically show up on street corners on New Year's Eve," says Major John Blakeley, director-general of public affairs at DND. The need to deploy any Canadian Forces' personnel

diminishes greatly if provincial governments, local emergency workers and infrastructure operators are prepared for the year 2000 date change, he added.

Still, the entire Canadian Forces must be prepared for a major operation over "a protracted period of time," General Maurice Baril, chief of the defence staff, stated in a Jan. 6 memo. That means the rest of the 60,000 regular armed forces members and 30,000 civilians must also be available for duty over a period of at least 30 days.

"We have to be ready to step in to aid civil authorities under any eventuality," Maj. Blakeley said.

Some of the scenarios that the Canadian Forces must plan for include major power and telephone outages, air disasters, emergency service disruptions and large evacuations in the event of hazardous spills. If called upon, the Canadian Forces expect to perform tasks similar to those during the 1998 ice storm — in particular, maintaining viable communication networks and logistics capabilities.

The importance of contingency planning is magnified by the mission — "to be able to function even if Canadian communities can't," says Howard Dickson, the department's chief information officer. Yet the irony is that Operation Abacus has forced DND to accelerate its own lagging Y2K effort, to ensure the military's systems will work.

The same lack of preparedness by armed forces in the United States led Secretary of Defense

William Cohen to chastise his military leaders last August for their insufficient progress in Y2K remediation. Since that wakeup call, the North American Aerospace Defence Command's systems have been tested to ensure that U.S. strategic nuclear forces don't get false warnings.

DND has more than twice as many computers as any other federal government department. As of February, 82 per cent of its mission-critical systems had been fixed and tested. Mr. Dickson says he was hired as the department's chief information officer a year ago to speed its \$170-million Y2K effort. Today, he says he's confident that work will be done by September. "Year 2000 planning is now the single highest priority throughout all of DND and the Canadian Forces."

Hence Operation Abacus — named after a manual calculator that needs no power and cannot fail — has been linked to the annual training program for all Canadian Forces units. The first of three major exercises, dubbed Joint Start II, was held in early March and focused on special command and control operations needed for the operation. More than 500 personnel set up a national command centre in Ottawa and practiced deploying a mobile command post at Canadian Forces Base Kingston in Eastern Ontario. Exercise Vigilance 2000, scheduled for May 31 to June 4, will set up five similar command posts in Toronto, Quebec, Halifax, Edmonton and Yellowknife —

each linked to the national centre. The Canadian Forces will have 1,500 people running those centres, in addition to small offices in each provincial capital, Maj Blakeley said.

The larger Abacus 2000 national exercise, slated from

Sept. 13 to Sept. 17, will train mobile units who will be on Y2K alert as New Year's Eve approaches at three of Canada's largest Army bases: CFB Valcartier, in Quebec; CFB Petawawa, in Ontario; and CFB Edmonton.

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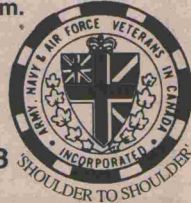
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